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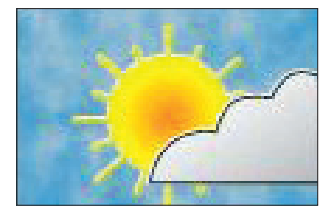


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## Keeping them flying

*Caleb Allen's job isn't glamorous, but it's vital to the military's effort*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

When Big Spring native Caleb Allen became the fourth of his brothers to join the U.S. military five years ago, the last place the Navy-recruit imagined himself being was on the hot sand of Iraq.

However, thanks to a military program that basically placed Allen, now an aviation machinist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, on loan to the U.S. Army, the West Texas man found himself a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Infantry Division in southern Iraq.

These days, however, Allen serves aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, an aircraft carrier and floating city that's home to more than 4,500 U.S. naval men. Responsible for making repairs to the engines of the carriers' "teeth" — F/A18 Hornets and Super Hornets



fighter aircraft — Allen said his experience on the ground with the Army has given him a unique perspective on the battles being fought in and around Afghanistan.

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Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy, Boeing  
**Above, Aviation Machinist 2nd Class Caleb Allen of Big Spring works on an aircraft engine aboard the USS Ronald Reagan. At left, a F/A 18 Hornet takes off from a carrier.**



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Sherry Newton talks with a customer during this morning's Farmer's Market sale at Heart of the City Park. The next Farmer's Market will be held Saturday morning.**

## Airport to celebrate 80-year existence Saturday afternoon

*Public support encouraged*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

For 80 years the Big Spring Airport has served as a beacon of support for aircraft pilots all over the world, and Saturday the facility's staff will celebrate that anniversary in style.

Kelly Myrick, administrative assistant for the airport, said she and Airpark Director Jim Little are hoping to bring in a pair of vintage aircraft for the observance.

"We've talked to the Commemorative Air Force (CAF)

in Midland, and they are willing to fly a pair of World War II aircraft in for the anniversary," said Myrick. "One is a SNJ Fighter and the other is a PT-19 trainer aircraft. The PT-19 is an open cockpit plane, the kind you see in the movies where the pilot has the goggles and scarf on."

And while looking at and examining this pair of restored aircraft is certainly a treat, Myrick said the airport administration is hoping to take it one step further.

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## Big Spring looking for leaders

**Herald Staff Report**



ValVerde

Big Spring is looking for leaders. Don't worry, training is available.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Big Spring Leadership program, set to begin Aug. 20 at the Dora Roberts Community Center

Lake Room. Deadline for applications is 3 p.m. July 31.

The program is designed to increase leadership skills and learn more about the community.

Applicants must be willing

to commit to one full day — the second Thursday of each month — for 10 months with the exception of August. This year, the class will be taking part in Professional Development Day at Howard College. Those persons who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in commu-

nity affairs, and have time and talent to offer the community, are invited to apply.

"We are certain someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber execu-

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### WR Holley headed to Cowboys camp courtesy of reality show

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Ever since Michael Irvin retired, he's been hearing that the Dallas Cowboys could use another receiver like him.

Irvin believes he's delivering that guy to them.

Jesse Holley — a tall, flamboyant receiver with a great smile and plenty of charisma — was revealed Monday night as the winner of "4th and Long," the

reality TV show on Spike that was organized and hosted by the Hall of Famer.

Holley's prize is the 80th spot on the Cowboys' training-camp roster and a standard rookie contract. However, with Terrell Owens gone and few proven receivers left, Irvin believes the 25-year-old Holley could be more than just a practice body.

"There's a great opportunity for my guy, Jesse, to do some wonderful things," Irvin told The Associated Press. "I think the world of Jesse. I

don't think he'll let us down. I would not be a bit surprised if you guys end up saying, 'Wow, look at what this guy has become.'"

Holley outlasted five other receivers and six defensive backs to earn this unprecedented ticket into an NFL camp. Considering all of his Irvin-esque qualities, Holley has a shoot-in, right?

"I can't tell you that I haven't thought about it,"

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## Big fish



Courtesy photo

**Big fish stories take evidence to prove validity. Tom Olague III of Big Spring is pictured above with his massive catch made Sunday. Olague and his friend Robert Villegas of Midland pulled a 50-pound yellow catfish out of Comanche Trail Lake. The fish was so heavy Villegas had to get into the water to help pull it into the boat.**

## Smoltz smoked

### Rangers belt 3 homers in 6-3 win over Red Sox

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Texas catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia grew up watching John Smoltz pitch, then began his major league career on the same team.

While Saltalamacchia never got to catch Smoltz in a game before being traded halfway through his rookie season two years ago, he finally got to hit against him on Monday night — and knocked him out of the game.

Saltalamacchia homered on the next pitch after David Murphy's two-run shot in the sixth, chasing Smoltz as the Rangers beat the suddenly slumping Boston Red Sox 6-3.

"It was surreal," Saltalamacchia said.

Smoltz (1-3) was with Atlanta when Saltalamacchia made his major league debut before being traded to Texas. They finally played in the same game when the 42-year-old Smoltz made his fifth start for Boston since shoulder surgery last summer.

"He was throwing a great game," Texas' Michael Young said. "He still has good life on his fastball, has a really tight bite on his slider.... Fortunately, we strung together some good

at-bats and broke through with a big inning."

Young led off the sixth with his third hit, a homer to left that tied the game 2-2.

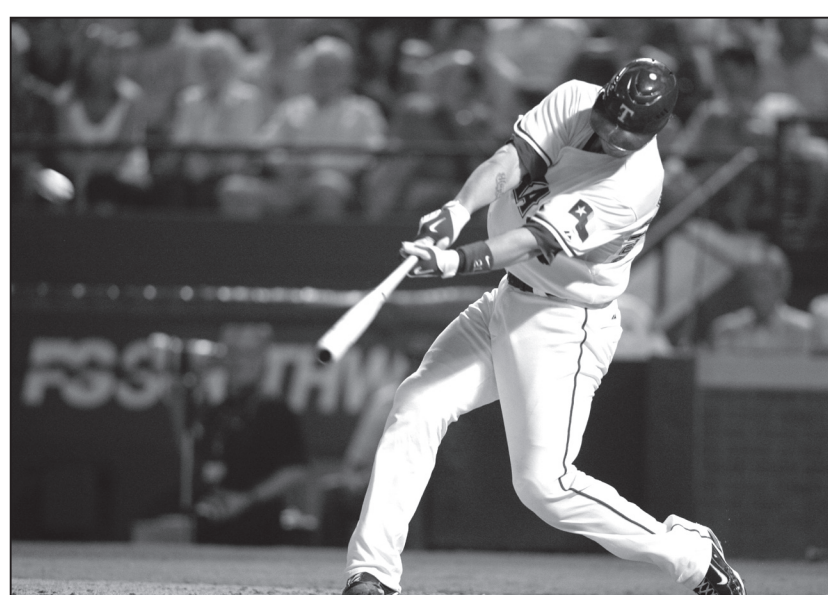
Hank Blalock then had an RBI single before scoring on Murphy's homer. Pitching coach John Farrell visited the mound, but Saltalamacchia hit the next pitch onto the grassy hill in straightaway center and Smoltz was done — after giving up three homers in an inning for only the second time in his 21-year career.

"The two-run homer was the backbreaker for me. I'm frustrated. I'm pleased with the way I'm throwing the baseball, but the results have been awful. They haven't matched the effort," Smoltz said. "I'll have a hard time sleeping tonight."

The Red Sox have lost three straight, the latest loss allowing the New York Yankees to tie them for the AL East lead. Boston has scored only six runs in those losses.

"We're certainly not hitting on all cylinders. Sometimes this game can frustrate you a little bit," manager Terry Francona said. "We've got to keep fighting because sometimes it's not as easy as you

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AP photo/LM Otero

**Texas Rangers catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia hits a solo home run in the sixth inning of an AL baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Arlington Monday. The Rangers hit three homers off of Boston's John Smoltz on their way to a 6-3 win.**

### Autopsy shows McNair intoxicated when shot

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities say former NFL star Steve McNair had a blood-alcohol level twice Tennessee's legal limit for driving when his girlfriend shot him to death.

Tennessee Assistant Medical Examiner Feng Li said Monday that a toxicology report showed a trace amount of marijuana in the body of Sahel Kazemi.

Police say the 20-year-old Kazemi shot McNair July 4 in a Nashville condo before

killing herself.

Police say McNair was likely asleep when he was shot twice in the head and twice in the chest.

Li said there was no way to tell from the report how long before McNair's death he had been drinking.

Kazemi was arrested for drunken driving in Nashville two days before the shooting. Police video of the arrest showed her telling the officer that she was high.

## Sports in brief

### BSHS football season tickets going on sale Monday at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season go on sale for previous season ticket holders Monday and will remain available through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted for sales.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

### Big Spring Quarterback Club having first meeting of year

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

Parents of Big Spring Junior High or High School football players are encouraged to attend.

Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Football Program may pick up a form at the

ATC or contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Deadline to place ads in the program is Aug. 7.

### Big Spring Tennis Camp begins Aug. 3 at Figure 7

Big Spring High School Tennis Coach Dana Jones is teaming with Big Spring Junior High Tennis Coach Jason Fisher and Certified Tennis Instructor Ted Olesen to host the Big Spring Tennis Camp Aug. 3-7 at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Instruction begins daily at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Cost is \$65. Interested participants can register the first morning of the camp. All ability levels are welcome.

### Benefit golf tournament scheduled for Gilbert 'Tavi' Rodriguez

A benefit golf tournament has been scheduled for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course for Gilbert "Tavi" Rodriguez.

Format for the tournament will be a four-man scramble and teams must be registered no later than 10:30 a.m. that day. Play will begin at 11 a.m.

Entry fees are \$100 per team — \$25 per player — and does not include green fees or golf cart rental. Closest to the pin prizes will be available on Nos. 3, 6, 11 and 14.

All proceeds will go to Rodriguez's medical expenses.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 432-213-4943.

### Country club site for 2-person tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-person low-ball golf tournament Saturday and Sunday 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

## Everett Bender



Everett Bender, 55, of Big Spring passed away at his residence July 20, 2009. He was born March 13, 1954, in El Paso to Eugene and Evelyn Bender.

Everett was reared in a northern Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Mason University in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. His first employment was with The American Lawyer's Association in Washington, D.C. He later worked as a corporate trainer with The Dale Carnegie Institute.

On July 4, 1983, he married Evelyn Wilkerson in Big Spring. He and Evelyn have operated Miss Royale Fashion Center for many years.

He was involved in politics, having served as a regional director in Pat Robertson's presidential campaign. He was a former Republican County Chairman in Howard County.

He established the Christian Training Center in Big Spring and ministered with and to the community leaders. He organized community-wide events and hosted the National Day of Prayer for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Bender of Big Spring; his father, Eugene Bender of Vienna, Va.; two brothers, Eldon Bender and wife Mary of New Market, N.H., and Ernest Bender and wife Mavis of Vienna, Va. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Homer Wilkerson and wife Stina; a nephew, Hardy Wilkerson and wife Stefanie and their sons Heath and Jared; one niece and several other nephews.

Everett was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn F. Bender in 1986.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

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*

## Felix Garcia



Felix Garcia Sr., 89, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial with military Honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Felix was born to Dolores and Felix Garcia Sept. 29, 1919, in Kyle, Texas. He moved to Big Spring in 1946 from Lamesa. He married Esther Moraida on Dec. 23, 1942, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Oct. 10, 1983. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 35 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by eight sons: Felix Garcia Jr. and his wife Lucile of San Antonio, Raymond Garcia, Freddie Garcia, Daniel Garcia and his wife Frances, Bobby Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Edward Garcia Sr. and his wife Jo Ann, Abel Garcia Sr. and his wife Annette, all of Big Spring; three daughters: Mary Esther Hernandez, Mary Dolores Bustamante and her husband Oscar Sr. of Big Spring and JoAnne Silguero and her husband Gregorio Jr. of San Marcos; four brothers: Curtis Garcia of San Marcos, Roy Garcia of New Braunfels and Henry Garcia and Fred Garcia of San Marcos; four sisters: Gloria Garcia of San Marcos, Judy Esquivel and Matilda Juarez of Austin and Linda Garcia of San Marcos; 31 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons: Joe and Albert Garcia; two brothers: David Sr. and Willie Garcia Sr. and one sister: Margie Moralez.

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

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## Phillip Rey Hilario

Phillip Rey Hilario, infant, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with Teresa Rocha officiating.

He was born July 17, 2009, in Odessa. He is survived by his mother: Megan Hilario of Big Spring; father: Adam Diaz of Big Spring; grandparents: Ascencion Hilario Jr. and his wife Frances of Big Spring, Michelle Leos of Midland and Alisa and Ernesto Diaz of Big Spring; two uncles: Isaac Hilario and Kenny Hilario; and one aunt: Stacie Hilario.

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

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Monday:

- DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 24, 4111 Muir, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARRIN LEE WEBB, 38, 509 E. 17<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIMBERLY DAUGHTERY, 40, 2626 Fairchild, was arrested on a local warrant.
- HENRY JEROME WHITE, 27, 8717 W. 8<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- APRIL EDWARDS, 24, 2511 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, 1800 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 500 block of 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 500 block of 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Gregg.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1800 block of 15<sup>th</sup>.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- FAILURE TO REPORT INJURY ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of Chanute.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg, the 3600 block of Hamilton and the 400 block of Dallas.

# Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Monday (Note: officials reported 82 prisoners in the county jail):

- LUIS BARRERA, 50, was transferred from BSPD after his arrest on a charge of interference with the public duties of a peace officer.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred from BSPD after his arrest on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIMBERLY LYNN DAUGHERTY, 40, was transferred from BSPD after her arrest on a charge of disregarded stop sign or stop light.
- DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 24, was transferred from BSPD after his arrest on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ JIMINEZ, 46, was arrested on a parole revocation warrant.
- DAVID MENDEZ, 23, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- MOHAMMED NEMOUCHE, 48, was arrested on a probation violation warrant.
- DARYL RAY NEWBERN, 49, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIAM RICHARDSON, 20, was arrested on two charges of criminal trespass and one charge of theft over \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 47, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARRIN LEE WEBB, 38, 38, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- HENRY JEROME WHITE, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Monday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Duke. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.

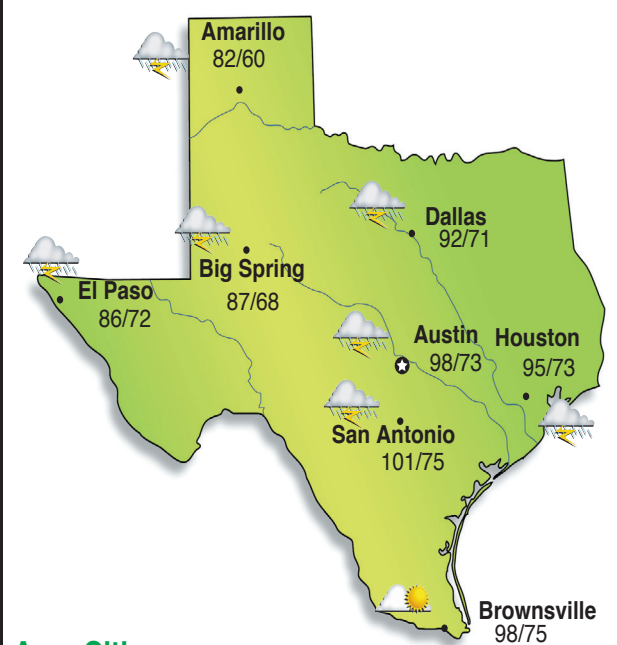
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 7/22  | Thu 7/23  | Fri 7/24   | Sat 7/25   | Sun 7/26   |
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|   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>87/68</b>  | <b>87/71</b>                                      | <b>98/73</b>   | <b>100/75</b>  | <b>98/74</b>   |
| Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High 87F. | Scattered thunderstorms possible.                 | Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | Times of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s. | Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s. |
| <b>Sunrise:</b> 6:55 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 8:50 PM       | <b>Sunrise:</b> 6:55 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM | <b>Sunrise:</b> 6:56 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM                        | <b>Sunrise:</b> 6:57 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM                  | <b>Sunrise:</b> 6:57 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM                      |

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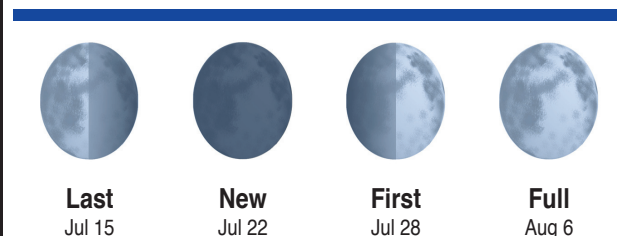
## Area Cities

| City           | Hi  | Lo | Cond.    | City            | Hi  | Lo | Cond.     |
|----------------|-----|----|----------|-----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Abilene        | 87  | 68 | t-storm  | Kingsville      | 101 | 75 | t-storm   |
| Amarillo       | 82  | 60 | t-storm  | Livingston      | 93  | 70 | t-storm   |
| Austin         | 98  | 73 | t-storm  | Longview        | 90  | 68 | t-storm   |
| Beaumont       | 91  | 72 | t-storm  | Lubbock         | 77  | 63 | t-storm   |
| Brownsville    | 98  | 75 | pt sunny | Lufkin          | 91  | 69 | t-storm   |
| Brownwood      | 91  | 70 | t-storm  | Midland         | 85  | 70 | t-storm   |
| Corpus Christi | 98  | 77 | t-storm  | Raymondville    | 102 | 75 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana      | 91  | 70 | t-storm  | Rosenberg       | 96  | 73 | t-storm   |
| Dallas         | 92  | 71 | t-storm  | San Antonio     | 101 | 75 | t-storm   |
| Del Rio        | 100 | 79 | t-storm  | San Marcos      | 99  | 73 | t-storm   |
| El Paso        | 86  | 72 | t-storm  | Sulphur Springs | 89  | 68 | pt sunny  |
| Fort Stockton  | 89  | 70 | t-storm  | Sweetwater      | 86  | 67 | t-storm   |
| Gainesville    | 90  | 68 | t-storm  | Tyler           | 90  | 67 | t-storm   |
| Greenville     | 90  | 66 | pt sunny | Weatherford     | 92  | 69 | t-storm   |
| Houston        | 95  | 73 | t-storm  | Wichita Falls   | 90  | 66 | t-storm   |

## National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi  | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 83 | 66 | pt sunny  | Minneapolis    | 80  | 62 | mst sunny |
| Boston      | 80 | 64 | rain      | New York       | 82  | 68 | t-storm   |
| Chicago     | 75 | 61 | rain      | Phoenix        | 104 | 84 | t-storm   |
| Dallas      | 92 | 71 | t-storm   | San Francisco  | 78  | 56 | pt sunny  |
| Denver      | 84 | 59 | mst sunny | Seattle        | 82  | 58 | sunny     |
| Houston     | 95 | 73 | t-storm   | St. Louis      | 79  | 63 | pt sunny  |
| Los Angeles | 83 | 65 | mst sunny | Washington, DC | 88  | 71 | t-storm   |
| Miami       | 89 | 79 | t-storm   |                |     |    |           |

## Moon Phases



# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-9-17-20. Bonus Ball: 17.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-24-25-27.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-1-5. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-4. Sum It Up: 12.

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# Cotto-Pacquiao bout set for Nov.

(AP) Miguel Cotto is next on Manny Pacquiao's hit list for what's likely to be the biggest fight of the fall.

Pacquiao and Cotto will meet Nov. 14 at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, Top Rank promoter Bob Arum said Monday after finalizing the match between his company's two most prominent boxers. The 145-pound bout will be shown on HBO pay-per-view.

"There's no messing about with either of these guys, and that's what's so exciting," Arum told The Associated Press. "That's why it's an unbelievable fight, with two guys who really love to fight and don't dance around."

Pacquiao (49-3-2, 37 KOs) has won titles in six weight divisions from 112 to 140 pounds, cementing the Filipino national hero's status as the sport's pound-for-pound champion.

Pacquiao pummeled Oscar De La Hoya into retirement last December in his first welterweight fight, and he dramatically stopped 140-pound champion Ricky Hatton in the second round in May for his 10th consecutive victory.

Pacquiao also attended Cotto's brutal split-decision victory over Joshua Clottey in New York last June, building anticipation for their meeting.

Both fighters were eager to face each other, making the negotiations relatively simple after Pacquiao agreed to the 145-pound weight limit insisted upon by Cotto's physical trainer.

"With Manny, you don't tell him who to fight," Arum said. "He tells you who he wants to fight. He's not afraid of anything. There's a lot of easier guys he could fight, but he doesn't want that. He wants the best, and that's Miguel."

Cotto (34-1, 27 KOs) rebounded from his only loss to Antonio Margarito last summer by stopping Michael Jennings to claim the WBO welterweight title in February.

Cotto, Puerto Rico's most popular fighter, has fought in Las Vegas just once since December 2004, preferring to appear before his biggest fans in New York or Atlantic City.

Cotto's 11th-round stoppage loss to Margarito was his only previous main-event fight in Las Vegas, but Margarito's suspension for illegal hand wraps at his next fight against Sugar Shane Mosley put the legitimacy of Margarito's victory over Cotto into question.

Tickets for Pacquiao-Cotto will go on sale in August.

# Lee's 3-run blast lifts Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Carlos Lee admits to feeling more focused when batting with runners on base.

St. Louis right-hander Kyle Lohse is starting to feel as if Lee simply has his number.

Lee's three-run homer lifted the Astros to a 3-2 win over the Cardinals on Monday night.

"Carlos Lee, whatever it is, he feels comfortable against me," Lohse said. "I was trying to pitch it down and out and I pretty much pitched it there. Most people are not going to hit that ball, but against me he sees the ball like someone's telegraphing it exactly where it's going to be."

The home run was the fifth of Lee's career against Lohse, the most of any player. Lee has a career .352 average against Lohse, who made his second start since coming off the disabled list.

Houston was trailing 2-0 when Lee followed Miguel Tejada's single and a walk by Lance Berkman with a shot to deep left field in the fourth inning.

"I concentrate a lot more (with men on)," Lee said. "Sometimes I kind of get away from my game with nobody on ... but with people on base, I can't explain it, but everything kind of gets in a tunnel and I concentrate and be real patient about it and try to get a good pitch to hit."

It was the first game of a three-game series between NL Central foes and key set for a Houston team looking to gain ground on the division-leading Cardinals.

"When we get a victory over the first-place team in our division it feels good," Tejada said. "We all have confidence ... and we know we can get it."

Brian Moehler (7-5) allowed six hits and two runs with five strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings to improve his perfect career record against the Cardinals to 5-0.

LaTroy Hawkins gave up two hits in the eighth before closer Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth for his 10th save.

Yadier Molina singled in a pair of runs in the fourth to put St. Louis ahead 2-0. That hit came after a single by Ryan Ludwick and a double by Rick Ankiel.

Berkman had a double and scored a run in his return to the lineup after missing three games with a left calf strain.

He said before the game that he was still sore but that he felt good enough to play. His leg still appeared a bit tender as he trotted from first to second on his double.

Skip Schumaker was given a ground-rule double with one out in the fifth inning when a fan reached down the wall from his seat in the Crawford Boxes in left field to catch his hit.

Lee was miffed by the move and raised his hands in frustration before turning toward the area where the fan was and yelled at him.

"I got upset because I know how to play that wall pretty good and it was going to bounce right back to me," Lee said. "If he's going to try to go to second I can hold him or have a play at second where we could get an out. But when he reached, he killed us right there."

# RANGERS

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want it to be."

Texas trailed 2-1 when Kevin Millwood (9-7) threw his last pitch to end the top of the sixth. But the Rangers finally got to Smoltz, who hadn't allowed a home run in 25 innings this season until Young's homer.

"I was real happy when Michael hit the home run to tie it up. You don't expect to score five runs in an inning off a guy like that," Millwood said. "I was happy that we scored some runs

and got the win, but it's kind of bittersweet. I'd like to see (Smoltz) do a little better."

Smoltz, who struck out five with no walks in 5 2-3 innings, and Millwood were teammates in Atlanta from 1997-2002, the first six seasons of Millwood's career.

Millwood allowed two runs over six innings to win his sixth straight decision over his last nine home starts. Before an extended All-Star break that gave him eight days between starts, Millwood had given up 17 runs in 17 1-3 innings in his first three July starts.

"I think the time off made him look stronger out there," manager Ron Washington said.

C.J. Wilson got the final four outs for his eighth save in 10 chances. Wilson was in the closer role for Frank Francisco, put on the disabled list Monday for the third time this season, this time because he is unavailable with a slight case of pneumonia.

Blalock also had an RBI double for Texas, which moved within 2½ games of the Los Angeles Angels after the AL West leaders were rained out Monday night in Kansas City.

Boston led 2-0 in the fourth after Jason Varitek hit a two-out RBI double that sent J.D. Drew home, though Mike Lowell was thrown out trying to score on the play.

David Ortiz had an RBI double off

the center-field wall in the first. Kevin Youkilis had an RBI single in the eighth to plate Jacoby Ellsbury, who was in scoring position after his 41st stolen base — the 100th of his career.

NOTES: Smoltz allowed four homers in the first inning June 19, 1994 vs. Cincinnati when pitching for Atlanta. He hadn't allowed three homers in a game since June 8, 1997, at San Francisco. ... The only other three-game losing streak for the Red Sox was April 12-14. ... Millwood is 7-1 with a 2.53 ERA in 11 starts at Rangers Ballpark this season. ... Ellsbury has six stolen bases his last eight games. Tris Speaker (1912-14) is the only other Boston player with multiple 40-stolen base seasons.

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# COWBOYS

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Irvin said, laughing hysterically. "But we won three Super Bowls with the real Michael Irvin, so it's not a bad thing that he fits the Michael Irvin profile."

While Holley now calls himself "The Michael Irvin Project," he's also quick to note that he and Irvin didn't click right away.

"It wasn't love at first sight," Holley said. "It was more like a romantic rendezvous. He started to see more of him in me because of how hard I worked, how consistent I was, how I took to coaching."

The 6-foot-3, 216-pound Holley is faster than Irvin was, but more lanky. He's also less experienced, having played basketball and football while at North Carolina.

Holley was a backup point guard on the Tar Heels' 2005 national champion basketball team, then gave up basketball a few months later because he realized guys his size were

more likely to make it as a pro in football. He put his decision in ink, getting a tattoo of steepled hands wearing receiver's gloves, surrounded by the words "Heavenly Received."

But Holley's only previous shot at the NFL was with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2007, going through training camp and about six weeks on their practice squad.

He said he earned a job in the CFL in '08, but left without playing because of a contract dispute.

He didn't even have another tryout with an NFL team, prompting a tough-love chat with his godfather.

"He told me he didn't want me to be that guy who is 29, 30 years old and still chasing his football dream," Holley said. "He said, 'You're a smart kid. Give yourself a timetable of when you are going to stop this.' So I told myself 2009 would be my last time trying to make this football thing happen."

"Then '4th and Long' came along."

A publicist at North Carolina steered producers to Holley. His first interview was sup-

posed to last 10 minutes; it went 45. He wound up in Dallas, living in the Cotton Bowl stadium along the other contestants.

All the wannabes had something that kept them from making it before. Joe Avezzano, a former Cowboys special-teams coach who guided the show's receivers, pegged Holley's weakness as toughness, figuring his smile, dreadlocks and basketball background were signs of a finesse player.

Holley changed that the day he flattened a taunting cornerback.

"I thought, 'Wow!'" Irvin said. "Now that I know that's in him, the physical thing is taken care of."

Since filming wrapped up two months ago, Holley has been working out and soaking up Irvin's plentiful advice. After all, Irvin knows the chances for a second season could be riding on how Holley does.

"Ultimately, it's called '4th and Long' because it is a long shot," Irvin said. "But this could be the start of a great career."

First up, Holley must prove himself to his new teammates and coaches, even those who were among the million or so viewers every week.

"I'm already expecting when I get there guys are going to think I'm a joke, that I'm some slappie that they found on the street," Holley said. "That's absolutely fine. I understand that I have to come in and prove myself every single day. I think once they see me on the field, see the ability I have, you will hear those talks slowly quiet down. They'll quickly find out that I'm not just a TV guy. I can really play this game."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Take Note

• A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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

## Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**  
 • Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.  
 • Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.  
 • Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.  
 • Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 • Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
 • Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.  
 • Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
 • Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.  
 • Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
 • Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
 • Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

## ALLEN

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"The program was a voluntary program, and basically had me on loan to the Army," said Allen, calling the Herald office from the USS Ronald Reagan, which is currently supporting war efforts in Afghanistan. "We work on these aircraft so they can support the guys on the ground. It gives you something of a unique perspective as a sailor to have been one of those guys on the ground and see first hand how important those aircraft

are to what they do." The son of Roger and Kathy Henderson of San Angelo, and the grandson of Big Spring's own Rocky Allen, Caleb Allen said life aboard the aircraft carrier is anything but glamorous. "You basically work, shower, sleep, then start all over," said Allen with a laugh. "I usually work a 12- or 13-hour shift, so you really don't have time for much else. The tasks are different from day to day, so you never really know what you're going to see. However, the routine is pretty regular." When Allen is doing his job, however, life is

anything but simple. "I'm responsible for the engines on the Hornets, and each of them has two engines, so you can just imagine what it's like," said Allen. "Anytime we have a problem with one of the engines, I tear it down, fix what's wrong with it and then get it ready to go back on the aircraft. It's not very glamorous, but what we do makes a major difference out there, and that's what matters to us." Allen said his family has been very supportive of him and his decision to serve in the military. "The whole family is

very supportive of the military," said Allen. "I'm the fourth of my brothers to join the military." Lt. Commander Ron Flanders, public affairs officer aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, said the role sailors like Allen play in supporting troops in Afghanistan is immeasurable. "Jet mechanics like Allen are critical to combat operations. Our jets require frequent maintenance in order to conduct combat operations so far from the ship," said Flanders. "Allen is recognized as one of the top sailors in our maintenance depot, and

has twice been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in his career. "USS Ronald Reagan arrived on station in the Gulf of Oman July 6 and will remain here for a few months until relieved by another aircraft carrier," said Flanders. "Carriers currently provide nearly a third of all close air support to troops on the ground inside Afghanistan; our Hornets and Super Hornets launch off the decks of the Reagan, fly through Pakistan, refuel, and hover over a certain area, waiting for troops to call them in." Allen said it's a chal-

lenge to keep the fighters in the air, but it's a challenge he welcomes. "It's hard work, but it's what we do," he said.

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## AIRPORT

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"The plane owners normally offer rides in the aircraft during these types of events, and that's something we're hoping to be able to secure for the anniversary," said Myrick. "The PT-19 normally costs \$200 for a 30-minute ride, and the SNJ Fighter usually runs about \$300 for a 30-minute ride."

Myrick said fund-raising for the event, which is being funded by donations from the community, has gone well, but she's

hoping they can get a few more dollars in before Saturday. "We've raised enough money to cover most of our expenses, but we're still hoping to get some donations in this week to cinch things up," said Myrick. "Anyone out there who would like to make a donation and be recognized at the event needs to get their donation in to us by the end of the day Thursday. That's our deadline to get their name on the list." Myrick said raising funds for the anniversary celebration has been tough, but well worth it. "This 80th anniversary is very special for us," said Myrick. "There's so much histo-

ry here, and we plan to have pictures and other memorabilia on display. We're not afraid to put some work into it. We just hope the community will work with us and help us accomplish our goals." Saturday's event will be from noon to 4 p.m. with a ribbon cutting set for 1 p.m. at the terminal. For more information on the anniversary event, call the Big Spring Airport Terminal at 264-2362. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## LEADERS

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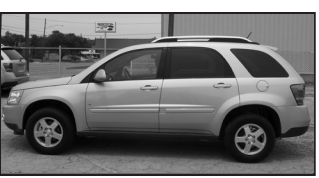
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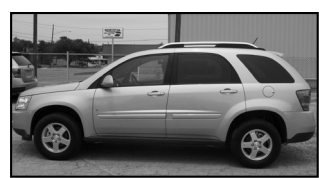
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## OUR VIEW

### Don't forget to go enjoy Stargazing reset for Saturday

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. It's an adage virtually each and every one of us is familiar with. And that's exactly the tack Big Spring State Park officials are taking, as they plan for a second try at their annual Stargazing Party this year.

Originally scheduled back in June, inclement weather forced Park Manager Ron Alton to delay the event to a second date, which is Saturday.

Residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area will get a chance to view many of Mother Nature's wonders from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday when they turn their eyes toward the heavens.

And, as we've noted before, the program will offer something for everyone in the family.

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

Members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club in Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the night sky.

Alton noted that members of the astronomy club really love taking part in Stargazing. And that means there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation.

"Saturn will be lower in the west and Jupiter will rise about 10 p.m.," Alton said anticipating this weekend's show. "We should be able to see it (Jupiter) around 10:30 p.m."

Events like stargazing keep the park's finances strong, especially when state officials are scrutinizing budgets. "The state looks at attendance at events like this and decides how much money to allocate to each park, so it's important that people come out and participate," Alton explained.

For more information about the stargazing event, call 263-4931.

We here at the Herald again encourage our readers to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity. You'll not only be enjoying something that's rarely available to most of us, but you'll also be supporting the Big Spring State Park and its staff.

And that, as we've also noted before, is clearly a win-win situation.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are our way to a better life.

Amen

# MJ and America's cultural divide

My response to the news of Michael Jackson's death was on the cool side of indifference. I figured him for a weirdo has-been who was a long time between hits, his glory days over.

Was I ever wrong.

His death ignited a volcanic eruption of grief, memorial celebration and loud music all over the world. Vast crowds in virtually every corner of the planet massed in public squares to mourn his passing, dance to his music and sing-along to his videos. I don't remember anything quite like that happening before.

That makes the second time I was blind-sided by the death of a pop legend. When Elvis Presley died I thought: "He was a pretty good singer. No Bing Crosby, but a pretty good singer." I didn't realize he would become a kind of secular saint with a longer shelf life than Mother Teresa. (How many Mother Teresa imitators have you seen around recently?)

The Jackson frenzy led me to go back and take another look at his work.

I was surprised. I knew he was good but I didn't know he was that good.

He was a truly amazing dancer with a high yet pleasing voice. But most of all, he was an extraordinary showman. I would even go so far as to say

he formed the bridge between Busby Berkley movie musicals and the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

Certainly he invented the modern Super Bowl halftime extravaganza with his work in 1993 and he was probably more responsible than anyone for the modern music video and the very existence of MTV. Indeed, there's hardly an aspect of modern pop music that doesn't owe something to his influence. I see that now.

Even with all that, however, I admit to be further surprised at the manner in which the black community has embraced him as one of their own. You saw it at the Black Entertainment Television music awards, conducted a few days after Jackson's death, where everybody was suddenly his grieving best friend.

Jamie Foxx, host of the proceedings, said. "We want to celebrate this black man. He belongs to us and we shared him with everybody else."

Say what? It seems to me that the whole point of Jackson was his sometimes maddening lack of precise definition. He was as white as he was black, as girlish as he was masculine, as much child as adult. In other words, no matter where you stood, Jackson wasn't that far from you. That was the universality of his appeal. So now he becomes a hero of the black race? People in black churches are swinging and dancing in the aisles, doing cuts from "Thriller?"

I don't get it. Even less do

I get the African-Americans who blamed his troubles, and they were many — on the Vast White Conspiracy. One man-on-the-street, a house painter, told the New York Times: "The system likes to take black men down. They did it to Ali. They did it to Tyson."

Whoa. Wait a minute there. Leaving aside the question of whether it was the system or Mike Tyson who took Tyson down, we're forgetting something here. There is considerable evidence that Michael Jackson was a pedophile as well as a drug addict. Do we know that for sure? No, but we're about 80 percent sure, sure enough so that we wouldn't let him baby-sit our kids. Sure enough so that we might want to hesitate before putting him up on a pedestal.

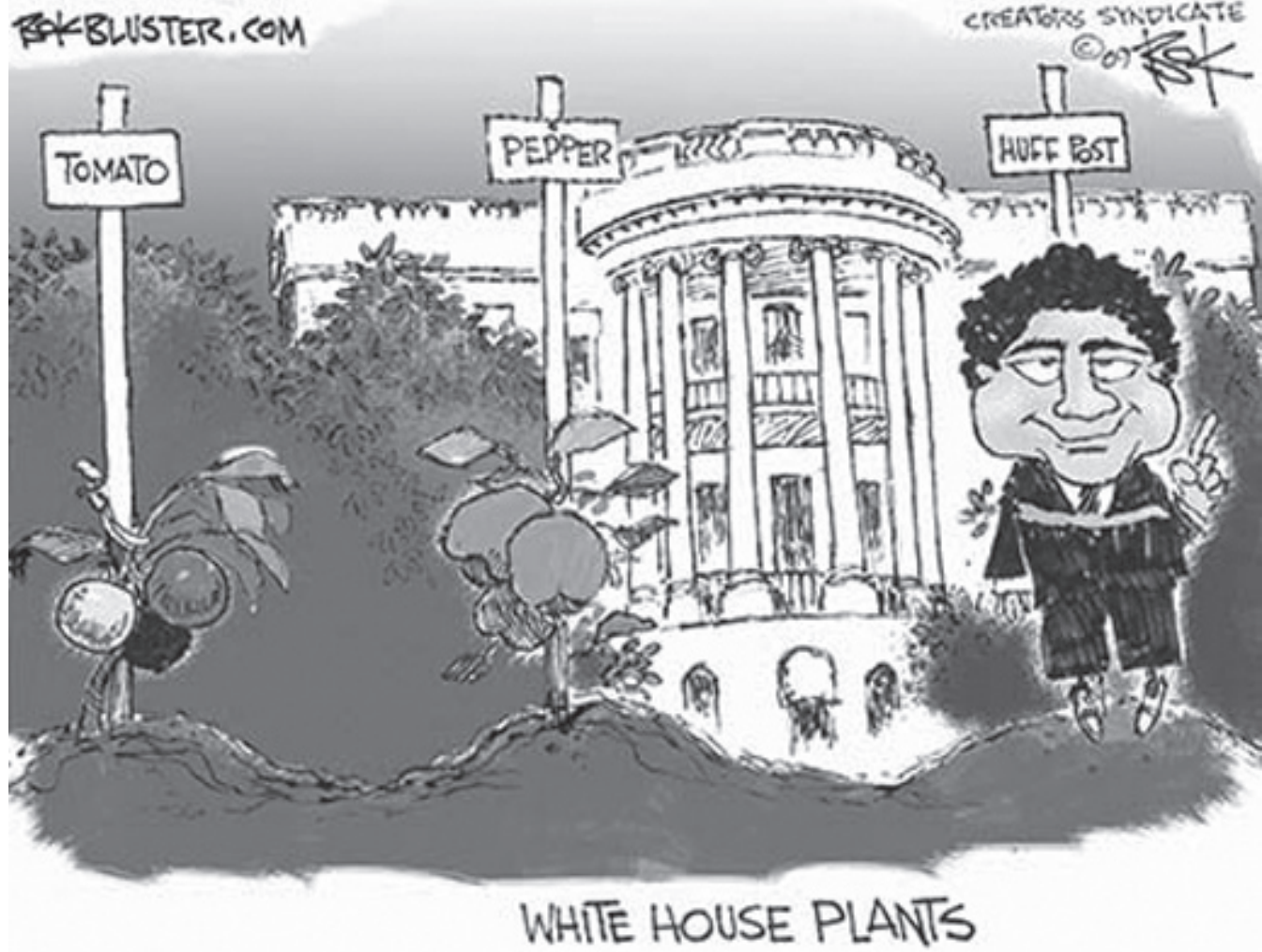
Just forgetting about it seems to me more than a little strange.

I remember being similarly struck by the white-black reaction to the O.J. Simpson murder trial. To almost all white people, O.J. was guilty of killing his ex-wife and her companion. We had no doubt. Blacks, on the other hand, celebrated his acquittal.

It was shocking and disappointing, symptomatic of the cultural divide that still exists between the races.

Michael Jackson was a great entertainer. Let's leave it at that.

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# Pointless gifts to business

The former speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives loved movies. Aside from credible entertainment, he saw them as an economic engine.

Soon the state government was lending money and doling out tax breaks for filming. And lo, the moviemakers came. Now you'll find our state listed at the end of many credits.

Glamour came too, and local papers and TV fawned over the shooting of all those scenes. There's nothing like celebrity to perk up the press. But did the state make any money off its investment?

Worse luck, it doesn't seem so. The new tax revenue from increased business looks to be less than what we spent.

Oh well, at least we had a ball. Yes, the recession-induced budget deficit now appears poised to end all that fun.

But the underlying question remains. How wise is it for a state to offer financial incentives to attract juicy employers, when all other states and many cities are doing the same thing?

We win one; they win one. It sounds an awful lot like a zero sum game.

Take my town. We just col-

lared the headquarters of an international knife maker. That's good for 30 to 40 new jobs. New jobs for us, that is.

But many of those jobs were lost to Briarcliff, which presumably was not thrilled. What sealed the deal was a state loan at 3.5 percent for \$750,000. Sounds like a cheap price to pay for a good employer, but is that the way tax money should be spent, picking winners and losers among towns?

A few years ago we hooked a much bigger fish, a liquor company, this time with the promise of state tax credits. No question they've been a fine citizen. Liquor companies need to be.

But what would have happened if there were no credits. Would Diageo have closed down? Would it have limped back to England in a huff?

No, it would have settled in the town best suited to it in the first place with no tax money expended. Maybe here, maybe someplace else.

Naturally companies also move out of town, for much the same reasons. Easy come, easy go.

But the move-outs don't get quite the same publicity as the move-ins, and there's no chance for the losing pols to crow about their benefaction to the city.

"Sorry, those tax dollars were for somebody else."

But most states are still at it, spending away. A couple weeks ago the governor announced big

subsidized loans to three more manufacturers, whether they needed the help or not. This while the state faces a multi-billion dollar deficit, as do all states.

So why, one might ask, pay out anything at all.

Either a federal law or an interstate compact should prohibit these boondoggles. Businesses can perfectly well figure out which towns are best for them. There's no value to society in using tax revenue to compete among localities. And which official is it who gets to pick winners and losers?

If ever there were a setting for corruption, that's it.

Left to their own devices towns could well discover the competitive value of good schools, parks, affordable housing, health care and the other services that appeal to business and citizens alike.

How novel if cities competed for industry on the basis of the availability of apartments. The heavens would quiver.

But not to worry.

The name of the game today remains bribery. "Economic Development" offices will continue to focus on structuring financial deals, and the corporations will continue to laugh all the way to the bank.

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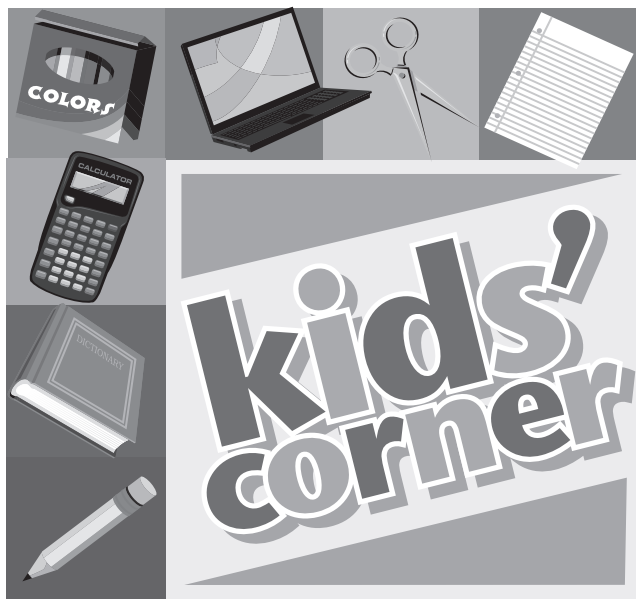
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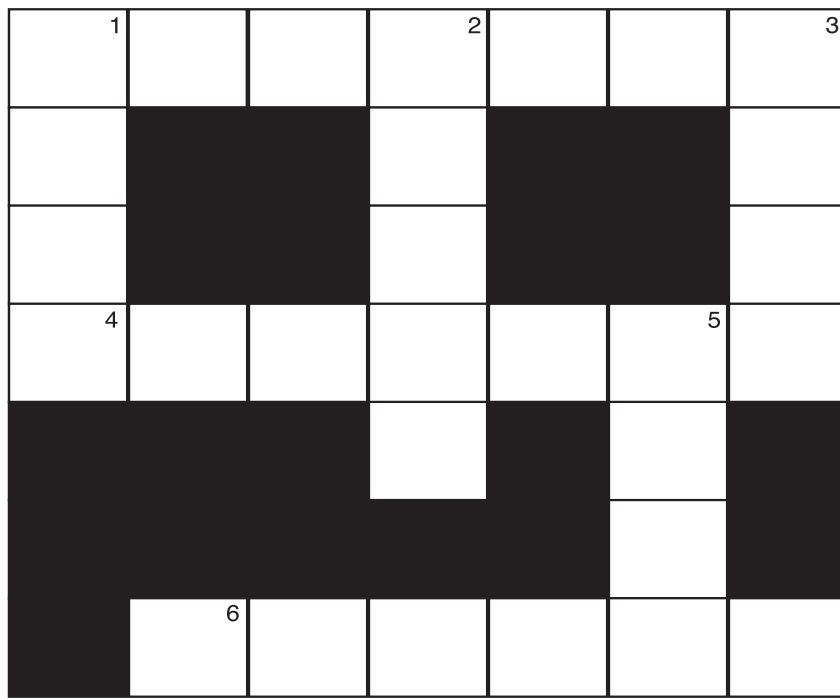
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**Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**

- 1. After-dinner treat
- 4. Frozen food similar to ice cream
- 6. Turned into ice

**DOWN**

- 1. Convenience store
- 2. Use less than necessary on something
- 3. Job
- 5. Enjoy

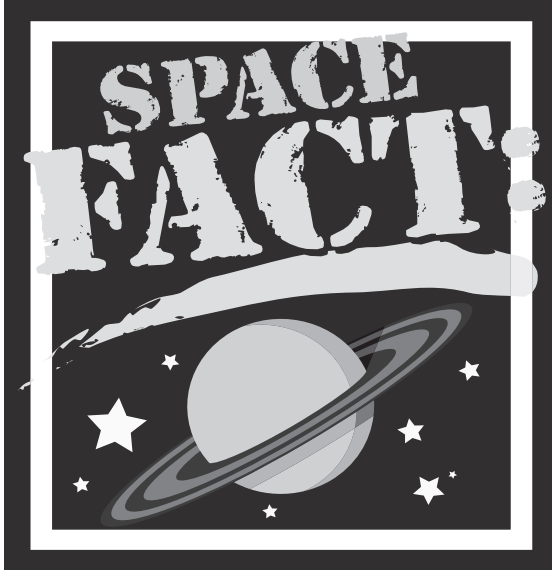
Answers:  
Across  
1. Dessert 4. Ice milk 6. Frozen  
Down  
1. Deli 2. Skimp 3. Task 5. Like

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**HISTORY**

- 1847: BRIGHAM YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS ARRIVED IN UTAH AT THE GREAT SALT LAKE.
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ANSWER: ICE CREAM

**New Word**

**SORBET**

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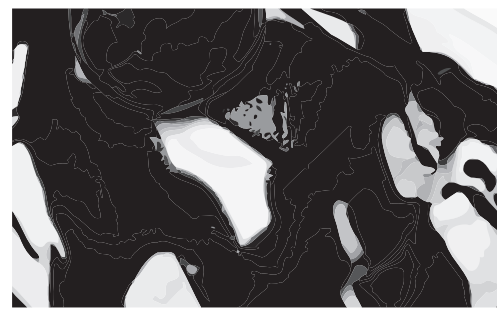
- ENGLISH:** Frozen
- SPANISH:** Congelado
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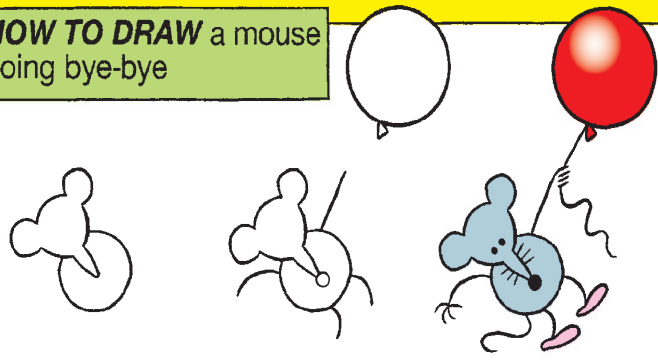
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

"Hellos" and "good-byes" will ring out on this very special day featuring the new moon in Cancer and a total solar eclipse. Also, this is the last full day of the Cancer Sun's rule this year. Loose ends get tied up and a new chapter opens. Likely, you'll be shedding some old belief about yourself as you get ready for the upcoming high energy cycle.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll learn from someone who doesn't on the surface have obvious things to teach. But there is some elusive piece of the puzzle that this person just happens to possess and will readily give to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). By 3 p.m., you're already a bit bored with reality. Buy a ticket to the show put on by your own imagination. Sit back and enjoy the preview of coming attractions. The night brings an exciting twist.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People around you will be jumping on this trend or that get-rich-quick scheme. Remember, you're usually the one who sets trends, not the one who chases them. Stay on your path and trust it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Spice things up with a sprinkle of anticipation. Buy a ticket for a concert going on next month or plot a weekend getaway for mid-August. The plans increase your enjoyment of the present.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll wake up thinking that you know how this day will unfold. Shake off your certainty. Once you decide to believe that anything is possible, mysterious occurrences start to happen.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (JULY 21). You lavish attention and help on others

not expecting anything in return. This spiritual generosity will fill your year with wonderful moments. You'll be loved, celebrated and appreciated in happily surprising ways. Next month finds you hard at work. Invest in September — March pays you handsomely. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 4, 33 and 18.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You remember what it was like to be younger, therefore you have compassion for someone in your circle whose youthful folly has caused a fall from grace. Remind the others to be kind.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your personal qualities are worth honing, polishing and perfecting. After all, you are rarer than any rare gem. Also, make sure you're in a setting that allows the light to shine through you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't build on feelings of regret — you'll only sink if you try. Knowing this, you'll naturally gravitate toward the emotions you "can" build on — stability and balance, elegance and excellence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In another one of your rambling moods, you'll mosey right into someone dishy from your past or someone who reminds you of a past relationship. You'll spark a joyful new connection.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tables turn. The sibling or childhood friend that used to tower over you either in stature or intention will now appear quite diminutive. Now that you're the one on top, will you take the high road?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll motivate others. You have this way of presenting bland news as though it were the most exciting information ever imparted. There will be cause for elation. You'll make sure of it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your companions are loyal. Friends don't want

to go out unless you come along, claiming the voyage wouldn't be the same without you. They're right. And it's a lot of fun to say "yes."

**ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS:** How do you know if he's into you? **VIRGO:** He'll help you out. You might get the feeling that he was just waiting for you to need something, and he's eager to provide whatever it is. **LIBRA:** He'll make certain that you feel a friendly, warm feeling about him. He'll quickly find common ground with

you and tell you about his similar experiences. **SCORPIO:** He'll bring on the intensity. He may not say much, but he'll look at you with those eyes that seem to pierce your soul. He'll want to make arrangements to spend time with you as soon as possible. **SAGITTARIUS:** He'll want to take you on an adventure, not just a date. Of course, with Sagittarius, every date is an adventure because of his approach. He'll think of something he'd like to experience with you and try to get you on board.

**CAPRICORN:** He'll let you know about his plans and ambitions. He'll also want to appear powerful, which could translate into a display of physical strength or a demonstration of his position in life or at work. **AQUARIUS:** He'll strike up the fun and games. He'll target you for some good-natured teasing and friendly competition. **PISCES:** His awareness of you will seem heightened. He'll remember what you say and notice little details about you that everyone else miss-

es. **C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** The legendary guitar god Carlos Santana is a deeply spiritual man and musician with his natal sun, Mercury and Venus all in soulful Cancer. Santana pioneered his own sound by blending his influences of rock, salsa and jazz together. He continues to reinvent his career by pairing with popular artists and taking unexpected trajectories. He's also a renowned shoe designer!

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have a pretty, petite 24-year-old daughter who is quite immature for her age. She looks like she is 15. She still lives at home, occasionally helps around the house and attends the local community college. But she can't keep a job for long.

People who know our daughter tell us how wonderful she is because she is not pregnant or doing drugs.

But we feed her, clothe her, pay for her car, gas, etc. Lately, she has had boyfriend problems. She tends to pick guys who are loaded with baggage.

When she is not with a guy her own age, she hangs out with the senior men at the Veterans of Foreign Wars club. They allow her to deal the cards at their poker games and make her feel wanted.

How can we get her to grow up without being the bad guys? She does not know how to cook or take care of herself, so we are reluctant to simply throw her out.

But we want her to do things other people her age do. Any advice? — *Clueless in California*

**Dear Clueless:** If you are concerned that your daughter doesn't have sufficient life skills to manage on her own, then teach her.

Put her in charge of cooking dinner one night a week. Show her how to do her own laundry. Tell her she will need a part-time job to pay for room and board. Then help her look for her own apartment.

While she is in school, you may wish to subsidize her rent, but living independently will help her mature. We highly rec-

ommend it.

**Dear Annie:** I just graduated from college and two of my friends and I planned a camping party to celebrate. I made the reservation months ago. A week before the party, one of the girls backed out.

We had an understanding that we would split all the costs, and I would pay the money upfront. Since I paid for the reservation, I



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told my friend she still needs to reimburse me for her portion because the campsite won't cancel with less than two weeks' notice. My friend refuses to pay her share. Am I wrong to insist? — *Arizona State*

**Dear Arizona:** Yes, your friend should reimburse you. If you cannot find someone else to join the camping trip at this late date, tell your friend you expect her to pay you back, even if it's \$5 a month.

Of course, if she refuses, this becomes an expensive lesson in learning which of your friends are responsible and trustwor-

thy.

**Dear Annie:** I was tickled by the letter from "Midwest Farmer's Wife," the woman who married a farmer and is now treated as just another farmhand. A similar thing happened to me.

I grew up on a farm and decided early on that I would never be a farmer's wife. I married a nice guy who sold insurance. About 15 years later, we moved to the country.

He kept his day job, but started planting vegetables and growing almost everything in the seed catalog. He expected me to be the chief weed-puller, canning expert and freezing maven.

I did not sign up for this. I was already keeping the house, mowing the lawn and taking care of things when he was gone during the day. I had also returned to college part time.

When I told him I didn't care to take on this additional responsibility, he accused me of being lazy. To make a long story short, we aren't married anymore and I buy all of my produce at the grocery store. — *Canaan, Conn.*

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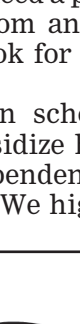
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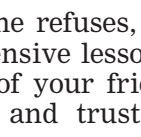
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## News in brief

### Texas agriculture losses reach \$3.6 billion

LUBBOCK (AP) — Drought in Texas has led to an estimated \$3.6 billion in crop and livestock losses, and without ample rains, the year's final tally could top the state record set in 2006, Texas agriculture officials say.

Crops and rangeland are scorched from lack of rainfall and record triple-digit temperatures throughout parts of Texas. Much of the central and southern parts of the state have been in the two worst stages of drought — extreme and exceptional — for months.

Texas agriculture officials on Monday estimated that total crop losses this year have reached \$2.6 billion. Livestock losses since November have reached an additional \$974 million.

The totals include losses from reduced or non-existent crop yields and the cost of supplemental feed to ranchers with parched pastures. But the livestock losses do not include reduced future revenues due to a reduction in breeding stock and lost revenue from selling calves earlier. Officials will figure out those the tally for those losses during the next couple of months.

Texas is the nation's second-largest agriculture state behind California, and leads the nation in cotton and cattle production.

Counties in the two worst stages of drought account for 40 percent of Texas' cow herd and 6 percent of the nation's beef cow herd, officials said. The dry pastures have led ranchers to sell calves earlier than usual and at lighter weights.

However, that's unlikely to affect consumers anytime soon. It could be as long as two years before a reduced beef supply and higher prices hit the grocery store, said Travis Miller, a drought specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension. He noted that many cattle being sold at Texas sale barns will go to states where grazing lands are better.

As far as cotton, U.S. and world supplies leftover from previous years are still high, so the amount grown in Texas this year won't influence the price of a T-shirt or blue jeans, said Roger Haldenby, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region of West Texas that is the world's largest contiguous growing patch.

### Hundreds expected for protests in dragging case

PARIS, Texas (AP) — A protest led by the Nation of Islam and the New Black Panther Party over the case of a black man who was fatally struck and dragged by a vehicle is expected to attract several hundred people to East Texas.

The rally is scheduled for Tuesday morning in Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas.

It is the third courthouse protest over the death of 24-year-old Brandon McClelland, whose mangled body was found Sept. 16 on a country road outside of town. A prosecutor cited a lack of evidence in dropping murder charges last month against two white men arrested in his death.

### Stanford attorneys appeal judge's no bond decision

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas financier R. Allen Stanford is not a flight risk and a federal judge's decision to keep him jailed while awaiting trial on fraud charges should be reversed, his lawyers said in an appeal filed Monday.

Stanford's attorneys on Monday asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to overturn an order issued last month by U.S. District Judge David Hittner in Houston that revoked Stanford's \$500,000 bond. Stanford is being held at a privately run detention center north of the city.

Stanford and four executives of his now defunct Houston-based Stanford Financial Group are accused of orchestrating a massive Ponzi scheme by advising clients to invest more than \$7 billion in certificates of deposit from the Stanford International Bank in the Caribbean island of Antigua and then misusing the money, in part to pay for Stanford's lavish lifestyle.

Hittner, in overturning a magistrate judge's decision to allow Stanford to be free on bond, said the once highflying financier is a "serious flight risk."

But the appeal, which reiterates many of the arguments made by his attorneys in previous court hearings related to his bond, says Hittner made his decision based on misleading and inaccurate statements from prosecutors. Prosecutors claim Stanford would flee because of his international ties, including holding dual U.S. and Antiguan citizenship, having an international network of wealthy acquaintances, and possibly having access to vast wealth hidden around the world.

### Fort Hood soldier shot killed at party on post

FORT HOOD (AP) — Fort Hood officials have a soldier behind bars after another soldier was shot and killed at a party on the Central Texas Army post.

They say 30-year-old Spc. Ryan Richard Schlack of Oshkosh, Wis., died Saturday. The Killeen Daily Herald reports he was hit by a bullet another soldier fired into a crowd on the lawn.

Fort Hood spokesman Bruce Zielsdorf (ZEELS'dorf) says the soldier suspected of firing the gun is in custody, but it's unclear Monday if he's been charged.

Schlack entered the military in 2004 as a computer detection systems repairer and arrived at Fort Hood in 2005. He was assigned to the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

### Flores booked, released on personal bond

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Kino Flores is free on his own recognizance after he was booked Monday into the Travis County jail.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley lawmaker is charged with not disclosing sources of income, real estate transactions and gifts. Those gifts include a racehorse given to his son by a lobbyist.

A Travis County grand jury Friday returned six indictments against the Palmview Democrat. They include 16 counts of tampering with a government record and three of perjury.

Flores denies any wrongdoing. His attorney, Roy Minton, says Flores has complied with state election law.

### Sticky situation in Pasadena: glued hair

PASADENA (AP) — Pasadena police have a sticky investigation.

Somebody put glue on the hair of three shoppers in two stores.

A 12-year-old girl told KHOU-TV that she was shopping at a drug store last week when she felt a wad of something "sizzling" in her ponytail. The substance turned out to be glue.

The child had to cut off some of her hair to get rid of the mess.

Managers say another customer had glue sprayed into her hair earlier Thursday at the same drug store.

Pasadena police are investigating a similar incident at a nearby grocery store.

Assistant Chief Bud Corbett said Monday he has never heard of any assault like the glue attacks. So far no arrests.

### Be a tattletale, turn in a Texas litterbug

AUSTIN (AP) — People who see Texas being trashed can be a tattletale online.

The Texas Department of Transportation has a spot on its Web site to report litter seen thrown from a vehicle.

TXDOT asks for the offender's Texas license plate number, the make of the vehicle, the time of day, location, date, and details on the tosser and what was discarded.

The agency compares the information to a vehicle registration database.

A litter bag is then sent to the offender, along with a letter reminding him or her to keep trash off roads, as part of the Don't Mess With Texas campaign.

The form advises the person reporting the litter to "feel good about doing something to clean up our beloved Lone Star State."

### Monkey suspect in videotaped thefts

RICHARDSON (AP) — Some real monkey business at a Dallas-area store led to the theft of several dozen plants, flowers and small statues.

Surveillance video from Plants & Planters in Richardson shows a monkey appears to be picking up items and returning them to a human accomplice.

Video aired Monday by WFAA-TV shows the small monkey appearing to scoop up plants, flowers and accessories. The animal then hands the items to someone on the other side of a fence.

Owner Shelley Rosenfeld says it's "really hard to believe a monkey would come over here and do it," but the creature appears to be the culprit.

Rosenfeld told WFAA says she doesn't plan to press charges at this time because she thinks the incident is humorous.

### Same-name couple to wed after Facebook meeting

MIAMI (AP) — This October, Kelly Hildebrandt will vow to share her life with a man who already shares her name.

This is no joke. Kelly Katrina Hildebrandt, 20, and Kelly Carl Hildebrandt, 24, expect just over 100 guests at a ceremony at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club in South Florida, where they will become husband and wife.

"He is just everything that I've ever looked for," she said in an interview. "There's always been certain qualities that a guy has to have.."

Their modern romance was a match made in cyberspace. She was curious and bored one night last year, so she plugged her name into the popular social networking Web site Facebook just to see if anyone shared it.

At the time, Kelly Hildebrandt, of Lubbock, was the only match.

So she sent him a message.

"She said 'Hi. We had the same name. Thought it was cool,'" Kelly Carl Hildebrandt said. "I thought she was pretty cute."

But there were also concerns.

"I thought, man, we've got to be related or something," he said.

For the next three months the two exchanged e-mails. Before he knew it, occasional phone calls turned into daily chats, sometimes lasting hours. He visited her in Florida after a few months and "fell head over heels."

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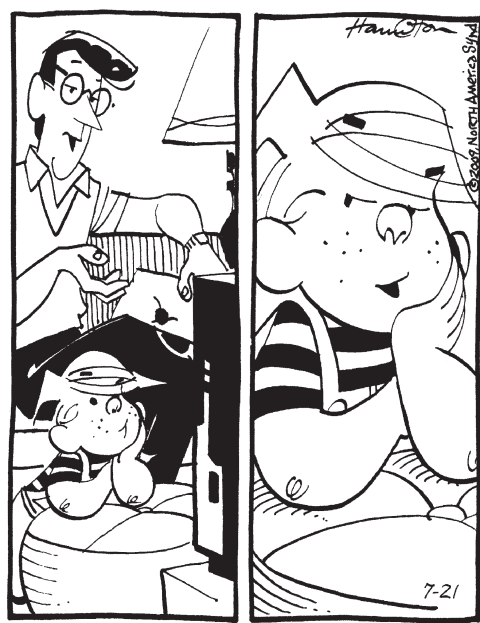
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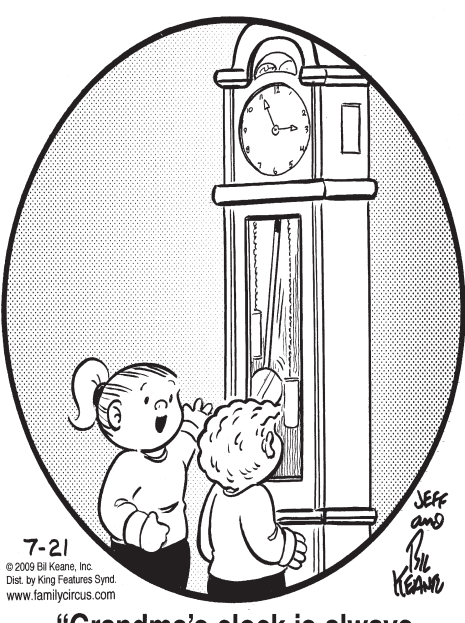
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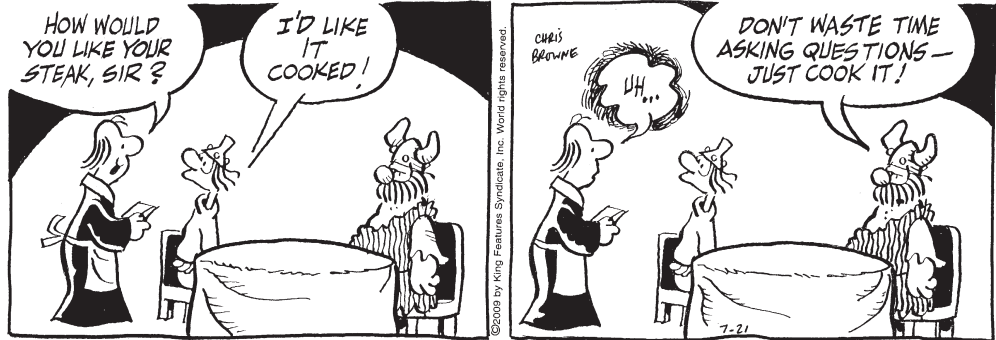
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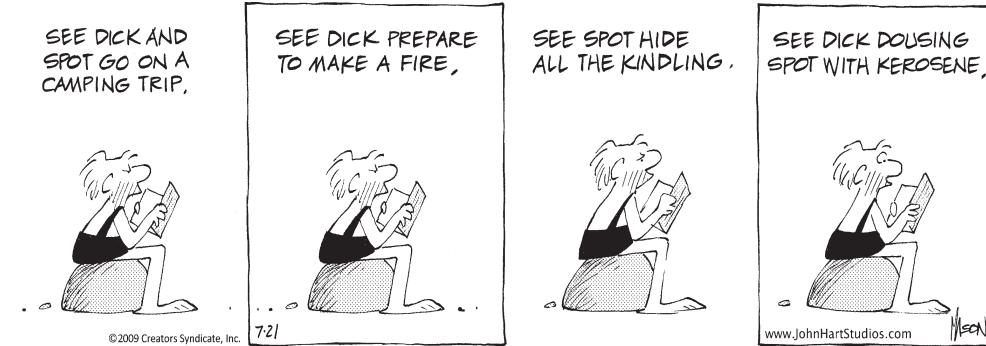
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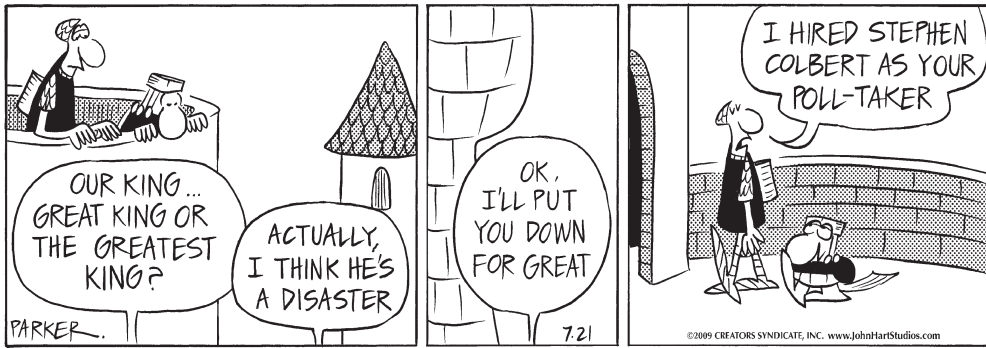
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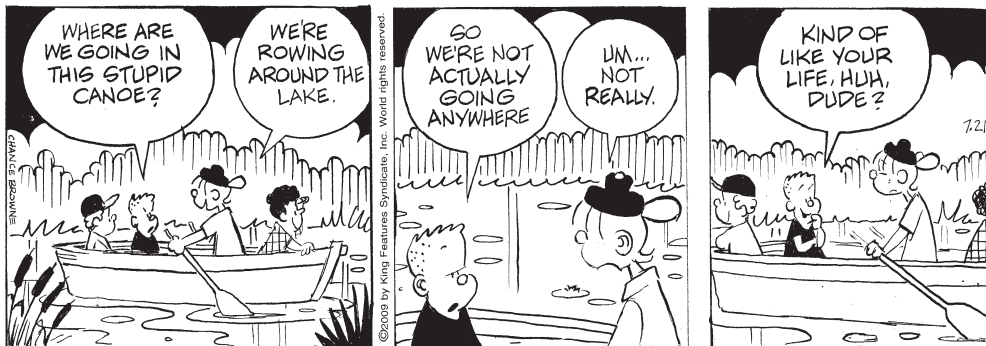
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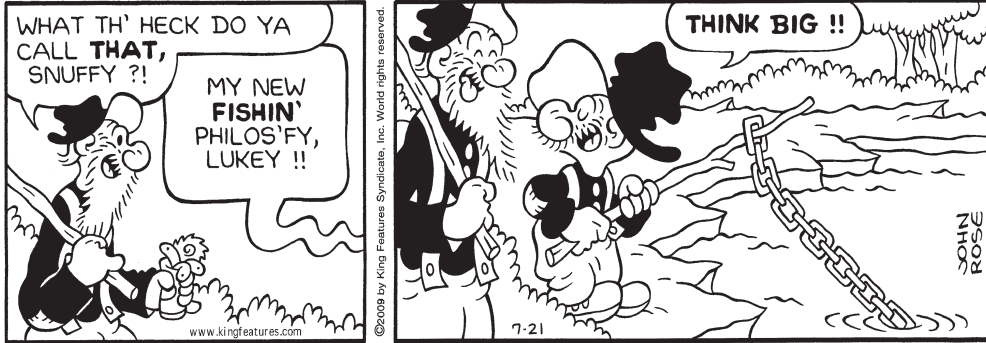
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, N.J.

On this date:

In 1831, Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration.

In 1944, American forces

landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 1994, Britain's Labor Party elected Tony Blair its new leader, succeeding the late John Smith.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 87. Movie director Norman Jewison is 83. Actor Paul Burke is 83. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 71. Actress Patricia Elliott is 67. Actor David Dunning is 66. Actor Edward Herrmann is 66. Actor Leigh Lawson is 64. Actor Wendell Burton is 62. Actor Art Hindle is 61. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 61. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is

61. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 58. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 56. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 52. Actor Lance Guest is 49. Actor Matt Mulhern is 49. Comedian Greg Kinnear is 46. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 43. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 40. Country singer Paul Brandt is 37. Actress Ali Landry is 36. Actor Justin Bartha is 31. Actor Josh Hartnett is 31. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 31. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 31. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 31. Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings is 30. New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia is 29.

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6 Talk back to  
10 Sleep in a tent, say  
14 "The best \_\_\_ to come"  
15 Not guilty, for one  
16 Lotion ingredient  
17 Use finger paint  
18 Prayer closer  
19 Lopsided victory  
20 Diner-menu dessert  
22 Short hit, in baseball  
23 Payable  
24 Of poor quality  
26 Lost-parcel locator  
30 Lustrous fabric  
32 Throw hard  
33 Went by air  
35 Lots and lots  
39 India's continent  
40 Shoe bottoms  
42 Elongated  
43 51 Across  
43 Make fun of  
45 In addition  
46 Pocket bread  
47 Feudal laborers  
49 Very soon  
51 Ring shape  
54 Big Australian bird  
55 Admired one  
56 One way to pay  
63 Western defense grp.

64 Card below ace  
65 Video-store rental  
66 Food, slangily  
67 Ye \_\_\_ Shoppe  
68 Wear away  
69 Trumpet or bugle  
70 Loch \_\_\_ monster  
71 Hereditary factors

DOWN

1 The "D" in CD  
2 West Point initials  
3 One who watches  
4 Rip  
5 Walked boldly  
6 Breathing room  
7 \_\_\_ mater  
8 Look for  
9 Most level-headed  
10 Exact duplicate  
11 So all can hear  
12 Small hill  
13 Trivial  
21 Gang territories  
25 Not hers  
26 "Imagine \_\_\_!"  
27 Deceptive tactic  
28 Opera solo  
29 School cut-up  
30 Auctions off  
31 Dazzles  
34 Goof off  
36 Enthusiastic  
37 Facts and figures

38 Do in, as a dragon  
41 "Me too!"  
44 Snaky fish  
48 \_\_\_ with (consider)  
50 Egnog spice  
51 Easy task  
52 Montana neighbor  
53 Helicopter blade  
54 Rims  
57 Make angry  
58 Brings to a close  
59 Apple leftover  
60 The Bard of \_\_\_ (Shakespeare)  
61 Roller coaster, e.g.  
62 Poor grades

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# News in brief

## Obama summons Democrats on key House panel to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his signature health care initiative buffeted from all sides, President Barack Obama is summoning key House Democrats to the White House as he increases pressure on Congress to get the job done.

Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee — the only one of three House panels weighing health overhaul legislation that has yet to pass it — were to meet with the president Tuesday afternoon, the White House announced.

That follows a committee drafting session that lasted past midnight Monday as panel members slogged through numerous amendments, with majority Democrats turning back Republican attempts to change the bill. But Committee Chairman Henry Waxman's bigger difficulties were with his own party, particularly a bloc of fiscally conservative Democrats who oppose the legislation in its current form over costs and other issues.

Waxman and his aides have been deep in talks with these conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats, and as the panel wrapped up its work in the wee hours Waxman announced he was canceling a drafting session planned for Tuesday so negotiations could continue.

"We're having conversations with different members to work out some of the issues so we can make this thing move forward," Waxman, D-Calif., told reporters. He declined to elaborate.

## Denied federal bailout, CIT taps \$3B private rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) — With bondholders coming to the rescue of troubled commercial lender CIT Group Inc., and not the government, a new reality is setting in for investors.

With federal bailouts drying up and the economy still in distress, many more financial firms could face bankruptcy. When they do, it will be major private lenders that will have to decide whether to rescue the companies or allow them to fail.

It signals a return to the traditional path for financially troubled firms after nearly a year of government aid.

"It wasn't clear that Treasury wanted this to be a turning point, but that's the way it's worked out," said Simon Johnson, a former chief economist with the International Monetary Fund, now a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management.

## Battle between White House and Congress over F-22 jets head toward Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The argument over whether spending \$1.75 billion on seven additional F-22 jets makes good economic sense is coming to a head between Congress and the Obama administration.

Lawmakers from states that would benefit from manufacturing the jets want the money pumped into the aerospace and defense industries. Defense Secretary Robert Gates counters that the money would be better spent on assuring that the military has the tools it needs to fight the unconventional wars taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan.

An amendment to strip the F-22 money from a \$680 billion defense spending policy bill is scheduled for a vote in the Senate on Tuesday. President Barack Obama has threatened what would be the first veto of his presidency if the F-22 money remains in the bill presented for his signature.

"What I have not heard is substantive reason for adding more aircraft in terms of our strategic needs," Gates said Monday while reiterating his opposition to the purchase.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., and the top Republican on the panel, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, sponsored the amendment to take out the F-22 money. But there's strong resistance, particularly from senators representing states where the plane and its parts are made.

## More than 50 militants killed in clashes in northwest Pakistan, military says

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Two days of clashes between security forces and militants in Pakistan's northwestern region near the Afghan border left more than 50 militants and three sol-

diers dead, the military said Tuesday.

There was no way to independently confirm the casualty figures because access to the remote area is restricted for journalists.

Maj. Fazlur Rahman, spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps, said the clashes came during a two-day operation Sunday and Monday in the Maidan area of Lower Dir, a region bordering the Swat Valley where the army has been wrapping up an offensive against Taliban militants.

Pakistan's army also said more than 50 militants had been killed in the clashes.

On Monday, the army reported separate clashes had left 20 people dead, including an officer. The deadliest fighting took place in the Swat Valley, where the military said it killed 12 suspected insurgents in a gunbattle near the town of Dardial.

## Bernanke to update Congress on economy, expected to face tough questions on bailouts, recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke likely will face tough questions this week from lawmakers about taxpayer bailouts of financial companies, slow-moving government efforts to curb home foreclosures and the possibility that the Fed's unprecedented steps to stimulate the economy could spur inflation later on.

The Fed chief is scheduled to deliver a fresh report on the country's economic and financial health in back-to-back sessions on Capitol Hill starting Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. EDT with the House Financial Services Committee.

Skeptical lawmakers also are expected to voice concern about an Obama administration proposal that would expand the Fed's oversight duties over big, globally interconnected financial companies whose failure could imperil the national economy.

Bernanke on Tuesday likely will repeat the central bank's belief that the economy will start growing again sometime in the second half of this year helped by record low interest rates and President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package of tax cuts and increased government spending.

Consumer spending appears to have stabilized, new-home sales are flattening out and declines in capital spending do not look as severe as they had at the beginning of the year, the Fed said last week.

## Schwarzenegger, lawmakers agree on closing California's \$26B budget shortfall

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California may soon be able to stop printing IOUs now that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders have agreed on a compromise plan to close the state's \$26 billion shortfall without tax increases.

The governor and lawmakers announced the compromise late Monday, nearly three weeks after the state began issuing pay-you-later warrants to thousands of state contractors and vendors. Many recipients had trouble finding someone to take them after several major banks stopped accepting IOUs.

The four legislative leaders will begin selling the plan to other lawmakers Tuesday as the best way to get the state back on firm financial ground and prevent further sinking of the state's credit rating, already the lowest in the nation. A contentious vote is expected Thursday.

The agreement composed of cuts, borrowing and fund shifts was not expected to resolve California's financial problems as the economy continues to struggle and tax revenue lags far behind the level of the boom years.

"This is, of course, one of the most difficult economic times to face our state since the Great Depression, so none of these were easy choices," said Assembly Minority Leader Sam Blakeslee.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Intercommunication

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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The bidding:  
East Pass South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

A declarer sometimes finds it impossible to score all the tricks he appears to have because of a lack of entries either to his own hand or to dummy to cash them. This communication problem can plague the defenders as well when one of them has tricks to cash, but no entry to his hand to take them.

Whenever possible, therefore, each side should do whatever it can to interfere with the other side's lines of communication. One of the most common means of achieving this goal is the holdup play, which is

demonstrated in today's hand.

West leads a heart, on which East plays the king, and the outcome depends on South's play to this trick. If declarer ducks, as he should, East returns a heart. South wins, crosses to dummy with a club and leads a diamond. East takes the ace and, having no more hearts, returns either a spade or a club. Declarer wins, drives out the king of diamonds and makes four notrump.

Observe that if South wins the opening heart lead, he goes down. Whenever he tackles diamonds, East takes the ace and returns a heart, establishing West's hearts regardless of whether declarer takes the ace on this trick or the next one. South then goes down either one or two tricks, depending on how he continues.

The reason for ducking East's king at trick one is that South has something to gain and nothing to lose by doing so. Declarer realizes that if the hearts are divided 4-4, it is immaterial whether he takes the first trick or not. Also, if the hearts are divided 5-3, the contract is in danger, but no harm can come from refusing the first trick.

The great advantage of ducking the first heart comes when the hearts are divided 6-2. In that case, the duck assures the contract unless West has the A-K of diamonds, but even then nothing is lost by ducking the king.

Tomorrow: The importance of being earnest.

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## Biden to meet with Ukraine's leaders

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is expected to reaffirm Washington's support for Ukraine's pro-Western course in a series of meetings Tuesday with leaders and opposition representatives.

Ukraine's leaders will be seeking reassurances that Washington's efforts to jump-start strained relations with Moscow will not come at the expense of Kiev's drive to join NATO and integrate with the West.

Moscow firmly opposes NATO membership for Ukraine and for Georgia, another pro-Western ex-Soviet republic.



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# Bird Poop: 'Desert woodpecker' gets very kind assist

For years, the mulberry tree had been a nesting site for birds. As varied as their species, the nests often came crashing to the St. Augustine lawn after violent storms. Remnants of grass, twigs, yucca strings and mud-laced abodes had to be removed before the woman could mow her yard.

Kneeling in the front flowerbed as she pulled unwanted grasses, the homeowner heard a noise coming from one of the lower tree limbs. As the scraping, pounding sounds continued, she decided to investigate. Approaching from the opposite side, the woman slowly inched around the trunk until she spotted a small, black and white bird that was chiseling a quarter-sized hole in a

large limb.

Since the bird's pecking and hacking at the inner lining seemed endless, the woman eased away from the tree. As she entered the house to use the phone, she had a smile on her face. Another tenant for the tree appeared to be a ladder-backed woodpecker.

"You have to come see this," was stated emphatically as an excited lover of birds called to relate her experience. So as not to interrupt the excavation process, we parked curbside and watched through binoculars.

As the bird removed the debris of its labor, we could see tiny specks and dust covering the bristle-like feathers that protected its nostrils. Withstanding the shock to its skull from the constant pounding, the woodpecker used its hard, pointed bill to create a new home.

While we were occupied with "baby season," the homeowner continued to watch the frenzied efforts. When

that activity ceased, she sensed the period of incubation by both parents had begun at the bottom of the tunnel.

After weeks had passed, the woodpeckers were seen making numerous trips to and from the hole. Returning from a planned vacation, the homeowner noticed the parents rushing to different parts of her yard. Her guess that the nestlings were now fledglings proved accurate.

Glancing through the storm door one morning, she noticed one of the young woodpeckers standing on her front porch. Quickly rounding up her cats and a bag of kitty litter, the woman told her protesting pets they would be housebound for a while.

Diligently, the parents fed the youngster on the porch. Approaching its offspring as it stood near the door, the male had just caught a tempting insect. Not anticipating a looming feline on the other side of the glass, the parent tried at the last second to avoid its enemy.

"Thump. A loud thump. It's out cold!" said the woman as she described the impact of the woodpecker. Telling her to support the entire body, I asked her to place it in a box and keep it quiet, warm and dark.

When I looked inside her temporary enclosure, I agreed with her that it was a male ladder-back. Its red cap set it apart from the female, who wears a black one.

The symmetry of its black back, enhanced with white bars, suggested a ladder in appearance. Spotted with white, its black wings gave an illu-



Courtesy photo

Searching for larvae of moth and wood-boring beetles, ants, aphids, caterpillars and flies, the ladder-backed woodpecker extends its long, sticky tongue to capture its prey. Acorns, nuts, berries and cactus fruit are also on its menu. A year round resident of the Southwest, the "desert woodpecker" frequents canyons, mesquite and hackberry trees.

sion that the zebra coloration continued. Even its black tail had outer feathers that were barred. Compared to its noticeable black and white striped face, the male's lower parts were an almost dirty white, with blackish spotting on its sides and breast.

Fascinated by its feet, the woman and I knew that not every bird has such a configuration. To move upward, around and down tree trunks and limbs, the

woodpecker has four toes with long, curved nails. While two toes point forward, the other two are backward. The shorter of the two can be turned at a right angle and assists in the bird's ability to cling to bark.

Several hours later I called the woman. Awake and angry at being enclosed, the woodpecker flew effortlessly in a long enclosure. Not wanting the bird to hurt itself out

of frustration, I gladly returned it to its family and her yard.

As we watched the ladder-back acquaint with his tree, the woman told of its mate coaxing the errant fledgling off the porch and on to her hedge. From there, it had slowly worked its way into the mulberry and safety.

*Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*



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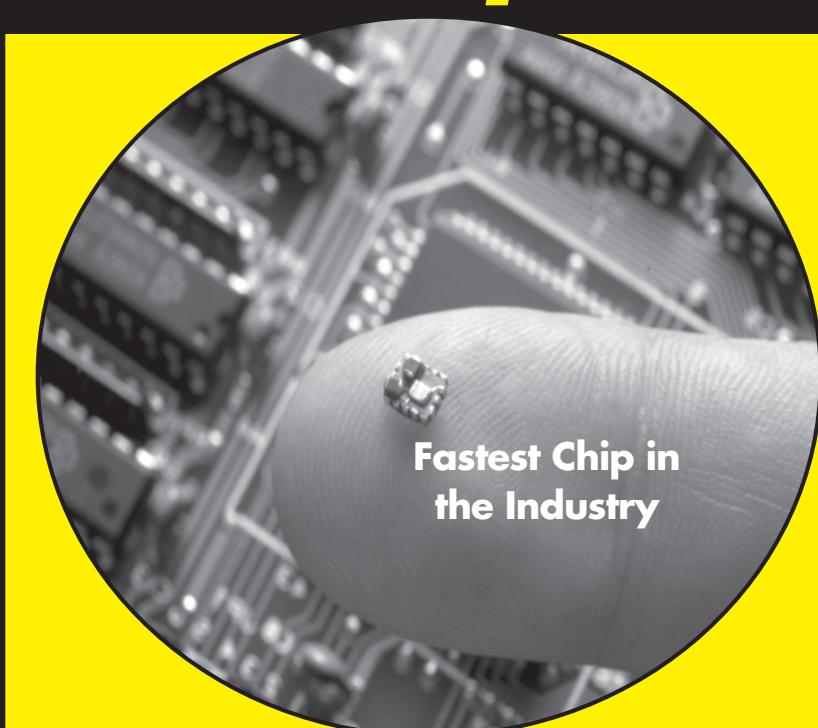


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