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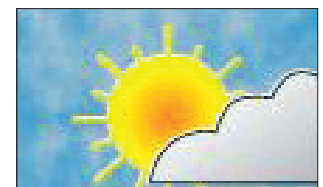
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## County OKs tax reduction

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

After more than six months of negotiations, Howard County commissioners approved a tax abatement for the \$2 million warehouse expansion planned by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association.

The court approved the abatement on a unanimous vote, with Precinct 4 Commissioner Gary Simer making the motion and a second from Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long.

The abatement, which would average a 70 percent cut in taxes over a five-year period for the PCCA, is part of a proposed plan from the cotton cooperative that has already located one large warehousing facility in Howard County, and would bring more in future phases of the project, according to Terry Wegman, executive director for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, which acted as a facilitator for the tax abatement.

"The overall value of the abatement would average out to 70 percent over the five-year period. The first two years of the contract would abate 100 percent of the taxes, 70 percent in year three, 50 percent in year four and 30 percent in year five," said Wegman.

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**HERALD file photo**  
**The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is this week, with 8 p.m. performances Thursday through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Advance tickets can be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, Western Bank locations, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, H-E-B Grocery, Lonestar State Bank and the State National Bank of Big Spring.**

## More arrests expected in home invasion

**Three people charged in investigation so far**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The investigation into the June 5 home invasion in the 600 block of State Street is still under way, according to local law enforcement officials, as police officials say they expect more arrests in the coming weeks.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said three arrests have already been made in the case, but more are expected.

"I can't go into the details of this ongoing investigation," said Everett. "However, I can tell you we are working on the matter and there will be more arrests coming."

According to police reports, numerous suspects — witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front doors of the house at approximately 11 p.m. Everett declined to say exactly how many suspects were believed to be involved in the invasion, citing the ongoing investigation.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities.

"The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Everett said. "The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons

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## Obama ready to seize claims process

**ERICA WERNER**  
 Associated Press Writer

PENSACOLA, Fla. — President Barack Obama is poised to seize the handling of oil spill damage claims from BP, his chief spokesman said Tuesday, as Obama sought to reassure people he's up to the enormous challenge of helping them recover from the environmental disaster. He will outline his specific plans and expectations in a prime-time Oval Office speech.

The aim of wresting the claims-handling from the British petroleum giant, press secretary Robert Gibbs said, would be to make economically distressed individuals and businesses "whole." The claims processing problem is among several difficult issues that Obama planned to address directly in the talk to the nation.

From the White House, Gibbs was interviewed on several network morning news shows as Obama prepared for a second day of briefings — this time in Florida — and got ready for a speech at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. He was to fly back to Washington for the 8 p.m. address from the Oval Office.

The president began his day with a walk along Pensacola Beach with Gov. Charlie Crist and Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen. People were swimming in the emerald green water. But oil is nearby even if it can't be seen, according to Allen.

Onlookers chanted "Save our beach, save our beach."

Voicing increasing confidence in his ability to confront the nation's worst environmental crisis, Obama was set to outline a comprehensive response and recovery program, while assuring not only the people from the afflicted region, but all across America, that his administration will guide the

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## Texas asks court to intervene in fight with EPA

**JUAN A. LOZANO**  
 Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Texas asked a federal court on Monday to intervene in its fight with the Environmental Protection Agency over how the state regulates emissions from oil refineries and other petrochemicals plants.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to review the EPA's rejection in March of a 1995 state law that allows refineries to be modified without being subject to additional regulation, provided the changes don't increase a facility's overall emissions.

The issue is part of an ongoing disagreement Texas and the EPA have over how pollution is regulated in the state, said Terry Clawson, a spokesman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. In recent weeks, debate has focused on the state's use of so-called flexible permits, which sets a general limit on how much pollutants an entire facility can release.

In a news release, Abbott's office criticized the EPA for taking more than a decade before deciding to reject the law and said it filed the legal challenge "in an effort to defend the state's legal rights and challenge improper overreach by the federal government."

An EPA spokesman did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Monday.

When the EPA rejected the law in March, the agency said the rule allows companies that have Texas-issued air permits to avoid certain federal clean-air requirements, including public review, when they modify their plants.

"EPA has determined that

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### Coahoma still on search for girls' basketball coach

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Coahoma athletics has gone through a handful of changes this summer, but the last one should take effect soon.

Coahoma Athletic Director Kin Nichols is still interviewing candidates for the vacant girls' basketball coaching position.

He said there are a few more candidates expected to interview for the job this week. But for Nichols, continuity is key when it comes to the girls basketball opening.

"We'd like for somebody to come in and stay for a while," he said. "Get some stability going in the program. We've got some girls that are eager and this is going to be a good job for somebody and we've got several interviews set up this week."

Coahoma also will see new head coaches in the boys' track and football programs by the time the next school year rolls around.

Stacy Martin, who was the football coach at Coahoma before taking the job at

Alpine, also served as the boys track coach. Raul Sanchez, the assistant coach under Martin for boys track, will take his place.

Nichols is looking for a replacement for former girls basketball coach Derek Faught, who took another job at Brownfield.

The last few weeks have been busy for Nichols and Coahoma athletics, however. Trey Gardner, from Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville was just hired as the new football coach.

There could be some positives to what Coahoma already has in place.

Sanchez has already been a part of the program and Gardner is a Coahoma alumnae.

As far as the girls basketball coach is concerned, Nichols said he is looking for all the good qualities that make good coaches.

"We're looking for a team player to come in and support all programs, that's willing to share kids (in other sports)," he said. "To teach the game as well. A lot of people can coach, not everybody can teach."



File Photo

Coahoma's Kylie Gee attempts a shot during one of the Bulldogettes' games this season. Coahoma Athletic Director Kim Nichols is on the search for a new girls basketball coach after Derek Faught left for Brownfield.

### Big 12 bounces back, lives to play again after near demise

AUSTIN (AP) — Welcome back, Big 12.

The league that was all but given up for dead over the weekend has made quite a comeback: Texas style.

The Big 12 got new life Monday when Texas declined an invitation to join the Pac-10, starting the ball rolling for Oklahoma, Oklahoma state and Texas A&M to announce they too would stay where they are, ending speculation of a high-stakes game of conference musical chairs

that threatened to shake up college athletics across the country.

Everyone followed Texas after Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe convinced his members they would make more money in television and media deals in a 10-team Big 12 than in a 16-team Pac-10.

Details on how that would work are still unclear, but a person with direct knowledge of discussions among the Big 12's remaining members said Texas is clear to set

up its own TV network and keep all proceeds in exchange for remaining in the Big 12. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because final details had not been worked out.

"Everybody is feeling much more confident the Big 12 is going to survive," the person said. "Everybody's going to be making more money."

And all that talk about

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### Little League All-Star teams announced

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

The 2010 Big Spring Little League All-Stars have been announced.

Players, coaches and managers have been selected to four different groups.

For the nine and 10-year-olds, Edward Aguilar, Nicholas Chen, Felix Cruz, Garrett Evans, Kobe Gutierrez, Bryce Hergert, Caleb Hernandez, Jason Miramontes, Tristan Myrick, Bryson Pineda, Robert Valencia, Thomas Williams earned the selection. Manager

Isaac Miramontes also was selected.

For the 10 and 11-year-olds, Holder Biemeret, Dylan Lance, Dylan Marquez, Fletcher Mashburn, Cameron Mikels, Shiv Patel, Ricky Prater, Matthew Rios, Nathan Schneider, Noah Vera and Blaze Yeater made the all-star team. Manager Lloyd Johnson and the coach, Joey Jackson, joined them.

Preston Alexander, Jeremy Cervantes, Mason Coor, Triston DeLeon, Joshua Gutierrez, Toa Maumau, Jacob Scott, Mani Villa III, Gary Watkins, Matthew Wood, Eli-

jah Torres made the all-star team for the 11 and 12-year-olds along with the manager Jamie Scott and coach Corey Wood.

For the 13 and 14-year old, Brett Bromman, Blaise Coffman, Adam Franco, Clayton Galloway, Hunter Hill, Garrett Kligora, Brandon Larson, Matthew Mims, Justin Mize, Sagar Patel, Amen Sanchez made the all-star team. Manager Wes Galloway and coach Layne Mims lead the way for this group.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237.

### Tough task ahead: Boston Celtics know perils of road closeout games

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the Celtics wrapped up Game 5 and moved one win away from an unprecedented 18th championship, the jubilant Boston crowd sent them off to the West Coast for the final time this season with one last chorus of that age-old "Beat L-A!" chant.

Although Kevin Garnett and his teammates appreciate the suggestion, they know it's easier shouted than done — particularly in the playoffs, and especially on the road.

The Celtics will have to overcome their unimpressive record in closeout playoff games away from Boston to finish off the Lakers in Game 6 of the NBA finals on Tuesday night.

For all their remarkable success over the past three seasons, including the 2008 title and another finals run this year, the Celtics have converted just one of their

eight chances to finish a playoff series away from home.

They've got two opportunities at Staples Center, which could be the fifth building in which the Celtics have won a title at the expense of their longtime rivals — or the site of a remarkable Hollywood ending for the Lakers. If Los Angeles survives Tuesday, a championship will be crowned Thursday in Game 7.

"They're playing at home. Home is always where your heart is," Garnett said. "With the severity of the game, it's all-out on both ends for both teams. This will probably be the hardest game of the season, if not of the series, if not of everybody's career, this game coming up."

Even after winning three of the series' last four games, and even after compiling the NBA's second-best road record in the regular season (26-15), the Celtics can't be lulled

into thinking they've got the Lakers on the run.

Although Boston narrowly won Game 2 at Staples Center on the strength of Ray Allen's historic 3-point shooting binge and Rajon Rondo's late-game poise, Boston knows the Lakers are 9-1 at home in the postseason, with everybody from Kobe Bryant to the Lakers' bedraggled bench playing with much more passion and confidence.

"The Lakers ... got home-court advantage, but we've played the best all year on the road," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "We're going to have to beat them at their best, because they're going to be great there, and we can't expect anything else."

While the Celtics have ample reason to be confident, Lakers coach Phil Jackson and Bryant also didn't seem particularly worried before the grand finale. For all their

struggles in the past four games, the Lakers realize they've usually risen to important occasions over the past three seasons — notwithstanding that 2008 finals blow-out loss in Boston's clincher.

"If you look at it, they've come home and carried the 3-2 lead back," Jackson said. "It's basically home court, home court. Now we're going back to home court to win it. That's the way it's supposed to be, isn't it?"

Sure, on paper. In real life, two straight losses in Boston led to a dire series deficit for the Lakers, who hadn't even finished for Bryant's series this season. Yet Jackson even described the Lakers' locker room as "spirited" after losing Game 5 in their lowest-scoring performance of the postseason in the 92-86 loss.

For all their struggles in Boston, the Lakers realize they only have to defend their

home court to win their 16th title — and these Los Angeles crowds will be far from laid-back.

"We have a challenge, obviously, down 3-2," said Bryant, who scored 38 points in Game 5 while his struggling teammates only managed 48. "We let a couple opportunities slip away, but it is what it is. Now you go home, you've got two games at home that you need to win, and you pull your boots up and get to work."

Heading into the finals, the Celtics believed they could beat the Lakers by shutting down Bryant's teammates, even if Kobe went crazy on them. After all, that's what Boston did two years ago in the finals — and so far, it's working splendidly again.

Bryant is averaging 30.2 points per game, while Pau Gasol averages 18.8 points

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### Sports in brief

#### Best of the Rest registration begins

Signups for the 30th annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 26-27 at Comanche Trail Golf Course, have begun.

The tournament, a two-person partnership, will be held in different flights — championship, president's and Best of the Rest. Format will be two-man low shajmble for the championship and president's flight and two-man scramble for the best of the rest.

The tournament is open to the first 80 paid teams and prizes will be paid on scores from Saturday, Sunday and total, organizers said.

Food will be available on the course each day. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information, contact the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

#### Coahoma Ragball Tournament

COAHOMA — The school's annual ragball tournament runs from June 25-June 27 and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

#### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletics. It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLloyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information

#### Big Spring Tennis Camp

Big Spring High School is hosting a tennis camp at the Figure 7 tennis courts starting Monday. The fee is \$65 per person and students of all ages are welcome to participate. The camp will run 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Call Big Spring

## Obituaries

### Dana Rosene Baker

Dana Rosene Baker, 62, daughter of Sydney Rosene Cook of Sun City, Ariz., and the late Roy Rosene, died June 8, 2010, in Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Dana grew up in Big Spring, graduated from Big Spring High School and Howard College. She was a talented pianist and church organist and a longtime member of First United Methodist Church. A beautiful young woman, she was chosen to represent Big Spring in the Miss Astro beauty pageant.

She met and married her husband of 43 years, Carl, while he was a student pilot at Webb Air Force Base and together they spent 24 years in the Air Force. She lived for her family, her music and her Lord. She loved her life as mother and grandmother.

In addition to her mother and her husband, she is survived by daughters Shelly (Yoder) of San Jose, Calif., and Karla (Meier) of Hamburg, Germany; sons David of Corpus Christi and Christopher of Oakland, Md.; five grandchildren; and a brother, Kyle, of Dallas.

She will be buried at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to The Koch Foundation, UPMC Shadyside, 5150 Centre Ave., Suite 413, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232.

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

Peer to Peer Support will be available locally for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families. Volunteers in the community have successfully completed the Bring Everyone In The Zone Peer to Peer Facilitator Training and are fully prepared to help. Our Peer to Peer Support meeting will be held at the VA (300 W Veterans Blvd) fourth floor waiting room Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Will Hoggard, Veteran Liaison Officer at (432) 213-0494.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

Dr. Howard Hornsby of Back in Motion Chiropractic Center, has been diagnosed with cancer. The Dr. Howard Hornsby Cancer Fund has been established at the State National Bank, 901 Main St. The account number is 4051807. Please donate to help defray his treatment costs.

One hour a week or one hour a month can make a big difference in someone's life. Whether it's visiting with a patient or simply working in the office, there are many ways you can be a hospice volunteer. Training to begin June 19, June 26, and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can't make these dates, call. We will work around your schedule. To inquire, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator for Compass Hospice, at (432) 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring. Let's start to make a difference today!

The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.

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## Police blotter

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

- FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ ADAME, 35, of 1419 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- RILEY DON BROOKS, 20, of 1902 Mittel Ave., was arrested Monday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Carleton.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- TIFFNEY TINDOL, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated — open container.
- FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ ADAME, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of cocaine.
- DAVID RENTERIA, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- JAMES DRIVER, 50, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- RILEY BROOKS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of a promise to appear.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Wasson Road and FM 700. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

### 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

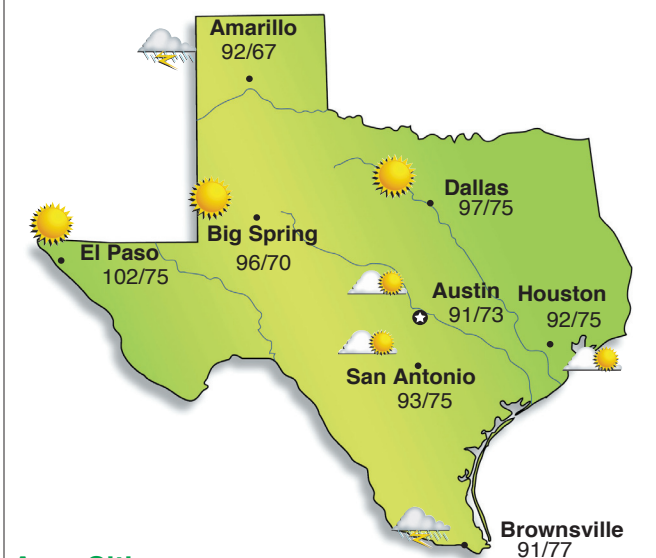
RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 6/16	Thu 6/17	Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19	Sun 6/20
<b>96/70</b> Sunny skies. High 96F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	<b>96/71</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/72</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>98/72</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/71</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM

## Texas At A Glance



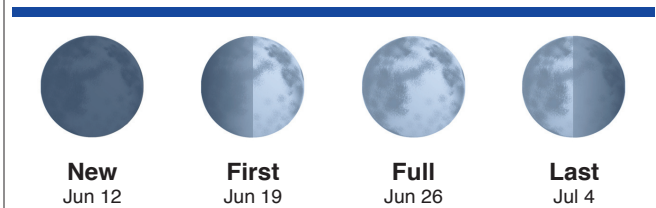
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	73	sunny	Kingsville	93	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	92	67	t-storm	Livingston	94	71	pt sunny
Austin	91	73	pt sunny	Longview	95	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	92	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	77	t-storm	Lufkin	95	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	96	73	sunny	Midland	98	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	95	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	75	pt sunny
Dallas	97	75	sunny	San Antonio	93	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	93	74	mst sunny	San Marcos	92	72	pt sunny
El Paso	102	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	75	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	97	71	windy	Sweetwater	97	72	sunny
Gainesville	96	73	t-storm	Tyler	94	72	mst sunny
Greenville	96	73	mst sunny	Weatherford	96	73	sunny
Houston	92	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	73	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	83	66	sunny
Boston	69	59	rain	New York	72	70	rain
Chicago	82	65	sunny	Phoenix	98	72	sunny
Dallas	97	75	sunny	San Francisco	75	53	sunny
Denver	88	58	mst sunny	Seattle	66	52	pt sunny
Houston	92	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	91	73	mst sunny
Los Angeles	72	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	73	t-storm
Miami	93	80	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 6/16	Thu 6/17	Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19	Sun 6/20
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-26-28-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,440. Winning ticket purchased in: La Porte.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-30-34. Bonus Ball: 16. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-0-6. Sum It Up: 11

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-9. Sum It Up: 14

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# Titans QB: 'I made a mistake'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vince Young had done almost everything right since Tennessee owner Bud Adams gave him his job back last fall. Now he's busy explaining — and apologizing — for an incident at a Dallas strip club. Even his coach is wondering if Young's poor decision will be another setback.

"I'd like to think he's learned a lesson, had no business making the decision that he made and obviously he's got to deal

with those consequences," coach Jeff Fisher said Monday. "I can't comment any further. The league will look into it. The commissioner is very strict about these type of things, and I'm sure we'll hear from him after we get more information."

Young apologized to the Titans, his teammates, his family and fans for his role in a fight early Sunday morning. Young said he hopes commissioner Roger Goodell doesn't come down hard

on him with a suspension because he has owned up to his mistake.

The Titans' second game of the 2010 season Sept. 19 is against Pittsburgh, which will be without Ben Roethlisberger because of his own suspension.

Young was in Dallas Sunday for an autograph session. He said he was headed back to his hotel when he decided to go out on the town with a friend. They went to Club Onyx, which Young said was a bad decision.

# FINALS

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and 10 rebounds despite glaring inconsistency in his game in Boston. That's just about it: Nobody else in purple and gold is averaging more than Andrew Bynum's 9.6 points per game.

And two straight losses undeniably have frazzled the Lakers a bit, with Bryant noticeably furious on the court while Game 5 slipped away. Even Jackson seemed a bit testier than

his usual placid self, yelling at Bryant and Ron Artest during the game and later attempting to inspire his team in the fourth quarter with a false bit of information about the Celtics' propensity for blowing late-game leads.

While Jackson likely senses the biggest danger yet to his streak of 47 straight playoff series victories after winning Game 1, the Celtics sense a golden opportunity to join the Boston greats who won multiple titles while repeatedly denying the Lakers

nine previous times in the NBA finals.

They've just got to finish a playoff series on the road, something they failed to do in Miami and Orlando earlier this season. While Boston's current starters have never lost a playoff series, they also haven't finished one away from TD Garden since the 2008 Eastern Conference finals against Detroit.

"It's going to have to happen if we're going to win the title," Paul Pierce said. "I mean that would be great. I'm not going to try to jinx

# US teen sailor unfazed by deadly ordeal

PARIS (AP) — The 16-year-old California girl whose dream of sailing solo around the world was dashed by a massive wave that snapped her mast says she still loves sailing and hopes one day to circumnavigate the globe.

In an exclusive interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Abby Sunderland also defended her parents, who have come under fierce criticism since the young sailor hit 3-story-high waves Thursday in a remote zone of the Indian Ocean. The accident triggered a tense, 20-hour-long maritime search over the dangerous Southern Ocean and her eventual rescue by a French fishing boat.

Sunderland acknowledged that her adventure

"can look pretty crazy. But the thing is, those people don't know me. And if they did, they wouldn't be criticizing my age."

She spoke by phone from the remote Kerguelen Islands, north of Antarctica, where her rescue boat stopped briefly Tuesday en route to Reunion Island and a true reunion with her family.

"I think that a lot of people are judging me by the standards they have for their teens and other teens that they know ... and thinking 'she's exactly like them,'" Sunderland said. "They don't understand that I've sailed my whole life and I do know what I'm doing out there."

"Storms and bad weather, it's the chance you

take when you're sailing around the world. And I was up for it, and my parents knew I was," she added.

Last year, Sunderland's brother Zac briefly became the youngest person to sail solo around the world when he was 17. That unofficial record now belongs to 16-year-old Australian Jessica Watson, who completed her around-the-world solo sailing trip in May.

Sunderland, whose father is a shipwright and has a yacht management company, set sail from Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey in her boat, Wild Eyes, on Jan. 23. But she ran into equipment problems and had to stop for repairs soon after beginning her journey.

She gave up the goal of setting the record in April but continued on, hoping to complete the journey.

She lost satellite communication with her family last Thursday, after hitting rough seas in a remote part of the Indian Ocean.

Before losing contact, Sunderland had reported that her boat was being tossed about by waves up to 30 feet (9 meters) tall.

She set off her emergency beacons and was rescued on Saturday, 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) west of Australia.

Sunderland declined to go into details about how her 40-foot (12-meter) yacht became disabled.

It has since been abandoned and sunk in the Southern Ocean.

# Burrell homers again in Giants win against struggling Orioles

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pat Burrell spent a couple weeks at home after he was cut by Tampa Bay last month. He wasn't sure about his future, so he's definitely enjoying his time with the San Francisco Giants.

Burrell homered for the second time in four days, Freddy Sanchez drove in four runs and San Francisco beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-2 on Monday night.

"It's hard to have a better game than what we put together tonight," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "We just had quality at-bat after quality at-bat."

Burrell hit a leadoff drive in San Francisco's five-run second inning, giving the Giants a 2-1 lead. Burrell, who also homered in a 6-2 victory over Oakland on Friday night, signed a minor league deal with San Francisco on May 29 and is batting .407 since he was promoted on June 4.

"I just kept telling myself, 'You still have something to offer.' For whatever reason the timing was right and it worked," said Burrell, who grew up near San Francisco and graduated from Bellarmine Prep in San Jose. "Not many guys get that kind of a chance so I'm trying

to enjoy every minute of it."

Also in the second, Pablo Sandoval and Andres Torres had RBI doubles, Sanchez singled in a run and Aubrey Huff added a sacrifice fly that made it 5-1.

Jonathan Sanchez pitched 7 2-3 innings for the Giants, allowing two runs and eight hits. He struck out five and walked one in his third victory in four outings after a 2-4 start.

Matt Wieters hit a solo homer for the Orioles, who have lost 18 of 21. Baltimore also fell to 1-6 in interleague play this season.

"If we keep giving up

so many runs early it makes it hard to fight back," Orioles interim manager Juan Samuel said. "We tie it up and the guys are feeling good, then we give up five runs right away. That's not going to do it."

San Francisco has won four straight to move a season-high nine games over .500 and pull within a half-game of NL West-leading San Diego, which lost 6-3 to Toronto.

Jonathan Sanchez (5-5) lowered his ERA to 2.78. The left-hander, who threw the Giants' first no-hitter in nearly 35 years last July, has allowed eight earned runs over his last five starts.

# BIG 12

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the Pac-16, the first super conference that would span from Seattle to the Lone Star state? Done.

"University of Texas president Bill Powers has informed us that the 10 remaining schools in the Big 12 Conference intend to stay together," Pac-10 commissioner Larry Scott said in a statement. "We are excited about the future of the Pac-10 Conference and we will continue to evaluate future expansion opportunities

under the guidelines previously set forth by our presidents and chancellors."

Powers declined comment when asked by the AP about details of the deal that kept Big 12 together.

The conference, born in 1996 when the Big 8 merged with members of the Southwest Conference, seemed to be falling apart last week when Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-10) bolted. Now the Big 12 is back, though there are still questions about how it will conduct its business.

Among those that still need to be answered by

Beebe is how and why the Big 12 will be more lucrative now, especially when it cannot hold a conference title game with only 10 members.

Beebe did not return phone messages Monday, but plans to hold a conference call with reporters on Tuesday.

Last year, Big 12 schools divided between \$7 million and \$10 million each depending on how many appearances they made on regional and national TV.

At Big 12 meetings earlier this month, Beebe said he expected huge increases in rights fees from both Fox and ESPN.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Opportunity Knocks But Once

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 3♠ Pass  
4♠

Opening lead — five of hearts.  
Let's say you're East and partner leads a heart against four spades. Dummy follows low, and you win the heart with the king. What would you play next?  
The best return is the three of diamonds directly into dummy's A-Q, but very few players could bring themselves to make such an extraordinary play. The diamond return appears suicidal, but it is nevertheless the right play. Observe that if you return a diamond, declarer goes down one, while if you return any-

thing else, declarer makes the contract.

How can one reason out that the diamond return at trick two is correct? Well, it's not as difficult as you might think. All you have to do is to count declarer's tricks by looking at dummy and giving proper weight to South's three-spade bid. This tells you that if you defend passively, South is sure to wind up with 10 tricks — at least five spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

To beat the contract, you must therefore develop a diamond trick before your A-K of clubs are forced out. True, your partner must have the ten of diamonds and South must have at least three diamonds, but that is something you are forced to assume.

Of course, it's also possible for your partner to have a doubleton club, in which case leading the K-A and another club would defeat the contract. However, there is a much better chance of finding South with either three or four diamonds than with precisely four clubs.

Besides, you can't garner any accolades by making a routine return such as the king of clubs at trick two, when the spectacular return of a low diamond is sure to get you a few pats on the back if it proves to be the only way to beat the contract.

Tomorrow: Abandoning the percentage play.  
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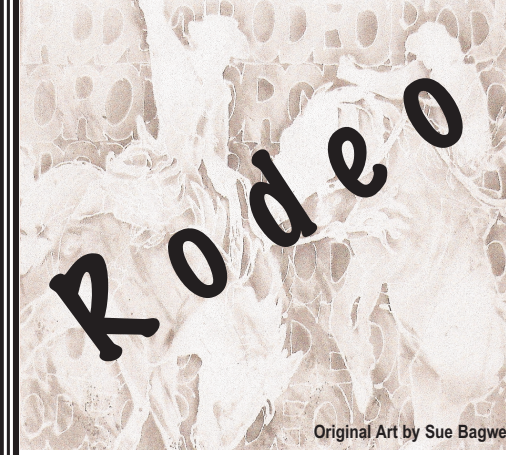
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**At a glance**

**American hunting Osama bin Laden with a gun and sword detained**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — An American armed with a pistol and a 40-inch sword was detained in northern Pakistan and told investigators he was on a solo mission to kill Osama bin Laden, a police officer said Tuesday.

The man was identified as 52-year-old Californian construction worker Gary Brooks Faulkner, said officer Mumtaz Ahmad Khan.

He was picked up in a forest in the Chitral region late on Sunday, he said.

"We initially laughed when he told us that he wanted to kill Osama bin Laden," said Khan. But he said when officers seized the pistol, the sword and night-vision equipment, "our suspicion grew."

He was questioned Tuesday by intelligence officials in Peshawar, the main northwestern city.

**Swift-water rescues from roadways in Oklahoma flood, but officials say it could have been worse**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Record-busting rainfall in Oklahoma led to a day of dramatic rescues

from swift floodwaters, but officials and residents acknowledged the outcome could have been far worse.

No one had to be hospitalized Monday, according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

There was just one unconfirmed report of a death, in Lawton on Monday night. Stranded motorists climbed trees and waited for rescuers, including one crew whose boat sank and had to be saved themselves.

"We were lucky to get the people out of the high-water areas," said Oklahoma City Fire Department Battalion Chief Tommy Iago. "The places we couldn't walk them out, we used boats."

Fire officials in Oklahoma City and the nearby suburb of Edmond launched more than 60 swift-water rescues after a barrage of thunderstorms dumped as much as 10 inches of rain in some areas in a matter of hours. More rain fell Monday night, and the National Weather Service said the 7.62 inches at Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City topped the previous record of 7.53 inches set on Sept. 22, 1970.

Cynthia Banister said fire crews had to rescue a man clinging to a tree near her Edmond home after water topped his SUV.

**EPA**

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this regulation does not meet several federal Clean Air Act requirements," the agency said in a March news release.

The disagreement has become politicized in recent weeks as Gov. Rick Perry called a threat by the EPA's regional director to remove Texas' regulatory authority by midsummer if the state fails to comply with the federal Clean Air Act a challenge to states' rights.

The federal Clean Air Act requires state-issued permits to set limits on each of the dozens of individual production units inside a plant. The EPA says Texas' permitting system masks pollution, allows industry to emit too many pollutants and makes it impossible to regulate emissions and protect public health.

Abbott's office said the EPA's rejection of the 1995 law threatens a state regulatory program that has successfully reduced harmful emissions, including a 22 percent reduction in ozone levels and a 46 percent reduction of nitrogen oxide levels since 2000.

This outpaces the 8 percent ozone reduction and 27 percent nitrogen oxide reduction that were recorded nationally during this same time period, Abbott's office said.

**COUNTY**

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"This is a fairly conservative abatement in the world of economic development. Abatements can go up to 10 years, but after looking at the

development involved and number of jobs the project would create, the abatement committee recommended this five-year deal."

Wegman said the actual cash value of the abatement will not be known until the expanded warehousing is added to the tax roll and its

value has been established by the Howard County Appraisal District.

Jay T. Cowart, director of warehouse operations for the PCCA, has met with commissioners several times this year to discuss the abatement, which was originally turned down by the court in

December.

Also during the meeting, the court approved the State-wide Automated Victim Notification Service Maintenance Grant, a contract between Howard County and the Texas Attorney General's Office for 2011.

The commissioners also re-

tired into executive session for a brief period, but no action was taken as a result of the closed-door session.

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**INVASION**

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at the couple's children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present."

After the suspects fled the scene of the crime, Everett said a pair of police officers spotted a suspicious vehicle.

"After completing the robbery, the suspects fled the house, threatening to kill the entire family if they contacted the police," said Everett. "At about 11:17 p.m. two narcotics officers traveling in an unmarked police unit were going north in the 600 block of State and observed a small, light blue passenger car traveling south without headlights.

"Officers captured two of the subjects, one of

whom attempted to discard a handgun," Everett added. "At this point, however, the robbery had not yet been reported. It was reported moments later, however. Property taken from the victims' home was recovered at the arrest scene."

Felix Jaramillo, 31, and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect into custody shortly after the home invasion was reported to law enforcement of-

ficials. Both were been charged with aggravated robbery.

Shortly after, 21-year-old Phillip G. Martinez was arrested on a number of charges, including theft, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and aggravated robbery.

Everett said the male victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the attack, was taken to the emergency room at

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

"Despite the terrible, cowardly nature of the crime, the victims are handling it well," said Everett. "No one wants to think something like this can happen to them, especially in the safety of their own home. A crime like this, especially with small children involved, is simply intolerable."

Anyone with informa-

tion regarding this or any other crime should contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. Information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals can be worth up to \$1,000 in reward money.

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**OBAMA**

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country to a recovery.

On the matter of the disputed damage payments, Gibbs said, "We have to get an independent claims process. I think everyone agrees that we have to get BP out of the claims processes and, as I said, make sure that fishermen, hotel owners have a fast, efficient and transparent claims process so that they're getting their livelihoods replaced."

"This disaster has taken their ability to make a living away from them," he said. "We need to do this quickly, and we have to make sure that whatever money goes into that — that in no way caps what BP is responsible for. Whatever money they owe to anybody in the Gulf, they're going to have to pay regardless of the amount."

He noted in one interview that Obama "has the legal authority" to make the claims process independent. And Gibbs said "the best way to prevail upon BP is to take the claims process

away from BP."

"The president will either legally compel them," he said, "or come to an agreement with BP to get out of the claims process, give that to an independent entity."

Obama's address to the nation sets the stage for his showdown White House meeting Wednesday with top BP executives. BP leased the rig that exploded April 20 and led to the leak of millions of gallons of coast-devastating crude. It's part of an effort by Obama, who's been accused of appearing somewhat detached as the oil spill disaster has unfolded, to convince a frightened Gulf Coast and a skeptical nation that he is in command.

Obama was to deliver the speech upon his return from a two-day swing through Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, his fourth trip to the Gulf since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion that set off the disaster, but his first outside the hardest-hit state of Louisiana.

The trip gave him ammunition for the speech and for his meeting with BP executives where he intends to finalize the details of a victims com-

ensation fund. He visited vacant beaches in Mississippi where the threat of oil had scared off tourists, heard the stories of local employers losing business, watched hazmat-suited workers scrub down boom in a staging facility in Theodore, Ala., and took a ferry ride through Mobile Bay and then to Orange Beach, Ala., where oil has lapped on the shore.

"We're gathering up facts, stories right now so that we have an absolutely clear understanding about how we can best present to BP the need to make sure that individuals and businesses are dealt with in a fair manner and a prompt manner," the president said Monday.

"I am confident that we're going to be able to leave the Gulf Coast in better shape than it was before," he said.

That pledge was reminiscent of George W. Bush's promise to rebuild the region "even better and stronger" than before Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Bush could not make good on that promise, and

Obama did not spell out how he would fulfill his Tuesday's speech will give him the chance.

Presidents reserve the Oval Office for rare televised addresses. When they take their place behind the desk, it's a time for solemnity and straight talk — often a moment of history. There is a sense of gravity. One man by himself before one television camera speaking to the nation.

Oval Office addresses typically aren't lengthy discourses like a State of the Union, but if a president has to go for broke, this is where he does it. Bush addressed the nation from the Oval on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001. Ronald Reagan spoke there after the space shuttle Challenger explosion. John F. Kennedy grimly explained the Cuban missile crisis. Richard Nixon announced his resignation.

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## OUR VIEW

# Get ready to rodeo, Big Spring!

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we await Thursday night's opening performance of the 77th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run through Saturday, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The rodeo will again feature the Mutton Bustin' competition featuring local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills.

Advance tickets for the rodeo are priced at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, Western Bank (Big Spring and Coahoma locations), Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B. Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

The rodeo officially begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at Third and Owens Streets and makes its way through downtown Big Spring.

There is something special each night of the rodeo — dances are set for all three nights.

Simply put, the 77th Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will once again provide something for virtually everyone. Yes, we've said that before, but it's absolutely true.

So shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join us at the Rodeo Bowl.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your answer, Lord, solves today's dilemmas. May we trust in Your word.

Amen

# Another round of Obamaganda

So much for these bizarre theories that President Barack Obama is toying with a grand triangulation strategy, whereby he abandons his Democratic congressional allies in the 2010 elections and allows Republicans to win and save his fiscal fat from the fire. The New York Times is reporting that Obama is unleashing yet another public relations blitz to sell his already passed but woefully unpopular health care bill, at least in part to help Democrats who supported the boondoggle.

As soon as Obama can spare the time to take a break from entertaining himself with publicly funded rock 'n' roll parties, he'll begin an Obamaganda campaign to convince the stubbornly unsophisticated majority that Obamacare is the panacea for not only their health needs but also the nation's financial difficulties. I wish I were being facetious.

The first stop on his tour will be Wheaton, Md., where he'll conduct a nationally televised stunt with senior citizens timed to coordinate with the mailing of the first batch of his magnanimous \$250 rebate checks to Medicare beneficiaries to help pay for their medicines.

Why not? This president and his team of fellow Alinskyites are not particularly into governance. They can only dawdle, hyperventilate and scapegoat over the Gulf oil spill. They can only form fiscal commissions and make speeches about our accelerating fiscal crisis.

They have no problem reverting to "community organizing," and that's what they plan to do in perpetuity — at least on

Obamacare.

The Times says the Wheaton event will be just the first in a series of "milestone moments" — we'll call Wheaton a "senior moment" — in which Obama "will weigh in" as various "consumer-friendly provisions" of Obamacare "take effect."

I'm just wildly speculating here, but I'm guessing Obama won't be holding similar town hall meetings to celebrate the more painful provisions of Obamacare or to answer questions about the many frauds he committed in the process of forcing passage of this bill.

For instance, I'm taking a stab that Obama won't be doing the Sunday talk show circuit to field questions about recent reports that Obamacare doesn't allocate nearly enough money to cover the estimated 5.6 million to 7 million Americans with pre-existing medical conditions who will qualify for temporary high-risk insurance pools.

I'm betting he won't respond substantively to the study by the Center for Studying Health System Change that Obamacare "could leave hundreds of thousands of potential participants with serious medical problems unable to obtain coverage" and that the \$5 billion earmarked for the pools might cover as few as 200,000 people a year.

I'm also stepping out in conjecturing that Obama won't be going on his beloved Fox News to rebut claims by The Washington Examiner's fine editorial page editors that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius "has resorted to sending millions of senior Americans a sales brochure that is packed with blatantly false claims about Obamacare."

But we are probably safe in assuming that Obama's targeting of seniors with the brochure and television blitzes is no accident. Indeed, The Hill reports that the

administration and Democrats "have especially focused on seniors, who make up a crucial voting bloc in November and who traditionally show up at the polls in higher numbers than younger citizens."

But in fairness, I must confess that I've hedged my bets on the Fox News prediction, because the Times reports that former White House communications director Anita Dunn will have a major role in orchestrating the "milestone moments" campaign to deceive, er, inform the administration's subjects, er, public about the vast wonders of Obamacare. Dunn, you may recall, was the principal general in the administration's war against Fox News.

The Times assures us, though, that Dunn won't be alone.

"A veritable army of outside groups" will be "orchestrating campaigns to echo the White House message." This "advocacy campaign ... will last until after the law is fully put into place in 2014." Heading up the effort will be none other than President Obama himself, who "intends to stand by his pledge" not to abandon Democrats who supported Obamacare. His senior adviser David Axelrod said Obama is eager to "campaign for folks who showed the courage to stand up. ... I think he'll do it with a special relish."

Here's hoping he does it with extra-special relish and mustard. He has helped ensure defeat for almost every candidate he's campaigned for to date. If this streak continues, his stamp of approval will be the figurative kiss of death for all candidates who would thwart the indispensable conservative effort to repeal and replace Obamacare.

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# We must budget, pay for priorities

In a June 8 letter to the leaders of the federal agencies, top White House officials wrote, "The American people deserve a government that spends every taxpayer dollar with as much care as taxpayers spend their own dollars."

Few would disagree that the federal government owes it to the public to be fiscally responsible. However, if taxpayers actually followed the budget-busting example being set by Congress, American families would be living far beyond their means.

This year alone, the federal government is borrowing 40 cents out of every dollar it spends, and it is spending 67 percent more than it is earning. If Americans followed suit, a household with an income of \$62,000 would spend as if it were earning \$105,000.

Adopting the government's habits, it would not take Americans long to become perilously buried in debt and facing financial ruin.

Out-of-control spending has put the United States in a tenuous economic position. The national public debt hit an historical \$13 trillion dollars in May.

In pursuit of its costly and damaging big government agenda, the Obama administration has increased the total public debt by \$2 trillion — an increase of 23 percent — in

just 16 months. If the spending continues at its present rate, at the end of Obama's first term, he will have added an additional \$6 trillion to the public debt.

In an effort to staunch the deficit spending, Congress passed a "pay as you go" mandate in January, requiring lawmakers to pay for what they spend.

However, since the enactment of "pay as you go," Congressional leaders have skirted their own rule by designating spending projects as "emergency" and allowing them to be added to the deficit, rather than backed up by existing assets.

A whopping \$1.094 trillion in "emergency" spending has been pushed through this Congress, including the so-called Stimulus bill. This is on top of a new report by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office stating the health care bill is expected to cost \$115 billion more than the administration initially claimed.

And there is no end in sight. Congress is now considering legislation that will add even more to our growing debt. Many of the initiatives in this bill are important, such as increasing physicians' reimbursement for treating Medicare patients.

But if there are truly national priorities that need to be addressed, we should find a way to budget and pay for them by cutting back in other areas — just as American families must budget and pay for their priority spending items.

As the bill stands now, it will add almost \$79 billion to our deficit over the next ten years and includes provisions that

are job-killing tax increases on small businesses. Republicans are seeking fiscally responsible solutions to extend critical programs in a way that will not add to our country's \$13 trillion national debt.

We must get our financial house in order — even if that means tough choices — before we do far-reaching and long-term damage to our nation's economic security.

We need only to look across the Atlantic to see the effects of protracted deficit spending. European countries like Greece, Spain, Ireland, and Portugal that have long lived beyond their means are in such states of debt that the value of the euro is plunging and threatening the stability of global markets.

It is foolish to think that America can continue to borrow at this accelerated rate and not face the same fiscal consequences. It is time for common sense to be introduced to the President and Congressional leaders.

What's most unfortunate is that, even as so many Americans keep a close rein on their finances, they will still be on the hook for the federal government's spending spree.

At our present debt level, every man, woman, and child would have to pay \$42,000 each to pay off our nation's financial obligations — that is a burden that Americans do not deserve.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.*



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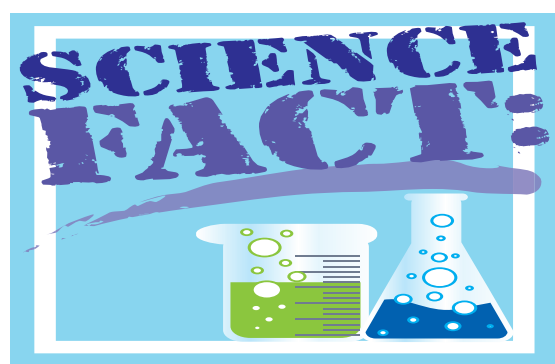
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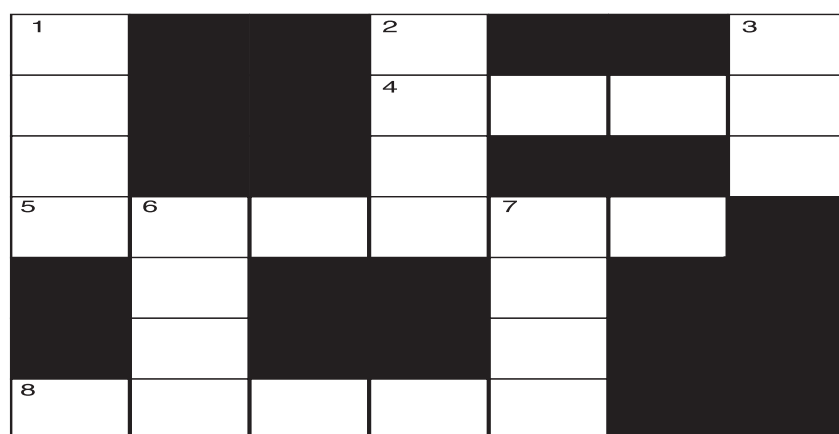
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Answers:  
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Down  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Most people are brought up with the idea that it's not polite to show off. But if everyone followed the edict, life would be so boring. What would we do without those naturally inclined boasters, storytellers and drama queens to stir the action? As the moon follows Venus into Leo, the sign of the entertainer, the showoff



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will be exalted. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're not one to feel down for no particular reason. You usually know the reason, and now, the more specific you can get about it the better. Write it down. You may be able to solve this one in a single day! **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your mind is made up one way, and then new information comes to turn it in another direction. It's not that you're wishy-washy. It's just that you're adaptable. That's smart. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll feel about as snappy as you look, so

putting the effort into your appearance will be worthwhile. Your alert and cheerful mood will attract upbeat social opportunities. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're not going to accomplish everything on your mental list in one day. Make a deliberate choice about what to cut. This will be empowering, whereas simply not getting around to it will be draining. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). To avoid getting dragged down by vague worries, make them more clear. Write them down. You'll see that some of them are totally ridiculous, while others are easily handled. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The question to ask yourself is, is a situation coming to a natural resolution, or are you just abandoning it? Double-check that you have really done everything in your power to make it work. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Emotional decisions may not be the least bit logical. Intuitive decisions may not be, either. So how do you tell the difference? Intuition speaks with a powerful calm. Emotion calls out in a high-pitched scream. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being too close to a situation causes problems. Nearsighted perspective

stress. To clear your head, get involved in activities that have nothing to do with your normal life. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll give someone free reign, and they will not do what you want them to do. Then something remarkable happens. You won't feel mad. You'll realize this person's nature and accept it. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The care and feeding of you is a very specific list of requirements and one that is changing all the time. You'll make an adjustment in this regard that will help you flourish. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be in a position to motivate others. First compliment your subject on the progress that has been made, and then address any new issues that have come up. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a particular way of dealing with difficult people so that they no longer behave poorly around you. You will earn extra money because you have this special gift. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 15). You don't feel the need to publicize like you once did. The magnetic mystery around you gets you noticed for

the right reasons, and only as much as you want to be. The next three months offer a plethora of opportunities to enjoy life, be silly and laugh. A sale is featured in August. A personal victory happens in December. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 35, 19, 24 and 1. **ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I absolutely do not like my sister's boyfriend, so imagine my horror when she told me last week that they are planning to get married. I broke out in a sweat! He's an Aries, and she's a Gemini, and this is a mistake! How can I stop it? Should I object, or will that only make her want to marry him more? I'm pretty sure my whole family dislikes him. I'm a Sagittarius." Sagittarius people are usually pretty open-minded, and it's likely that your "live and let live" policy has served you well. You sense correctly that this rapidly closing window of time is crucial to the development of family relations, and indeed, this is the time to use whatever influence you have over your sister. Be extremely careful. Invite her to talk about her feelings for her fiancé and to share his positive qualities, as well as her

doubts — every bride-to-be has at least some degree of trepidation. Appear to be completely impartial. Be the best listener you could ever be. The only way you'll be able to make a difference is to prompt your bright Gemini sister to come to her own conclusion. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Courtney Cox is an intellectual Gemini, with Mercury in Gemini, as well, indicating that she's a quick study who has fun exploring many different disciplines and interests. Cox has been a model, an interior designer, a student of architecture and a sometimes-musician. Venus in Cancer reveals that her role as mother to her daughter, Coco, brings her the utmost delight and satisfaction.

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**NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT AND ACID RAIN PERMIT**  
DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 091  
**APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT.** Power Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an Electric Services facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 091, Application No. 14585, to authorize operation of the C.R. Wing Cogeneration Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at northwest corner of Alon Refinery, 2 miles east of Big Spring and 1/4 mile north of Interstate 20, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2009. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Center Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 3300 North A Street, Building 4-107, Midland, Texas 79705-5406; and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512)239-1540. **PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.** Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit. **A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing.** The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is

received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing. **Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html) and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** **A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application.** This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122. **MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application. **INFORMATION.** For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd., by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt at (432)263-8468 extension 14. Notice Issuance Date: April 27, 2010 #6550 May 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 and June 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2010

Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Is sex over in your 50s? My husband started sleeping on the couch 10 years ago because he claimed I snored. I had surgery that was supposed to alleviate it, but since we still don't sleep together, I'm not sure whether that was the real problem and, if so, whether I'm cured. We get together occasionally for sex, but the last time was three months ago. My husband isn't the type to say "I love you," and when I say it, he replies, "OK." We only kiss when he leaves for work in the morning and before I go to bed (by myself). And most of the time, it's not a real kiss. He simply offers me his cheek. We have talked about it, and he promises to do better. He said he would see the doctor, but hasn't. Nor has he done anything else to improve the situation. I would adore a big hug and a real kiss and to be told "I love you." I know he cares for me, but it feels like I am living with my brother. I exercise and am slender and think I look pretty nice. I'm almost always in a good mood and try to be complimentary of him. Should I just accept how

things are, or should I give him an ultimatum? Any advice? — *Married and Alone*  
**Dear Alone:** We don't recommend an ultimatum unless you are willing to follow through with the threat. While there are myriad possible explanations for your husband's lack of interest, the most likely is that he has low testosterone levels. Insist he see his doctor. If necessary, offer to make the appointment for him, and alert the doctor to your concerns in advance.  
**Dear Annie:** I have been with "Paul" for the past 10 years, and we have three kids. We never married. Paul was once abusive both emotionally and physically. He got better when our first child was born six years ago. I will always care about Paul, but I don't love him anymore. He knows this because I've told him. The problem is, Paul will not leave the house.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

We both agree that things between us will never work out, but he refuses to go. I have been seeing another man for the past seven months, but we haven't been intimate because of Paul. So would it be wrong if I started having sex with my boyfriend while Paul is still in the house? — *Tired of Being Held Back*  
**Dear Tired:** Even though you never married, you and Paul may have a legally binding common-law marriage. Unless you want to continue sharing a home with him, one of you needs to leave. Talk to an attorney about how to disentangle the finances and home ownership, and have a custody and visitation agreement in place for the sake of your children, who need both their parents. Please take care of this before you start having sex with another man in the same house as your children's father.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Terrified and Confused in Canada," who wanted to take a break from her boyfriend of three years, but worried about losing him forever. Three years ago, I went through a heart-wrenching breakup with my long-time boyfriend, "Zane." We loved each other, but were having a lot of problems that weren't getting resolved. Two years later, we started talking again and worked through our old problems. We are now living together and talking about marriage. Taking a break did wonders for our relationship. I love him more than ever because I know what my life would be like without him. Zane and I are much happier knowing we are sure this is what we want. — *Head Over Heels in Minnesota*  
**Dear Minnesota:** You and Zane were wise to understand that you needed the perspective a break offered.  
*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.*  
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## Bird Poop:

# God always sends a bird for my trials

The persistent ringing of the phone interrupted my Saturday morning reverie. Leaving my half-finished cup of coffee, I listened as the caller described the large bird in his backyard.

Having served with the man on our newspaper's advisory board, I was to become acquainted with his compassionate side. "I never thought I'd be that close to a hawk," he continued.

Telling him we'd come immediately, we grabbed the nets and carrier. As we entered the older residential area, Art asked for the house number again. Arriving at what we termed "the circle," we stopped in front of the spacious home we had always admired.

Neatly manicured, the lush grass and shrubs accented the porch and striking entry. Turning into the driveway, we noticed the gate to the backyard was being opened.

"It's still here," said the man as he held the gate slightly ajar. Quickly closing and latching the wooden barrier behind us, he led us into a continuation of the beautiful landscaping we had seen from the road. Stately oaks provided shade and filtered sunlight to a carpet of grass and sculptured flowerbeds.

On the back porch stood a last year's young raptor. Having caught a great-tailed grackle, the immature red-tailed hawk had finished devouring all but the wings and tail feathers.

Born the previous summer, the bird of prey was still brown above and mottled with white that caused the look of a "V" on its wings and back. Below the bird was a buff-white. Most noticeable were narrow sepia to brown streaks on its throat, neck and belly.

Having seen this specie perching on telephone poles and fence posts and soaring over open country, we were amazed at its being within the city limits inside a back yard. With its normal diet being rodents, snakes and carrion, we knew the raptor had availed itself of any prey that was readily available. A grackle would have to do.

With our next step toward the porch, it tried to leave. Flapping its broad wings, it easily coasted to the other end of the yard. Approached, the hawk repeated its effort to leave the yard. Without the ability to gain more than a foot or two feet above the ground, it essentially was grounded.

While I tried to get closer to the bird, Art positioned himself near the porch. In another attempt at flight, the red-tail landed near the grackle's remains and close to the picture window overlooking the backyard. Already stressed, the raptor kept looking in the window as it walked along the porch.

Distracted by this mirror image of a hawk, the red-tail offered Art the opportunity to use our net. Even more confused, the bird struck with its talons at the woven enclosure and only managed to entangle itself.

After carefully removing the net, we extended the bird's wings to check for any signs of a fracture or calcification. Finding none, we did notice its brown epaulets that



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Courtesy photo

Seen throughout the year in our area, the red-tailed hawk starts molting toward its adult plumage during its second summer. Upon reaching maturity, its tail leaves nothing to doubt. Its rufous or rusty appearance is outstanding as the raptor soars on West Texas thermals.

enhanced the leading edges were becoming darker with maturity.

With the hawk secure in a carrier, Art took our equipment and patient to the vehicle. As our caller and I left the back yard, he wondered again why the bird was there. Knowing of his health issues and poor prognosis, I offered what I had learned from over 30 years of rescues.

"When needed the most, God always sends a bird," I said. From personal experience and the numerous people I had met was a common feeling about the unusual occurrence of a bird in our lives.

Weighing the hawk at South Plains Wildlife Center in Lubbock, a volunteer noted it was 500 grams, half of what it should be. A man who bands their birds before release felt it appeared to have head trauma. Able to fly, it could not roost. He felt if it did not recover mentally, it would be a good prospect as an educational bird.

Weeks later, the raptor had gained weight and was starting to roost. Moved to a larger facility, the bird attained the highest perches and easily flew the length of the

See **HAWK**, Page 7A

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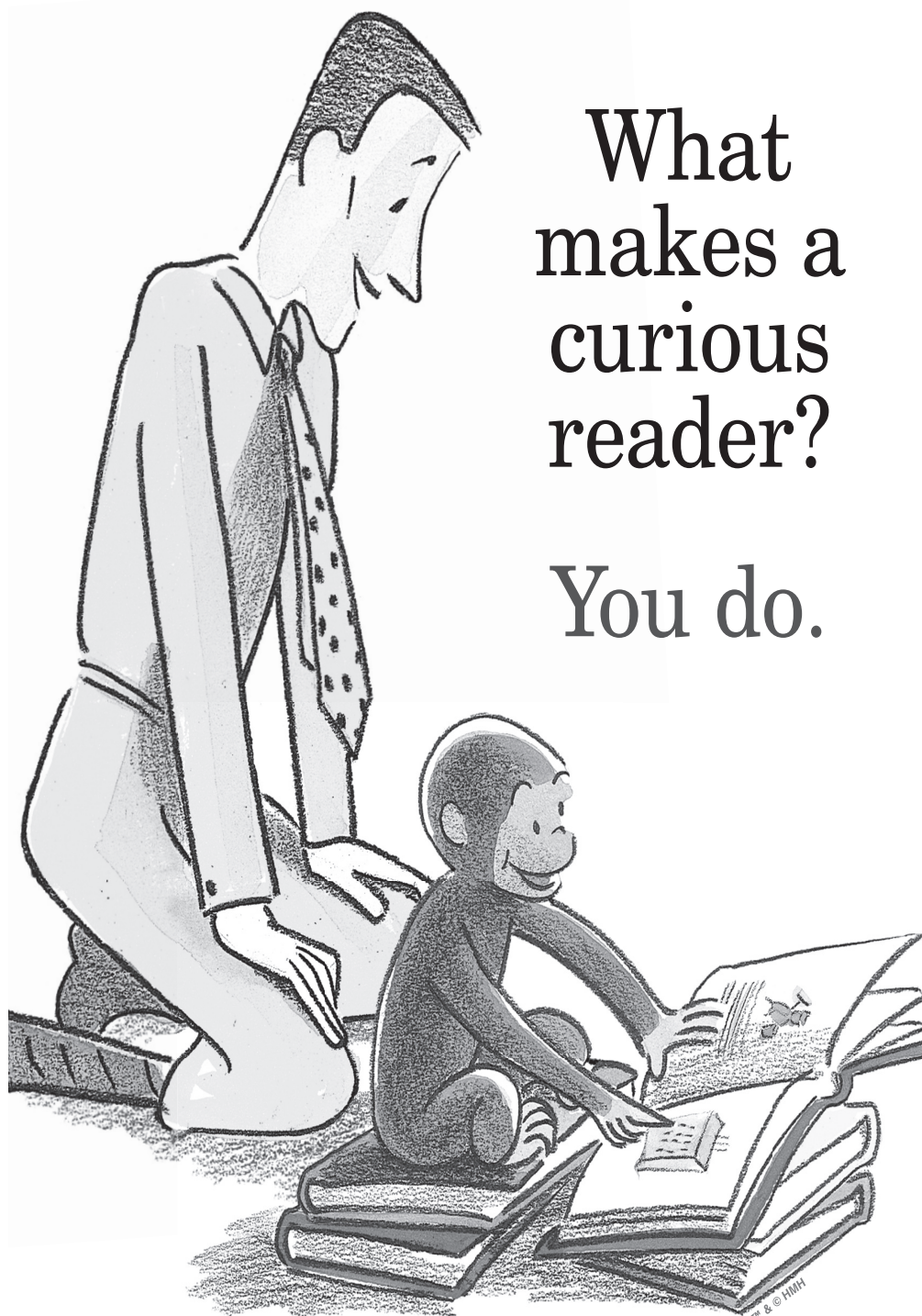
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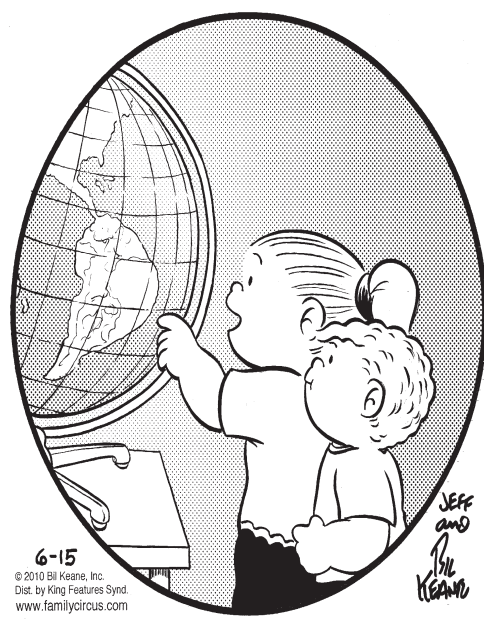
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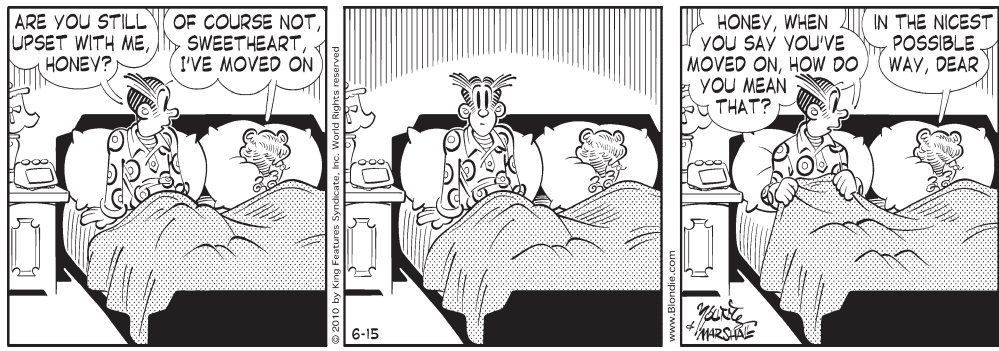


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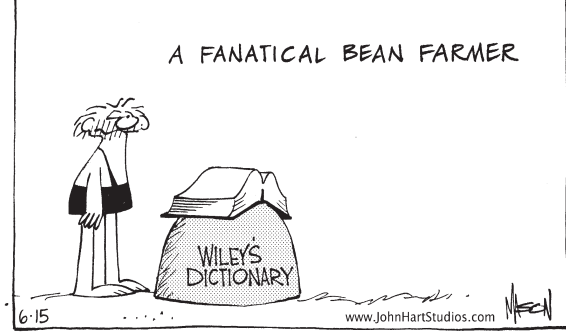
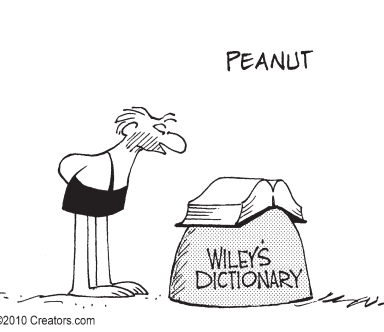
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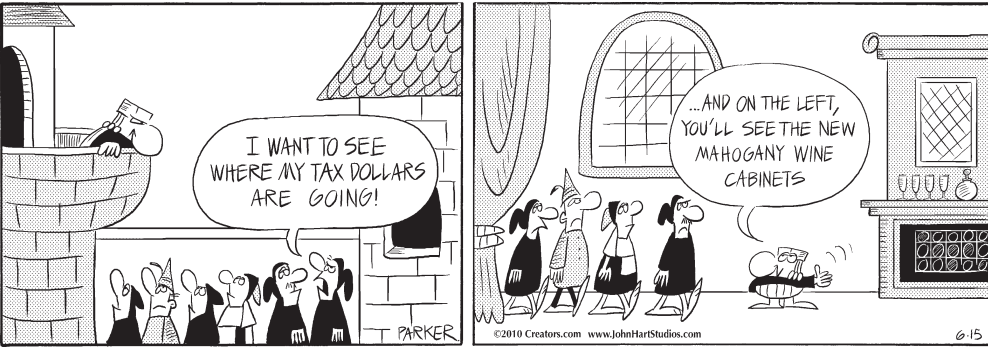
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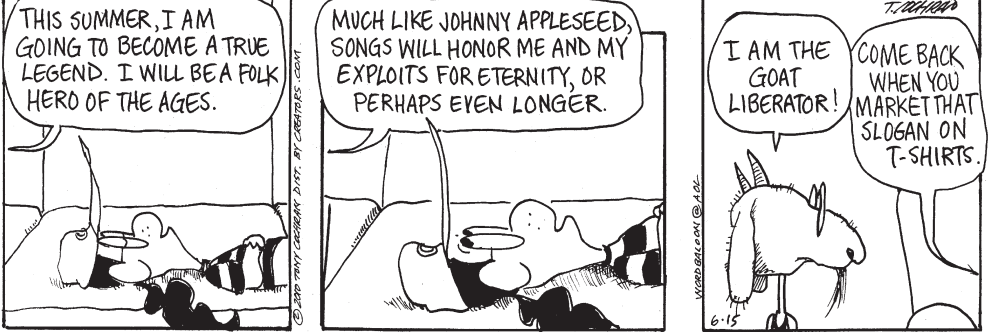
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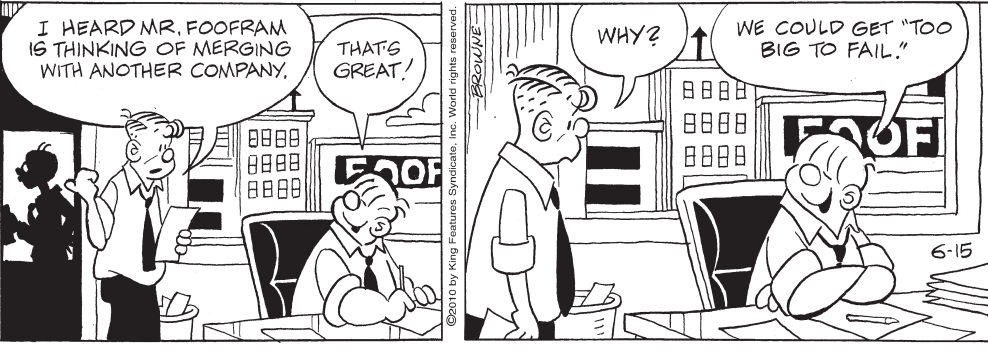
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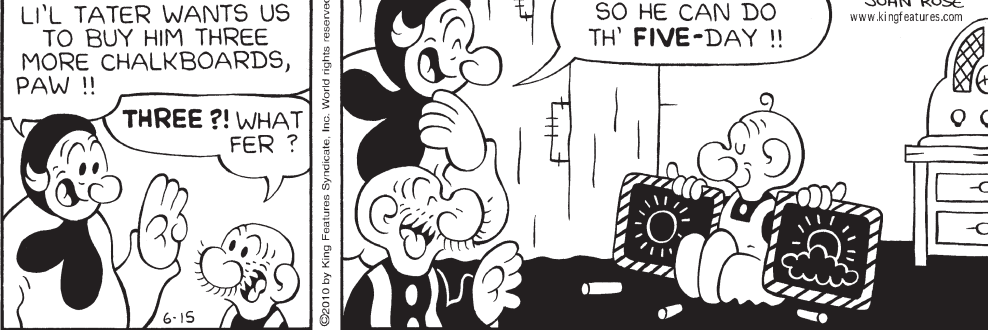
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 15, the 166th day of 2010. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

On this date:

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to vulcanize rubber.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted

aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan (sy-PAN) during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

In 1960, the Billy Wilder movie "The Apartment," starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine, premiered in New York.

In 1978, King Hussein (hoo-SAYN) of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo (KWOH'-moh) is 78. Actor Aron Kincaid is 70. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 68. Rock singer Johnny Hallyday is 67. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 61. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 59. Comedian actor Jim Belushi is 56. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 56. Actress Julie Hagerty is 55. Rock musician Brad Gillis (Night Ranger) is 53. Baseball Hall-of-Famer

Wade Boggs is 52. Actress Eileen Davidson is 51. Bluegrass musician Terry Smith is 50. Actress Helen Hunt is 47. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 47. Actress Courteney Cox is 46. Country musician Tony Ardo is 46. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 44. Contemporary Christian musician Rob Mitchell is 44. Rock musician Jimmy McD is 42. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 41. Actress Leah Remini is 40. Actor Jake Busey is 39. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Johnson is 38. Rock musician T-Bone Wily (Save Ferris) is 38. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 37. Actor Greg Vaughan is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

MAIL ORDER by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Semicircular entrance
  - 5 Male parents
  - 9 Shuts with force
  - 14 Festive party
  - 15 Curriculum part
  - 16 Very strange
  - 17 Wedding-cake layer
  - 18 Admin. asst.
  - 19 Salary increase
  - 20 Thick slice
  - 21 Beer purchase
  - 23 Mall tenant
  - 25 Observed
  - 26 Decorate again
  - 28 Satisfies, as a debt
  - 33 Visibly shocked
  - 36 Butter portions
  - 39 "It's my turn to bat!"
  - 40 Colt's mother
  - 41 Native American abode
  - 42 Make angry
  - 43 "Not guilty," for one
  - 44 Start a poker pot
  - 45 Washed-out
  - 46 Underwater research site
  - 48 Numerical fact, for short
  - 50 Plod (through)
  - 53 Not moving
  - 56 Poppable packing material
  - 61 Chimney dust
  - 63 Chicago airport
  - 64 Night-table light
  - 65 Luau dance
  - 66 "Wake Up Little \_\_\_" (Everly Brothers tune)

- 67 Fencing weapon
  - 68 List entry
  - 69 Woolly beast
  - 70 Take care of
  - 71 Vet's patients
- DOWN**
- 1 FBI employees: Abbr.
  - 2 Train tracks
  - 3 Football-shoe feature
  - 4 Coastal aquatic mammal
  - 5 Did some housecleaning
  - 6 All over again
  - 7 Prepares soup veggies
  - 8 In \_\_\_ (fashionable)
  - 9 Quite calm
  - 10 Jump
  - 11 Opera solo
  - 12 Catchall category: Abbr.
  - 13 Look for
  - 22 Part of a poem for short
  - 24 Salesperson, for short
  - 27 Unlock
  - 29 Captain Hook's vessel
  - 30 Surrounded by
  - 31 Christmas season
  - 32 Went fast
  - 33 Stereo components
  - 34 Strong wind
  - 35 Length times width, sometimes
  - 37 Very likely
  - 38 Golfers' pegs
  - 41 Dining-room piece
  - 45 Ceiling appliance
  - 47 Dozing
  - 49 Rewarded the server
  - 51 Young hooting bird
  - 52 Jelly flavor
  - 54 Auto-club suggestion
  - 55 Apartment vacancy sign
  - 56 Supervisor
  - 57 Slangy refusal
  - 58 Army outpost
  - 59 French cheese
  - 60 Prayer ending
  - 62 Scottish caps

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## Texas briefs

### Life term over 2009 Fort Worth toddler death

FORT WORTH (AP) — Life in prison has been ordered for a man convicted over the 2009 fatal beating of his girlfriend's toddler son.

Prosecutors in Fort Worth did not seek the death penalty against 29-year-old Kimball Hailey II, who was convicted Monday afternoon of capital murder, then sentenced by a judge.

Investigators say 2-year-old Eba Chapple died in March 2009 after sustaining brain injuries while alone with Hailey.

The mother, LaQuanta Williams, testified she was upset that Hailey suggested to police that she was responsible for her son's death.

### Bogus bills at Tyler garage sales

TYLER (AP) — Tyler police are warning about counterfeit currency being passed at a number of yard sales.

Police say several counterfeit cases have occurred over the past several weeks where the suspects are targeting garage sales to buy low-cost items, then pay with bogus \$20 bills.

Officer Don Martin says two women and one man are sought. Police say

one of the women is pregnant, while the man sports a spider web tattoo on his left elbow.

### Prison over deadly gunplay at hotel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man blamed for hotel gunplay in San Antonio that left his best friend dead apologized for the shooting before he was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

A judge in San Antonio on Monday accepted the plea agreement for Justin Cardenas, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

The case involved the July 24, 2008, death of Justin Halsell, who was shot once in the head with his own gun.

Cardenas told investigators that the pair had checked into the Emily Morgan Hotel, for a get-together with friends, when Halsell took the clip out of the gun and put it to his head.

Cardenas says his friend taunted him to pull the trigger. Cardenas did, thinking it was a joke.

Attorneys for Cardenas, who faced a maximum 16 years in prison, sought probation.

### Austin cop killer to die for 1978 slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned

Texas prisoner David Lee Powell faces execution nearly 32 years after he arrived on death row for using an assault-style rifle to kill an Austin police officer during a traffic stop.

Powell in May 1978 was in a car driven by his girlfriend that was pulled over by Officer Ralph Ablanado because it had no rear license plate. Powell shot him 10 times with an AK-47.

The 59-year-old inmate would become the 13th Texas prisoner executed this year. His almost-32 years on death row would make him the longest-serving Texas inmate executed.

Attorneys were at the U.S. Supreme Court trying to stop the scheduled Tuesday evening punishment. They contend Powell's been a model prisoner over the years and jurors were wrong when they decided he would be a continuing threat and should be

executed.

### Man convicted in 1984 SMU student's death

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jury has found a 61-year-old man guilty of capital murder in the sexual assault and slaying 29 years ago of a 20-year-old college student.

The Dallas Morning News reports jurors deliberated about an hour Monday before returning its verdict against Donald Andrew Bess in the death of Southern Methodist University student Angela Samota.

Prosecutors used DNA evidence in 2008 to link Bess to the Samota slaying. Defense attorneys, however, argued the evidence didn't prove Bess killed the woman.

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty.

### Parent's Corner:

## If at first you don't succeed...

I suspect that you have heard the expression, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." This adage was created many decades ago and it remains true to this day.

None of us can remember our first steps and the encouragement we must have received to try again, but most of us do remember the attempts at learning to ride a bicycle and "try, try again" became our motto.

It is critical to keep trying in the face of adversity when you don't get your intended result.

Successful people know that persistence pays off in the end, but the key is to change the approach or strategy if current efforts are not working.

To overcome past failures the following strategies are recommended.

1. Forgive yourself and lose the negative feelings of your last attempt. While there will be individuals that would love to remind you of your past failures, you must not think about them. Such thoughts ignite those negative feelings that result in decisions to never continue. Many individuals spend more time beating themselves up about the failures on their previous attempts than moving forward.

This is a new day. Your slate has been wiped clean. Don't think about the negative feelings of your previous attempts.

2. Change your thoughts. You didn't fail, you experienced a

lesson. From this moment on, they should no longer be called failures but lessons.

It is impossible to feel good about something that is always associated with such negativity. Refrain from using the word failure.

In every "lesson," write down the things you learned, along with at least three things that you plan to do differently in the next attempt.

3. Commit to and understand why you must try again.

Commitment is important to achieving any goal, regardless of which attempt you're on.

However, what's equally important is an understanding as to the reasons why you are making such a commitment.

Therefore, write down at least three reasons why it is more important for you to make another attempt versus quitting. It's imperative that you begin to actually see the importance of your success.

4. Get started! Much like you did with the first attempt, you must take another leap of faith and simply start. Besides, when you start, you will have less time to think of the negative thoughts and feelings that often prevent progress.

As you begin to make your second, third, or perhaps your fourth attempt at achieving your goal, I leave you with those infamous words that my grade school teachers often left me, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Don't give up too easily. Persistence pays off in the end."

*Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*



DARRELL RYAN

### HAWK

thor of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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building. To the day, one month after it was found, the bird of prey was released at Canyon Lake east of Lubbock.

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Calling it his "yard bird," he was grateful for each tidbit of news and the pictures we sent.

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Bebe McCasland is au-



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