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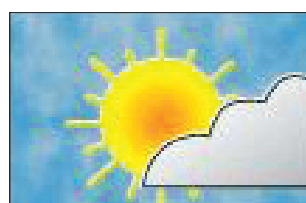


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## 2nd person arrested for alleged gambling

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A second Big Spring resident was arrested Monday on gambling charges stemming from the May 21 raid on a trio of local businesses allegedly operating illegally.

George Scott Emerson, 41, turned himself in to Howard



Emerson

County deputies Monday on charges of possession of gambling device, keeping a gambling place, gambling promotion and possession of tobacco product where tax is due.

According to Sheriff Stan Parker, Emerson was booked into the Howard County Jail shortly after 5 p.m. Bond was set at \$7,000, which Emerson paid shortly after and was released.

"Mr. Emerson, along with his attorney, turned himself in and was booked into the

Howard County Jail without incident," Parker said. "Bond was set and he was released the same day."

The Howard County Sheriff's Office made the arrest in connection with the May 21 raid at Gold Rush, located at 804 E. Third St.; Bedazzled, located at 1907 Birdwell Lane

Suite G; and Cherokee Internet Cafe, located at 1600 E. Fourth St..

Karla Kay Nix, 45, owner and manager of Bedazzled, was arrested June 9 on charges of keeping a gambling place, possession of gambling

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HERALD file photo

Firefighters were kept busy in 2008 battling blazes like this one throughout the area.

## Threat of wild fires at a minimum, chief says

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local fire officials say recent rains have kept the number of grass fires and wild fires to a minimum so far this year, but with the dry season on its way things could get hairy in a hurry.

Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, said recent rains in the Crossroads are have worked wonders in keeping the number

of large, sweeping grass fires to a minimum.

"There's a whole lot of fuel there, but there's enough green material and moisture on top of it to keep the few grass fires we've seen lately from becoming the fast moving, 20 mph wild fires we've seen in years past," Sullivan said. "This is quite possibly the best year we've seen in



Sullivan

about 10 years."

Because of the good conditions, Sullivan said he has no plans to recommend any sort of fireworks or burn ban for Howard County during the July 4 holiday.

"Even if that last rain we got was the last one for some time, I feel like the conditions will carry us through the July 4 holiday, so I won't be recommending a ban to the county," he said. "Of

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## Electrical woes prompt special board meeting

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

An unexpected problem, combined with a tight construction schedule, forced Howard College trustees to hold an emergency meeting Monday afternoon.

Renovation of the men's and women's dormitories has been on the fast track this summer because the facilities need to be ready for occupancy when the fall semester begins Aug. 21. So when workers discovered a potentially costly and time-consuming problem, fast action was called for, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Sparks said the problem exists in the electrical wiring of the dormitories. The original plan called for a complete re-wiring of the system in the older section of the dorms, while leaving the wiring of the 20-year-old additions untouched.

"But when the contractor started the rewiring process, he ran into trouble," Sparks said. "They discovered the 'newer' wiring (that from the



Sparks

20-year-old wing) wasn't up to code and wasn't compatible with the wiring being installed."

Because contractors are facing the non-negotiable Aug. 20 deadline for completion, trustees were called into emergency session Monday afternoon and authorized expenditures not to exceed \$170,000 to purchase code-compliant wiring.

"(Contractors) really needed an answer quickly because of the deadline," Spark said in explaining the need for the emergency meeting. "They are mobilizing extra people to get the project back on schedule ... and we'll have a better understanding of where we stand in the next couple of weeks."

If work on the dorm passes the deadline, contractors will pay a penalty for each day the project continues past Aug. 20, Sparks said.

"We do not think this will cause them to miss the deadline," Sparks said. "If they can get the proper material ... we think they can complete the project on schedule."

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## Workforce Solutions program will benefit local youth and employers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Area businesses looking for summer help have an ally this season, as the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin center is looking for employers willing to participate in their summer employment program.

According to Carla Gross, operations manager for Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, the program not only benefits area youth looking to pad their pocketbooks head-

ing into the coming school season, but also offers Crossroads employers a chance to add to their employee lineup without adding to their overhead.

"The Workforce Solutions Permian Basin center needs the help of the community and area employers to make this program truly work," Gross said. "We are seeking employers who are willing to act as a worksite for youth participating in the summer employment program."

"Each community was pro-

vided funds to support jobs for youth 16-24 years old. The funds were made available to employ youth, giving them resources to buy what they need for school in the fall. The community benefits from the income earned and spent at local merchants."

According to Gross, the success of the program hinges on area employers' willingness to offer these "wage-free" employees a position at their business.

"Private sector involvement is critical to the success of this

program," she said. "Youth need that first time supervisor or mentor to guide them through their development as they become productive workers. There is absolutely no cost to employers."

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can contact the local Workforce Solutions office at 263-8373.

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## Obituaries

### Winnie Ruth Cagle

Winnie Ruth Cagle, 84, died Sunday, June 20, 2010, in Abilene. Her memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Hillcrest Church of Christ. Arrangements are with Elmwood Funeral Home.



Winnie was born in Waco on April 6, 1926, to James Clarence Rogers and Elizabeth Fay Shaw Rogers. She grew up in Big Spring and married Howard Glen Cagle May 28, 1945. She worked for Abilene Christian University for 32 years. Winnie was an active member of Woodlawn Church of Christ and Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Howard Glen Cagle; two children, Becky Jane Douglass and husband Gary of Amarillo, and Terry Lee Cagle and wife Becki of Arlington; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jimmie Fay Frazier of Arlington, Rebecca Ann Hudson of Garland and Patricia Nell Anderson and husband Jimmy of Big Spring; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations are suggested to the ACU College of Business Administration, ACU Box 29300, Abilene, Texas 79699-9300.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.elmwoodfuneral.com](http://www.elmwoodfuneral.com)

## Police blotter

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

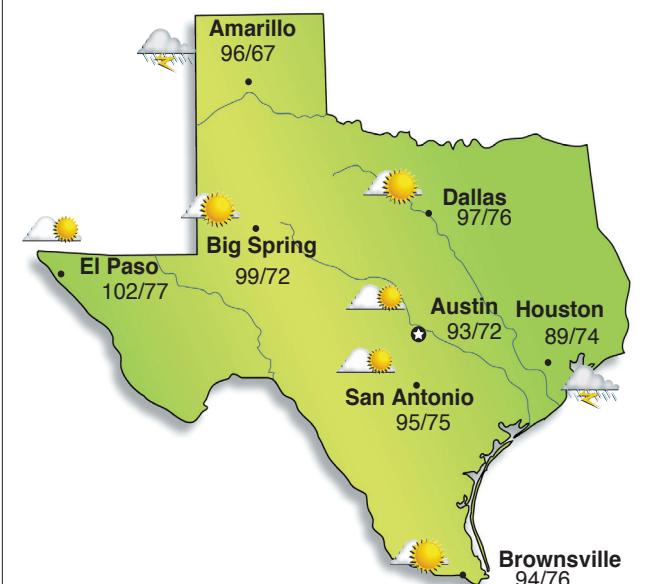
- VIRGINIA DUENEZ, 40, of 6412 N. County Rd. 25, was arrested Monday on warrants from another agency (three warrants).
- DOUGLAS LEROY WHITE, 54, of 800 Ohio, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BIANCA CHRISTINE WHITE, 20, of 1213 Lindbergh, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- JOSHUA GUADALUPE YBARRA, 20, of 1304 Madison, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- JACOB MICHAEL INGRAHAM-GARCIA, 21, of 2612 Langley, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 3200 block of Drexel. In the 3600 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place. In the 2600 block of Ent.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of N. Lamesa.
- THEFT was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 400 block of Fourth Street. In the 500 block of N.W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 2600 block of Barksdale. In the 1500 block of Sycamore.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 6/23  | Thu 6/24   | Fri 6/25  | Sat 6/26  | Sun 6/27  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>99/72</b>  | <b>96/73</b>   | <b>95/73</b>  | <b>99/74</b>  | <b>100/75</b>   |
| Mostly sunny skies. Hot. High 99F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. | Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s. | Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s. |
| Sunrise: 6:40 AM<br>Sunset: 8:56 PM                           | Sunrise: 6:41 AM<br>Sunset: 8:56 PM                                  | Sunrise: 6:41 AM<br>Sunset: 8:56 PM                                 | Sunrise: 6:41 AM<br>Sunset: 8:56 PM                           | Sunrise: 6:42 AM<br>Sunset: 8:57 PM                     |

## Texas At A Glance



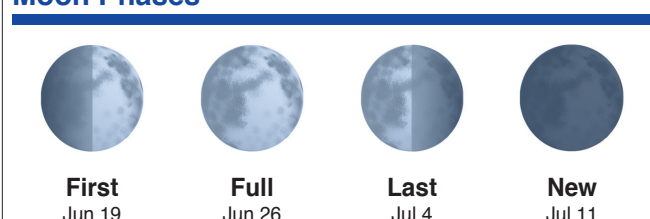
### Area Cities

| City           | Hi  | Lo | Cond.     | City            | Hi  | Lo | Cond.     |
|----------------|-----|----|-----------|-----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Abilene        | 98  | 74 | mst sunny | Kingsville      | 95  | 75 | pt sunny  |
| Amarillo       | 96  | 67 | t-storm   | Livingston      | 90  | 72 | t-storm   |
| Austin         | 93  | 72 | pt sunny  | Longview        | 93  | 74 | t-storm   |
| Beaumont       | 89  | 75 | t-storm   | Lubbock         | 98  | 70 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville    | 94  | 76 | mst sunny | Lufkin          | 91  | 74 | t-storm   |
| Brownwood      | 99  | 74 | mst sunny | Midland         | 101 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 93  | 77 | pt sunny  | Raymondville    | 95  | 74 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana      | 94  | 75 | mst sunny | Rosenberg       | 91  | 74 | t-storm   |
| Dallas         | 97  | 76 | mst sunny | San Antonio     | 95  | 75 | pt sunny  |
| Del Rio        | 97  | 75 | mst sunny | San Marcos      | 93  | 74 | pt sunny  |
| El Paso        | 102 | 77 | pt sunny  | Sulphur Springs | 96  | 75 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton  | 98  | 72 | mst sunny | Sweetwater      | 98  | 73 | mst sunny |
| Gainesville    | 98  | 74 | mst sunny | Tyler           | 93  | 74 | t-storm   |
| Greenville     | 96  | 74 | mst sunny | Weatherford     | 97  | 74 | mst sunny |
| Houston        | 89  | 74 | t-storm   | Wichita Falls   | 99  | 73 | mst sunny |

### National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi  | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 94 | 73 | mst sunny | Minneapolis    | 81  | 64 | t-storm   |
| Boston      | 85 | 67 | rain      | New York       | 91  | 76 | mst sunny |
| Chicago     | 87 | 70 | t-storm   | Phoenix        | 105 | 76 | sunny     |
| Dallas      | 97 | 76 | mst sunny | San Francisco  | 74  | 55 | pt sunny  |
| Denver      | 83 | 59 | sunny     | Seattle        | 74  | 57 | cloudy    |
| Houston     | 89 | 74 | t-storm   | St. Louis      | 98  | 79 | pt sunny  |
| Los Angeles | 76 | 61 | pt sunny  | Washington, DC | 99  | 78 | mst sunny |
| Miami       | 90 | 81 | t-storm   |                |     |    |           |

### Moon Phases



- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4500 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.

## Support Groups

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

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- VIRGINIA LOUISA DUENEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- JOSHUA ALLEN NOBLE, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – open container and a revocation of probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DOUGLAS LEROY WHITE, 54, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ASHLEY DAWN SMITH, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a revocation of probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- EMANUEL CERVANTES, 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of probation violation – possession of a weapon (federal charge).
- GEORGE SCOTT EMERSON, 41, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of gambling device, keeping a gambling place, gambling promotion and possession of tobacco product where tax is due.
- BIANCA CHRISTINE RODRIGUEZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threats and disorderly conduct – fighting.
- JOSHUA GUADALUPE YBARRA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-25-26-35. Bonus Ball: 3.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Winning ticket purchased in: Grand Prairie.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-2-8. Sum It Up: 22.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-14-20-29. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$21,637.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-7. Sum It Up: 17.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Service refused.

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# News in brief

## Kagan argued against disclosing documents in 4 of 5 open records cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan's arguments as solicitor general in several cases on government secrecy were at odds with a promise of transparency made by her boss and top client, President Barack Obama.

In four of five cases she dealt with involving the Freedom of Information Act, Kagan argued in favor of secrecy, Justice Department documents show. In those four lawsuits, the Supreme Court took her side and let lower court rulings in the government's favor stand.

The justices haven't yet said whether they will take the fifth case, in which Kagan argued against broadening an open records exemption to let corporations claim personal privacy rights and avoid public release of government documents about them.

As the government's top lawyer arguing before the Supreme Court, the solicitor general generally determines which cases to take to the court and what to argue. The White House and Justice Department declined to say whether Kagan's arguments in open records cases reflect her personal views.

In the most widely publicized freedom of information case, Kagan successfully argued that the Supreme Court should overturn a New York appeals court ruling that directed the government to release photographs of foreign detainees being abused by their U.S. captors. The American Civil Liberties Union sought the photos; Obama and the Pentagon opposed their release.

## Abandoning script, 'Muslim soldier' details chilling plot to blow up Americans in Times Square

NEW YORK (AP) — Admitted terrorist Faisal Shahzad was so eager to tell how he plotted to kill Americans in Times Square, he went to court with a prepared statement.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Cedarbaum refused to

hear him read it Monday, instead challenging the Pakistan-born American citizen to just say "what happened."

In an unapologetic, matter-of-fact courtroom colloquy that followed, Shahzad offered chilling details about how he trained with the Pakistani Taliban to build bombs, then returned to the U.S. to launch an attack that would avenge attacks on Muslims by U.S. forces overseas.

"One has to understand where I'm coming from," he said in an unusual departure from tightly scripted guilty pleas, with his defense attorney and prosecutors sitting in silence in federal court in Manhattan. "I consider myself ... a Muslim soldier."

Shahzad, 30, admitted leaving an SUV rigged with a homemade bomb in bustling Times Squares on a warm night on May 1. The bomb failed to go off, and the Bridgeport, Conn., resident was arrested trying to leave the country on a Dubai-bound flight two days later.

## Suspected Kurdish rebels kill 4 in bomb attack on military bus

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Suspected Kurdish rebels detonated a remote-controlled bomb in Istanbul Tuesday, killing four people and wounding 13 on a bus carrying military personnel and their families, the prime minister said. Authorities stepped up security across Turkey, fearing more attacks.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said two of the wounded were in critical condition following the early morning attack. The dead included the 17-year-old daughter of an officer, he said. Erdogan said the bombing raised the number Turkish soldiers killed in rebel attacks since Friday to 16.

Kurdish rebels have repeatedly staged bomb attacks in Istanbul in the past but the last major bomb attack in the city was in 2007, when 17 people were killed. Authorities increased security across the nation, fearing new Kurdish rebel suicide attacks or bombings in tourist resorts and cities, as in the past.

Energy Minister Taner Yildiz on Tuesday said security along two major oil pipelines running from Central Asia and Iraq was also improved. The reb-

els repeatedly blew up the Iraqi oil pipeline in the past, cutting oil flow to world markets for days.

Rebels fighting for autonomy in the country's Kurdish-dominated southeast have dramatically stepped up their attacks on Turkish targets this month and had previously threatened to expand their war to cities in the west of the country.

## AP sources: Obama announcing new details of how health overhaul law will be enforced

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is revealing details of how the government will enforce the health overhaul law, an announcement expected to focus on how insurance companies must treat consumers.

Administration officials were meeting privately Tuesday at the White House with insurance company CEOs and state insurance commissioners, the White House said in a written statement, with Obama expected to attend at least part of the session. The president was then expected to announce regulations for implementing consumer safeguards enacted by the law, according to administration allies who were briefed in advance and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The events mark 90 days since Obama signed the health revamp into law, one of his administration's chief victories so far.

The law's consumer safeguards, called the patients' bill of rights, are limited steps that take effect this year. The main provisions, including federal funding to help 32 million uninsured people get coverage, won't come until 2014. The administration worries that escalating premiums will force more people drop their policies before the law is fully implemented.

Consumers who buy their policies directly face increases averaging 20 percent this year, according to a survey released Monday by the private Kaiser Family Foundation. Although most Americans are covered on the job, about 14 million purchase insurance on the individual market and have the least bargaining power when it comes to costs.

## ARREST

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devices, equipment or paraphernalia and gambling promotion. Nix was released on a \$6,000 bond, \$2,000 for each charge.

Parker said at least one more arrest is expected in the case.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, law enforcement personnel seized a number of gaming machines during the raid.

"In a search of the locations, approximately 120 8-liner machines and Internet-based computer-operated gaming

machines, cash proceeds, documents and items used in the gambling operations were seized," Everett said. "During the investigation, undercover officers entered each business, paid a fee and were paid in cash or Visa cards with a cash value."

Everett said the seizure was the result of a

joint investigation conducted by the Howard County Sheriffs Office, Big Spring Police Department and the State Comptrollers Office.

Shortly after the raids, Emerson professed his innocence, saying he expects to have his name cleared.

"It was operated completely legal," said Em-

erson. "Everything was approved through the Big Spring Police Department and BSPD Street Crimes division. I'm sure once this goes to court I'll get my equipment back. I had the only legal games in town, but we'll just have to see how it comes out in court."

Emerson is being rep-

resented by Big Spring

attorney Mike Thomas. "My understanding is Emerson's business was being legally operated," said Thomas, prior to Emerson's arrest.

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## FIRE

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course, the dry material is still there, and fireworks will also pose a fire danger, no matter how good the conditions are. However, we don't feel like it warrants a ban at this time, and as long as people are smart and play by the rules, we should be able to make it through just fine."

And while the exceptional ground moisture has the West Texas landscape looking greener than ever, Sullivan said the coming months will determine whether it's a blessing or a curse.

"Most everyone remembers what a rough time we had in 2008 with all of the wildfires," he said. "Well, those areas that burned off, we didn't have to really worry about them

any more after that. Now, however, they've had enough time and enough rain to grow back even thicker. So, if we stop getting the rain between the last part of this year and the beginning of the growing season next year, all of that is going to die and turn into fuel."

That fuel, according to Sullivan, could spell a very busy year for him and his firefighters.

"If everything dries out again, we'll be looking at a season worse than the one we experienced in 2008," he said firmly. "And that was a very, very rough year. All we can do at this point, however, is hope it keeps raining."

And while the lack of a fireworks or burn ban in Howard County during the holiday could conceivably result in more fires, Sullivan said lawbreakers should know

he and law enforcement officials will have zero-tolerance for "bone-headed" mistakes.

"Regardless of whether there's a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires," said Sullivan firmly. "If your mistake results in the loss of someone else's property, you're looking at a charge of

reckless endangerment and a \$500 fine. And if you're caught popping fireworks by the side of the road, regardless of whether or not it causes a fire, you're looking at a fine.

"We don't have a lot of patience when it comes to this, and the boneheads that make these kinds of dumb mistakes are going to pay for

them."

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## OUR VIEW

# Salvation Army needs our help with fan drive

They're called the "dog days of summer," that time in June, July and August when it gets so hot in West Texas you feel as though you could fry an egg on your forehead.

In fact, the immediate inclination is to find a cool, shady spot and be as inactive as possible.

Those days are already here. We've already eclipsed the 100-degree mark several times this month.

And unfortunately, there are those in our community that have to resort to just that in order to deal with oppressive triple-digit temperatures.

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

But the Salvation Army wants to help and is trying to get an early start on doing just that. To do so, however, it needs our help.

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

"With the temperature having already gone well over 100 degrees, there's little doubt the fan program is going to be more important this year than ever before," said Paula Lafler, a local Salvation Army social worker. "The temperature cooled off, but rest assured, it's going to skyrocket again, and there are so many families in the Big Spring area that rely on nothing more than fans to stay cool."

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

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

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

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can talk about anything with You, Lord.  
Amen

# Immigration and political impotence

People on both sides of the issue are demonstrating on U.S. streets — perhaps more passionately and riskily than ever before. All over the country, there is growing impatience over illegal immigration.

Our ethnic, cultural and racial polarization is increasingly visible. President Barack Obama, who promised to fix our broken immigration system in his first year, is already well into his second. Arizona has gone rogue by passing a law that usurps the federal government and has caused further polarization across the country. Entire families, feeling forced to flee from Arizona, suddenly are migrating to other states. U.S.-Mexico border skirmishes, fueled by Mexican drugs and U.S. guns, are more frequent and much more violent.

Regardless of which side of the immigration debate we are on, most Americans clearly feel that Congress and the president need to deal with this issue immediately, as if there were no mañana!

Yet instead of recognizing this as a national emergency, Washington has formed a general consensus that there is simply "no political will" to deal with immigration reform legislation

at this time, especially not in the months prior to the November midterm elections.

That's how pundits dismiss it on Capitol Hill. As simple as that! Rome could be burning, but if there is nothing to be gained by our Washington politicians, they will tell you there is simply "no political will" to put out the fire. If an issue is likely to gain them as many enemies as it does friends, they're not interested. Why bother? National interest ranks a distant second to their selfish need to remain in office.

Some, including President Obama, are blaming it all on the opposition. Democrats say there is not enough political will among Senate Republicans to support a comprehensive immigration reform package, as if we could easily forget that they did nothing when they had a supermajority and didn't need the Republicans.

In fact, there is not enough political will to deal with such a controversial matter among many Democrats, either. There is a White House chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, who reportedly considers immigration to be the new "third rail of American politics" — not to be touched!

Republicans, including some who were moderates on this issue, have moved much further to the right. Sen. John McCain is a prime example. But they, too, are doing it for personal gain. As they appeal for support from the extreme right of their conservative base, they don't seem to care

about the fire they are fanning or how it could go out of control.

Bottom line: What we all lack on this issue, regardless of which side we are on, is leadership.

I know. Some people believe we already have good leaders, because they follow the radical extremists on one side or the other. But those are not good leaders. Flamethrowers will not solve our immigration problem. It's easy to say what your political base wants to hear. Real leaders are those who are willing to compromise with the opposition for the good of the country, even when their bases are not entirely in agreement.

Good leaders will be the Democrats who tell their base that harsh measures will need to be taken against illegal immigration in the future — especially at our borders and ports of entry. Good leaders will be the Republicans who tell their base that — even if just for the sake of national security — some kind of amnesty needs to be granted to the millions of undocumented immigrants already living here.

Unfortunately, such leaders are hard to find nowadays. On immigration, we have more dividers than compromisers, more politicians looking out for themselves than for the country. But it's not a lack of "political will" that's holding us up. It's political impotence — no real leadership on either side!

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# Assaults on liberty proceed unabated

It cannot be the only one who feels as if every new day brings a new assault on this nation and its people by this administration. Indeed, many people I know say they can't even watch the news anymore because it's so depressing. And it is.

Some of these assaults occur under the radar, and others are right out in the open. As an example of the former, last week, President Obama issued an executive order "Establishing the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council," which will focus on "lifestyle behavior modification (including smoking cessation, proper nutrition, appropriate exercise, mental health, behavioral health, substance-use disorder, and domestic violence screenings)." It will even recommend changes in federal policy to reduce "sedentary behavior."

The order also creates an advisory group within the Department of Health and Human Services that will answer to the surgeon general, who will serve as the chairwoman of the council.

In case you're wondering what authority the president launched this program under, he covers that in the first paragraph of the executive order: "By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 4001 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), it is hereby ordered..."

In other words, "I am the president, and the Constitution and Obamacare let me do anything I want to."

The socialized medicine nightmare is already beginning.

Many of us warned that Obamacare would serve as an all-purpose justification for government intervention in every aspect of our lives. Have

we become so far removed from our founding principles that we don't grasp the perniciousness of such government encroachments into our private lives and personal liberties?

You must read the executive order: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/executive-order-establishing-national-prevention-and-public-health>. Then you'll understand that the council and "Advisory Group" it establishes will not be merely advisory. The provisions of this "order" underscore the disturbing extent to which Obama and his band of authoritarians intend to control our lives.

The "Advisory Group," in consultation with the council, must submit, by March 23, 2011, a "national strategy" to "set specific goals and objectives for improving the health of the United States through federally supported prevention, health promotion, and public health programs, consistent with ongoing goal setting efforts conducted by specific agencies."

The council, among other things, will "develop, after obtaining input from relevant stakeholders," a strategy to promote health and prevent disease. Relevant stakeholders?

Under this administration — and every administration that follows, now that socialized medicine has enveloped our society — will everything be reduced to a calculation of dollars and cents?

Will we tolerate any manner of government control over the most minute aspects of our lives under the rationale that we have to improve our lifestyles to get healthier so that health care costs don't bankrupt us? Does liberty mean nothing to us anymore?

If the abstract concept of liberty doesn't rock your boat, how about a little common sense? If Obama had been primarily interested in reducing health care costs, he would have introduced market solutions instead of a bill guaranteed to add enormously to the national debt — about which

this administration egregiously and repeatedly lied. More information is surfacing every day proving that the bill will cost billions more than Obama claimed. He may end up imposing cost controls under Obamacare, but if he does, you can be assured that they will be at the expense of quality care, especially for seniors.

Lifestyle behavior modification is none of the government's business, but it is even less the prerogative of a renegade, unaccountable executive acting outside the law through unconstitutional executive orders. On that point, by the way, please check out Section 3G, which provides that the council will "carry out such other activities as are determined appropriate by the President." No limitations, just whatever this omniscient president determines is appropriate.

There is no excuse — none — for any existing or prospective congressman to fail to comprehend the magnitude of the revolution that is now occurring inside our government.

Any candidate who downplays or whitewashes the gravity of the ongoing assaults against our liberties must be defeated. Any congressman who suggests we can just tinker around at the edges of Obamacare and strip away its most noxious provisions — as opposed to "repeal and replace" — must be defeated.

In the meantime, in full view of the radar, Obama is now demanding another \$80 billion stimulus plan, as well as \$50 billion more in deficit spending to bail out state and local governments, \$23 billion of which will be earmarked for government teachers unions.

This is mind-boggling. Nothing will deter this man's thirst to radically change America, including controlling every aspect of our lives and redistributing money to his friends and preferred recipients.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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## News in brief

### Tea party movement split on which candidate to support

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah tea party supporters united in May to achieve one goal: defeat three-term U.S. Sen. Bob Bennett at the Republican state convention.

They succeeded in that, but settling on his successor has proved harder.

Illustrating how fractured the tea party movement is in Utah, one of the founders of the state's tea party movement, David Kirkham, endorsed front-runner Tim Bridgewater on Monday. Attorney Mike Lee, 38, had already picked up the support of the California-based Tea Party Express, which is weighing in on primary races nationwide.

A lot is at stake. Whoever wins Tuesday's GOP nomination should cruise to victory in November in heavily Republican Utah. A Democrat hasn't won a U.S. Senate race here since 1970.

The marquee race Tuesday is the runoff for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in South Carolina. State lawmaker Nikki Haley has shrugged off accusations of infidelity and questions about her religion — an Indian-American, she was raised a Sikh and baptized a Methodist — to emerge as the odds-on favorite to become the state's first female governor. Haley almost won the state primary outright with 49 percent of the vote, but because she didn't get more than half she faces a runoff against Rep. Gresham Barrett.

### Owner of destroyed oil rig criticizes President Obama's ban

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The owner of the drilling rig involved in the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico criticized the U.S. government's six-month ban on deepwater drilling in the area Tuesday.

On the sidelines of an oil conference in London, Transocean Ltd. president Steven Newman said there were things President Barack Obama's administration "could implement today that would allow the industry to go back to work tomorrow without an arbitrary six-month time limit."

Transocean owns the Deepwater Horizon rig, which was run by British oil company BP PLC. An April 20 explosion on the rig killed 11 workers and set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The criticism came a day after a federal judge in New Orleans began to mull lifting the moratorium, which the Obama administration imposed after the disaster began, and the administrator of a \$20 billion fund to compensate oil spill victims pledged to speed payment of claims.

Judge Martin Feldman said he will decide by Wednesday whether to overturn the ban.

### City's new ban on hiring illegal immigrants could be costly even if it never takes effect

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — The eastern Nebraska city of Fremont will likely join Arizona at the center of the national debate about immigration regulations after voters approved a ban on hiring or renting property to illegal immigrants, but an expected court challenge could keep the measure from ever taking effect.

The American Civil Liberties Union already has promised to file a lawsuit to block enforcement of the proposal roughly 57 percent of Fremont voters supported Monday.

"In a community of 25,000, it's going to be hard to take on the whole country, and it will be costly to do so," said Fremont City Councilman Scott Getzschman, who opposed the measure but said city leaders would support the results.

Fremont's vote is the latest chapter in the tumult over illegal immigration across the country, including a recently passed Arizona law that will require police investigating another incident or crime to ask people about their immigration status if there's a "reasonable suspicion" they're in the country illegally.

The Fremont measure will require would-be renters to apply for a license from the city, which must then check to make sure applicants are in the country legally. Illegal immigrants would not be issued a license. The ordinance also requires businesses to use the federal E-Verify database to ensure employees are allowed to work.

# A Decade In Sports

2000-2009

## Who do you think is the most influential sports figure for the past decade from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan & Howard College?

Here's your chance to nominate them in the categories listed below. All areas in the ballot must be completed for your nomination to count. Ballot must be turned into the Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720 by Tuesday, June 29, 2010

### Coach Of The Decade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You're Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Male Athlete Of The Decade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You're Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Female Athlete Of The Decade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You're Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sports Team Of The Decade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You're Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bird Poop:

## Fraser Industries' reluctant visitor

Early evening was quiet. Although the sun had set, remnants of its colorful departure lingered in the sky. No longer did the sentries stand guard over their burrows. As the earth-bound rodents slept, their neighbors departed on silent wings.

Attractive to the small airborne creatures were the illuminated areas that bordered the long, gray stretch that divided the city's industrial park.

On either side of the runway were structures whose dumpsters attracted mice while their lighting lured an endless stream of insects.

Throughout the night, members of this specie availed themselves of such a bounty.

Flying near a large metal building as dawn signaled an end to its nocturnal hunt, one of the raptors made a final descent. Scampering toward safety underneath a dumpster, a mouse and its pursuer were suddenly startled by an approaching truck. To avoid being hit by the rig's trailer as it backed toward the loading dock, the bird of prey banked sharply.

From the security of the skies, the bird had accidentally entered the manufacturing facility for wooden pallets. Momentarily landing on some of the equipment, it hurriedly took flight again as workers noticed its arrival.

With its entry now blocked by the cavernous cargo space of a semi, the raptor frantically flew throughout the facility while searching for daylight and an exit. Amazed at having such a bird in the building, the crew gave chase. Exhausted by

its efforts to reach the outdoors, the raptor crashed into a metal wall and disappeared underneath a maze of machinery.

When the phone rang, a caller seemed relieved that the employees of his company had finally found an injured burrowing owl. After telling me it could only fly about 15 feet, he added the bird only reached about two feet in elevation. He was hesitant to release it.

On our way to Fraser Industries, we saw black-tailed prairie dogs scampering in the grass or sitting upright on the entrances to their burrows. The mounds of excavated materials were scattered throughout the park. As the rodents abandoned burrows, owls had seen an opportunity for nesting sites and adapted to the environment of the former Air Force base.

Providing a cardboard box for the owl, the employees were anxious as to its outcome. Since it had suffered a hairline fracture or bruising when it slammed into the wall, we felt, with time, the owl might be returned to Big Spring for release.

Giving it a temporary home, we fashioned a "fraidy hole" or small structure inside a larger container. Hiding inside, the owl could come out to capture the mice we provided. If frightened, it had a choice of quickly dashing back to the secretive area.

As one of the only small owls that live in open areas on the ground, the long-legged bird was an entertaining guest for days at our house. Its round head, while lacking ear tufts, had large yellow eyes accented by white eyebrows. As it peered around the edge of its "hole," we could readily see the black streak between its white throat and upper chest. No sooner had we seen that much than it disappeared again.



Courtesy photo

Only about nine inches in length, the burrowing owl has a two foot wingspan to carry it through the night. Utilizing a ready-made home, the raptor accepts vacant prairie dog holes for shelter and nest sites.

Caught outside its make-believe haven, it sometimes stretched itself upward if confronted. Rolling its eyes, it would bow, rise and then lower itself again. The bobbing stopped abruptly when it ran for cover.

Seeming to blend with the soil it occupied, the owl was close to the color of dirt. Somewhere between tan and brown, its feathers atop were spotted with white. Underneath, its creamy plumage was heavily barred with brown.

As it made its usual hasty retreat, we had only a momentary glance of its stubby tail. Since its nest was underground, nature had thoughtfully omitted a long appendage to drag through passageways.

Mostly bruised but with no breaks, the burrowing owl continued to improve. At the wildlife sanctuary in

Midland, it readily dined on insects and mice. In the wild, the raptor's hunting prowess would mean it could probably catch and eat the equivalent of its own weight in 24 hours.

Soon, during the day, it once again would be seen perched on the entrance to a vacant mound or fence post on the western side of the base. By night, the burrowing owl would gain altitude on wings that appeared to be too large for its body. Its frequent landings and continued searches of open land would result in its talons seizing the rewards of relentless pursuit.

*Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## \$75 million mansion on the market 'as is'

WINDERMERE, Fla. (AP) — The brochure promises a "monument to unparalleled success," clearly not the usual property squeezed into the real estate pipeline.

For Sale: 90,000-square-foot home. Twenty-three bathrooms. Thirteen bedrooms. Ten kitchens. Twenty-car garage. Three pools. A bowling alley. Indoor-roller rink. Two-story movie theater. Video arcade. Fitness center. Baseball field and two tennis courts. All that and more for \$75 million "as is."

The catch? It's not finished. Nicknamed "Versailles" by owner and timeshare tycoon David Siegel, the massive mansion hit the market recently as the largest home for sale in the United States. Construction was halted last year to save money in a recession that proved particularly hard on Siegel's once-booming industry, so there's an option to buy the completed property at \$100 million.

"This mansion is a great anecdote of the overconsumption that led to the housing bust, and it might be the poster child of such overindulgence," said Jack McCabe, a Florida-based real estate analyst.

Others see the mansion as a sign of the economy's comeback — if there's a buyer.

"There has been a lot of interest already," said Lorraine Barrett, a Coldwell Banker real estate agent who

has the listing.

The palace at 6121 Kirkstone Lane is more an all-inclusive resort than a home. The mansion's design is so big and bold — exuberance down to the smallest details — it makes Tiger Woods' place just down the street in this Orlando suburb look like a guest house.

Consider: The mansion has the square feet of nearly two football fields, is almost double the White House and about 36 times the size of the average American family home.

The master bedroom alone, which would have had a rotating bed under a skylight, is twice a standard house. There also were plans to have a 12-foot aquarium in Siegel's office, and the total bedroom count doesn't even factor in quarters for maids and workers.

"It's like a living piece of art," Barrett said.

At least it will be upon completion.

Instead of stonewalled gates, now a chain-link fence with a green covering keeps onlookers out of the 10-acre property. The driveway is overrun with dirt and rocks. The planned baseball field is filled with weeds.

The home opens into a grand hall with symmetrical staircases and a ceiling complete with a stained-glass dome befitting a cathedral. The rest of the mansion is

more an outline of what it will be: no carpet, no tile, no interior walls — only steel beams, insulation and most of the electrical wiring are in place. The two elevator shafts are empty.

The exterior's stone is waiting to be set in boxes that fill the 20-car garage (with additional space for two limos). The Olympic-length pool that will have a waterfall flowing into another pool is a carved-out shell. A cleaning company has to come to the vacant mansion to keep things tidy.

A monument to unfinished success, indeed.

"He figured it would be for his family. They'd never have to leave, because they would have everything they needed here," Barrett said during a recent tour of the mansion. "Nothing broke his heart more."

She said Siegel, who has 12 children, could have easily moved forward with construction but wanted to avoid cutbacks at his company, Westgate Resorts. Requests to interview Siegel were not returned through Westgate Resorts or Barrett.

The challenge of selling a high-end home is never easy, and that's only magnified in this recovering market.

Sheri Chase, founder and president of Chase Realty International, has had the listing for a \$100 million estate in Lake Tahoe, Nev., for about four years.

The 20,000-square-foot home on 210 acres of property is owned by Tommy Hilfiger co-founder Joel Horowitz.

"There are only so many billionaires in the world," Chase said. "Who's looking at prices in this stratosphere? Very few people, so patience is key."

The Lake Tahoe estate is the third-most expensive on the market, according to the annual ranking by Forbes magazine. That's only behind a \$150 million mansion in Holmby Hills, Calif., owned by Candy Spelling, widow of television giant Aaron Spelling. Another Holmby Hills mansion owned by Suzanne Saperstein, the ex-wife of Texas billionaire David Saperstein, has a \$125 million asking price.

In 2008, a Russian billionaire bought Donald Trump's Palm Beach mansion for \$95 million. Trump had asked for \$125 million.

The Versailles mansion, inspired by a visit to the real palace near Paris on the Siegel's honeymoon in January 2000, currently ranks tied for fifth with several others. But it has, by all accounts, the most square footage under one roof in America for a home after the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.

The Versailles mansion sits on 1,200 feet of waterfront on Lake Butler, the largest in a chain of lakes that draws

star athletes and celebrities to the neighborhood. There are 66,800 square feet that are climate controlled.

To the naked eye, the structure might not look so massive from the front. The foundation actually sits some 20 feet below the rest of the block — making the entrance to the home on the second floor — because there's a 47-foot height restriction. In reality, the mansion is 67-feet high.

It's not cheap to maintain, either.

Taxes alone on the Versailles property if sold at \$100 million would be between \$1.45 million and \$1.74 million annually, according to the Orange County property appraiser's website. The yearly upkeep also would likely fall in that range, real estate agents said.

The unfinished structure might be an eyesore for neighbors now, but that also gives buyers a chance to put their mark on the final touches.

"It's going to take a very unique kind of buyer to purchase the property," said Carol Ann Hewitt, who has listings for high-end homes in Windermere for Oxford Realty. "I'm not going to say it's impossible, but it could take a while."

Barrett, for her part, isn't backing down.

"I don't take something unless I think I can sell it," she said. "That's my reputation. That's the challenge."

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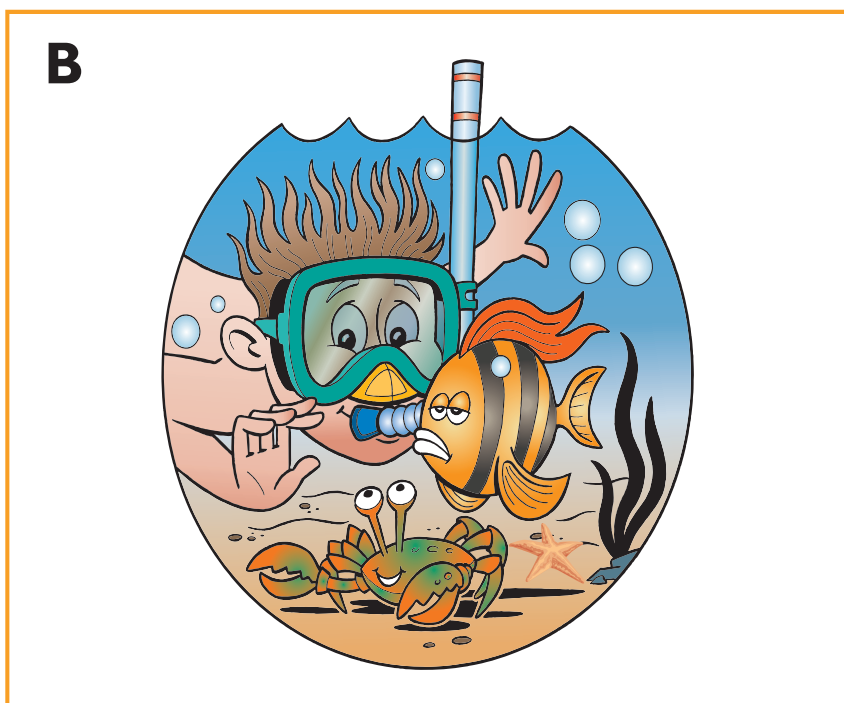
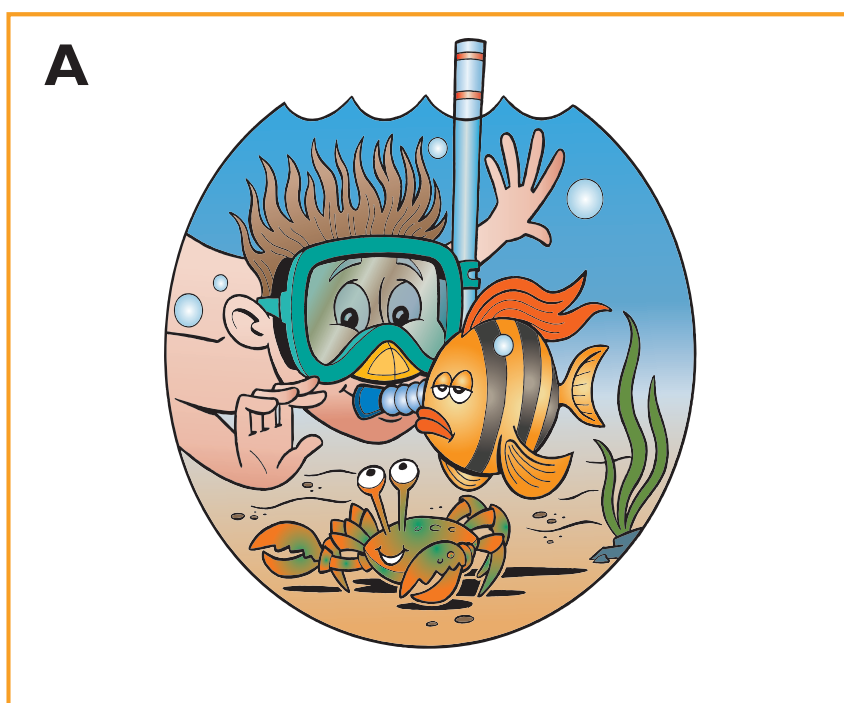
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WHAT CONDITION OCCURS WHEN A PERSON'S BODY IS UNABLE TO RID ITSELF OF HEAT IN WARMER WEATHER?

ANSWER: HEATSTROKE

### New word

### WASP

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### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Sweat

**SPANISH:** Sudor

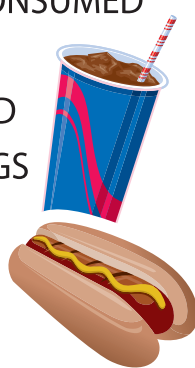
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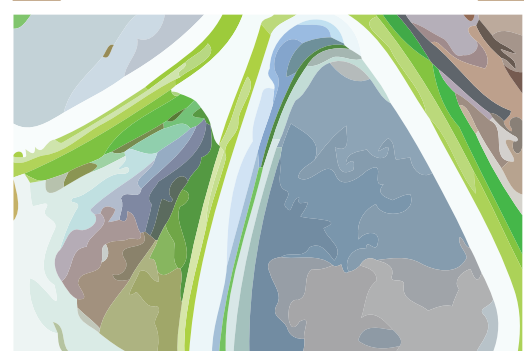
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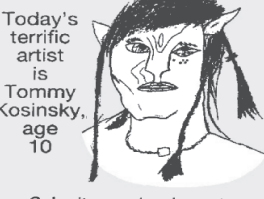
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### Burton, Buffs aim to stay active during summer

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Now that the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game is over, Forsan's Evan Burton, along with Dylan Lowery, look forward to a busy summer.

Burton, who was a member of the North team in Saturday's all-star game at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, now has all summer to look forward to before beginning a new career at North Central Texas College.

While the junior Lowery and a few other Forsan players will be hard at work in summer leagues this season, Burton said he'll be looking to stay active in the coming weeks.

"Dylan Lowery's still pitching in the summer for a team I used to play for," he said.

"When he's going to be practicing, I'm going to go up there and work

with him and I'm going to try to see what I can do as far as getting a few games in with any kind of league I can find."

Burton and the Buffs are coming off the best season in school history, where Forsan reach the regional final against Stamford, the deepest the program has ever been.

The Buffs have had plenty to celebrate after the season, including Burton and Lowery picking up All-State honors. Lowery made third team all-state as a pitcher and Burton made the first team at outfielder.

As far as the all-state honors go for him and Lowery, Burton said it was nice to be recognized for what he does on the field and it's a direct result of the team's performance this season.

While Lowery will be back on the team next season, Burton has to

turn his attention to North Central Texas College.

With the next baseball season being months away, however, Burton said and he has been warned so.

He said going to a junior college program presents a different challenge, as having an immediate impact is key to the team's success.

"I've talked to many kids who have gone for different sports and they just talk about how either they wished they were prepared or how they didn't prepare enough and how that deterred them from getting into their season," Burton said. "Something like that, it's really driving me to try to stay healthy and strong as I can."

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



File Photo  
Forsan's Evan Burton scores a run during the Buffs' Class 1A playoff game against Haskell. He just put the finishing touches on his high school career and looks forward to working out with teammates this summer before he begins his career at North Central Texas College.

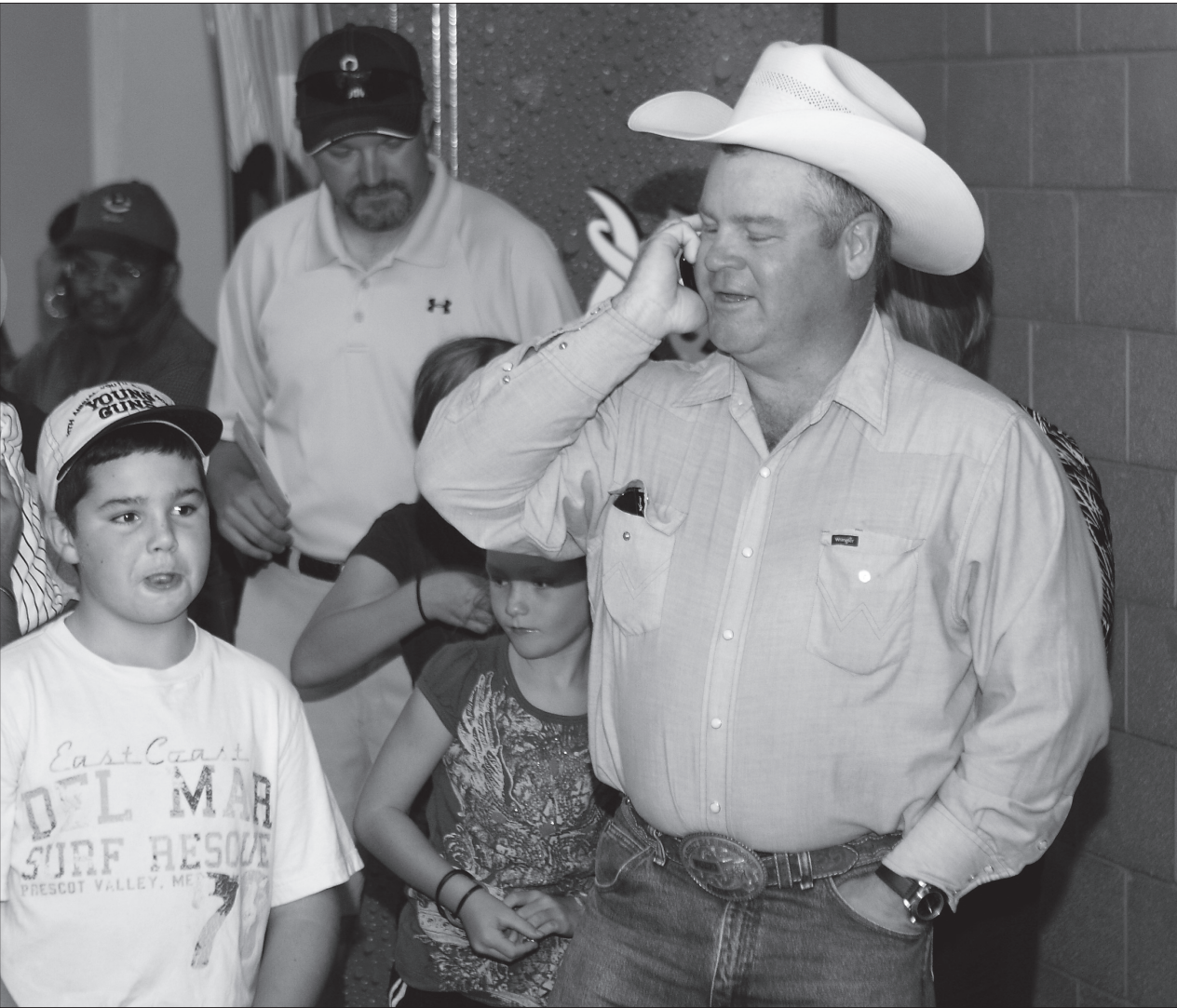


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Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick talks to Jason Schaffer on the phone during the Hawk Rodeo Champion Welcome Home Celebration on Monday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Schaffer, who is back in his hometown Broadus, Mont., won the national championship in the men's all-around category at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

### IOC accepts 3 candidates for 2018 Winter Olympics

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The three candidates from France, Germany and South Korea all made the cut Tuesday when the IOC announced the finalists to host the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Annecy, France; Munich; and Pyeongchang, South Korea, were all elevated to official candidate city status after a review by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

The IOC approved Munich and Pyeongchang without any reservations, but said Annecy should review its sports venue plans.

"The executive board decided that all three applicant cities deserved to move to the second phase of the bidding procedure," IOC Olympic Games executive director Gilbert Felli said. "It has been made clear, however, that Annecy needed to review its project."

The full IOC will select the 2018 host city by secret ballot at its session in Dur-

ban, South Africa on July 6, 2011.

In past bid races, the IOC has cut the field of cities at this stage. The three cities have been campaigning on a low-key basis since October when they applied to host the games.

Now, as official bid cities, they can launch more visible international lobbying efforts.

Pyeongchang, bidding for a third consecutive time, is the front-runner, with Munich as the main challenger and Annecy as the outsider.

The 15-member executive board acted on a recommendation from an IOC working group which studied the cities' replies to a detailed questionnaire on key issues.

The IOC did not rank the bids Tuesday, but will publish a report that compares the cities on various technical grounds.

The finalists will have to submit their detailed bid proposals to the IOC by Jan. 11, 2011.

### Djokovic wins at Wimbledon as roof at historic stadium makes 2010 debut

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Novak Djokovic was pleased that the All England Club closed the Centre Court roof because of fading sunlight during his first-round match.

First of all, Wimbledon only installed the retractable roof last year, so there haven't been many matches played under it, and the 10:59 p.m. ending made it the latest finish on record at a tournament

that began in 1877.

"You don't get to see a lot of late-night matches in Wimbledon history," Djokovic said. "So I'm happy that in a way my name is in the history books."

Most of all, though, the No. 3-seeded Djokovic was excited about this: He was losing to 68th-ranked Olivier Rochus before the court was covered Monday evening, then came back to win 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4,

6-2 with the roof shut and the lights turned on.

Play was interrupted for about 35 minutes after the third set, as darkness began to descend, while the stadium was set up for indoor play.

"The break kind of helped me a little bit, because I didn't feel great at that moment on the court," Djokovic said. "So to have a little ... break and just relax and focus, and reset my game and my mind, was

helpful."

The match wound up finishing a minute before the 11 p.m. cutoff time designated by the All England Club for when play must stop because of what its rules call "planning constraints."

Djokovic reeled off the last six games after being down a break and trailing 2-0 in the final set.

The 2008 Australian Open champion said it felt more

humid on court with the roof closed.

"It's different conditions, definitely different conditions," Djokovic said. "Kind of suited my game at that moment, and I managed to go through."

Unlike Roger Federer, who acknowledged he felt lucky to have scraped through his first-round match after

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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 shamble 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,

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#### 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

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

During the sun's travels through Gemini, communication was enhanced to the point of being downright breezy. Now it takes a touch more effort. The effects of an upcoming square between Mercury and Saturn can already be felt. This aspect combined with the private and internally focused Scorpio moon will set a mysterious tone for relationships.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're always doing the best with what you have. If learning is the ultimate aim, then it's not so bad to lose, since you're likely to learn more by losing than by winning.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Being brave is your specialty. You'll make the cold call, introduce yourself to a stranger or risk rejection in another way. Because you put yourself out there, you'll create opportunities.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're in top form, and everyone seems to notice. You may even have the pleasure of interacting with someone

who is obviously awestruck by your beauty and intelligence.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be in a mood to help others with their problems, especially if you think they'll do something good after they are rescued. Just don't let your charitable mood keep you from tending to your own duties.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a job you absolutely have to get done, and you will. As for the job that can wait, try to finish that one, too. Something unexpected will eat up your time, and you'll be glad you got a little bit ahead when you had the chance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A good friend doesn't dig up your messy mistakes for show and tell. Distance yourself from those who need to put you down in order to feel better about themselves.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some dreams die in the face of reality, but not all. The key is to understand the reality as thoroughly as possible and then aim for something that would benefit many other people.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be so interesting to the people around you that you'll strongly influence them. You will be passing along some of your mannerisms

and behaviors, too, so make sure you're acting in a way you won't mind others catching on to.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be doing research. It's almost like you're being led by unseen forces to investigate this. And if you find a weird little bonus in the process, milk it for all it's worth.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The ones who can't see how skilled you are simply aren't experienced enough. You deserve to be appreciated. Go where there are people who can understand what you're doing.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hitting the right tone with people will be key. Those who resonate with you will return your calls, invite you to quality events and generally appreciate all you do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're witty and they don't laugh, it's just because you're a step ahead today. You'll also be able to anticipate correctly what is to come. And you'll be a little early to the meeting, too, though no one else will be there to notice.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 22). Your schedule relaxes in July. Spare time is a precious commodity, and you'll make the most of it. You'll become an expert

at something different and new. You get good publicity in August — friends speak well of you. There's a financial bonus in September. Love inspires you to travel in November and December. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 31 and 16.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "What Tarot card represents the planet Mercury?"

That would be The Magician. Both Mercury and The Magician are concerned with thinking. Mercury has always had this reputation for being quick-witted and thinking fast on his feet, hence the little wings he wears on his shoes and his head when you see him depicted in artwork. This is because Mercury is the fastest moving planet in our solar system, circling the sun every 87 Earth days. The Magician card is often associated with writers and others who use their intellect to quickly communicate ideas. What I find most interesting about The Magician is his connection to visualization: He demands that you first visualize what it is you want before it is able to manifest in reality. Think before you speak, in other words. The Magician reversed (upside down) represents Mercury

retrograde, when communication becomes muddled and confused. In this interpretation, The Magician is like a charlatan or grifter who's trying to pull a fast one on you. Think of Mercury retrograde and the reversed Magician as the carnival barker who shuffles coconut shells around so fast that you can't see which one is hiding the ball.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** VJ turned television talk-show host Carson Daly is an intuitive Cancer, with Mercury and Venus in Cancer, as well. Hospitality is important to those born under the sign of the crab, and Daly's charming way of taking care of celebrity guests has contributed to a successful late-night career. With a young baby son at home, this proud papa is also energized by his paternal role.

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**Legals**

**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

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** My son and his family have been estranged from us for six years.

We discovered the reason was that his wife was spreading vicious lies. When I caught her in one particular lie, she left a message saying, "To us you are dead." I assume my son believed her lies, because he does not contact us at all.

I have tried to mend the relationship, but every time there seems to be a little headway, she comes up with something new.

I know she wants an apology from me. I would do that, but I'm sure she will use it as proof that her lies were true.

I love my son, and not seeing the grandkids is hurting my husband and me terribly. I pray daily for a miracle that will bring us together again. — Brokenhearted

**Dear Broken:** Some spouses (and it is primarily wives) are so insecure that they need to control every aspect of the marriage, and that requires alienating the in-laws. It borders on emotional abuse. It also requires a partner who doesn't recognize what's happening or lacks the spine to take a stand.

You cannot change your daughter-in-law's

personality, and you apparently cannot convince your son that she is a liar.

He also may be unwilling to rock the boat at home by questioning her. Your choice is to remain estranged or to apologize repeatedly.

An apology does not have to be an admission of guilt. Tell your daughter-in-law you are truly sorry for upsetting her, and make sure you say it in front of your son. We know it sticks in your craw, but it may be the only way to have any kind of relationship.

**Dear Annie:** I am a hairdresser and have a problem saying "no." My family and friends expect me to do their hair for free.

It started when I said "yes" to one, and now I have 10 people who think I should do their hair. I used to do it at work, but it became too difficult.

So now, after a 50-hour workweek standing on my feet all day with my back aching, everyone

wants me to make house calls.

I believe they are taking advantage of me. I honestly don't want to do anyone's hair anymore.

I have to bring all my equipment to their homes, and they never offer to give me a dime. How do I put an end to this? I would never expect anyone to do this for me. Why can't I say "no"? — Sick of Saying Yes in N.C.

**Dear N.C.:** You obviously don't want to disappoint anyone, but they are definitely taking advantage of you. If it's too hard to say "no," try making yourself less available.

Tell Sis your back aches and you cannot do one more head of hair that day. Or the next. Tell Aunt Judy your feet are killing you and you're staying home. It might help to stand in front of the mirror and practice what you plan to say. Put some starch in your backbone, honey, or you will be stuck doing this forever.

**Dear Annie:** "Victim of a Stroke" said a sudden personality change could indicate a stroke. It could also be a sign of other life-threatening problems.

My husband's friend was a sweet person who suddenly turned into an unkind grump who continually belittled my husband, who was baffled and devastated.

Three months later, the friend was dead from a blood clot to the lungs. He was 46. Our landlord was a vibrant, compassionate man in his 50s who jogged five miles a day.

One day, he said our 11-year-old daughter had to move out. Even his wife thought it was odd. Three months later, he died of a heart attack while jogging.

A sudden alteration in the amount of oxygen to the brain can also trigger a drastic behavior change. — Still Grieving

**Dear Still:** Thank you for pointing out that any sudden personality change could indicate a serious medical condition and requires immediate attention.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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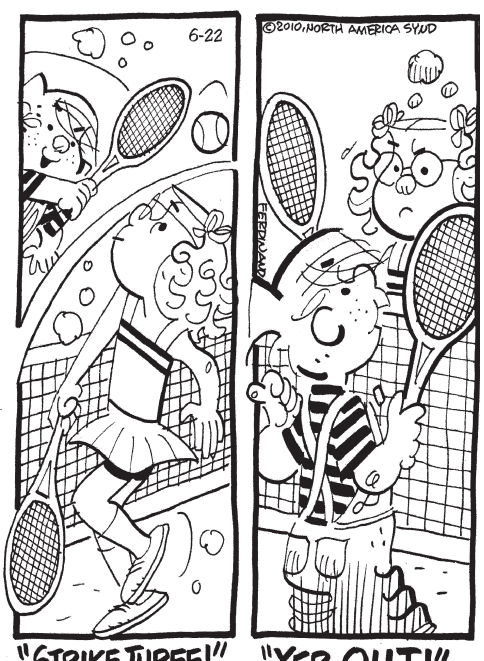
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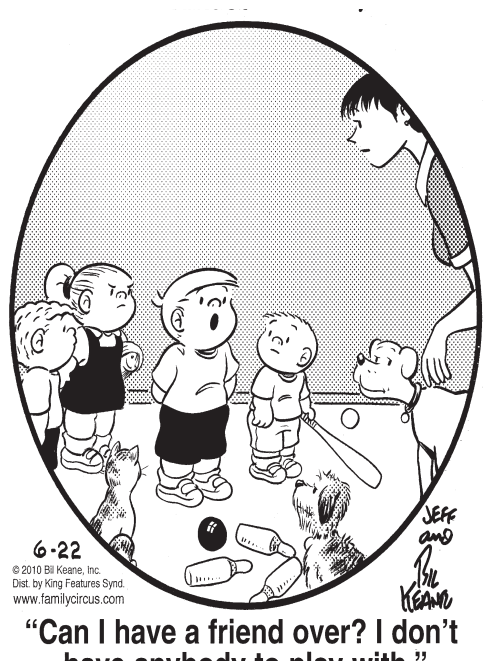


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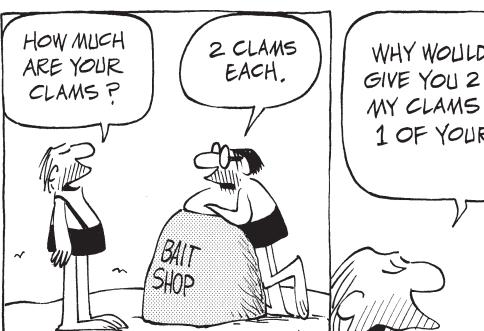
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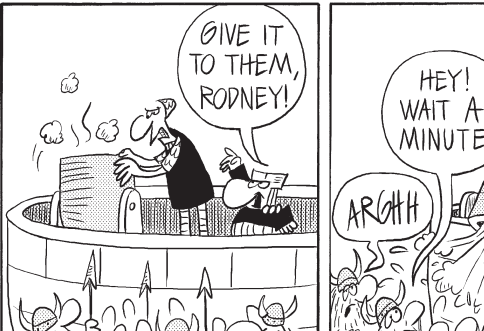
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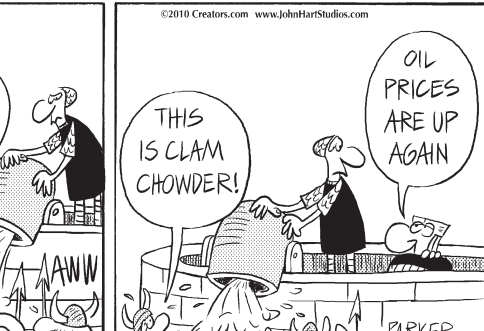
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On this date:

In 1807, a British frigate, the HMS Leopard, attacked and boarded the American ship USS Chesapeake off the Virginia coast in search of Royal Navy deserters.

In 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1941, Germany invaded the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory.

In 1969, singer-actress Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that lowered the minimum voting age to 18.

In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In 1993, former first lady Pat Nixon died in Park Ridge, N.J. at age 81.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Ralph Waite is 82. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 74. Movie director John Korty ("The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman") is 74. Actor Michael Lerner is 69. Broadcast journalist Brit Hume is 67. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 66. Actor Andrew Rubin is 64. Actor David L. Lander is 63. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 63. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 62. Actress Meryl Streep is 61. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 61. Singer Alan Osmond is 61. Actor Murphy Cross is 60. Actor Graham Greene is 58. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 57. Actor Chris Lemmon is 56. Rock musician Derek Forbes is 54. Actor Tim Russ is 54. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 53. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 52. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 51. Actress Tracy Pollan is 50. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 49. Author Dan Brown is 46. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 46. Actress Amy Brenneman is 46. Rock singer Steven Page is 40.

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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**Newsday Crossword**

- LOOK ME OVER** by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Eye-color area
  - 5 Post-office purchase
  - 10 Color like turquoise
  - 14 Small snack
  - 15 Pay tribute to
  - 16 Chest organ
  - 17 Words of denial
  - 18 Make a speech
  - 19 Ocean's rise and fall
  - 20 Time-measuring device
  - 22 Mexican snacks
  - 23 Free-for-all
  - 24 Bulletin-board material
  - 25 Poplar trees
  - 28 Schoolroom groups
  - 31 Tour of duty
  - 32 Got up
  - 34 Prefix for cycle
  - 35 Sword handle
  - 36 Piece of lumber
  - 37 Supply money for
  - 38 Kay follower
  - 39 Flat-bottomed boat
  - 40 Song from the past
  - 41 Warehouse's purpose
  - 43 Did a vet's job
  - 44 Armed conflicts
  - 45 Rhythm and (music genre)
  - 47 Treaties
  - 49 Ticketed for a postponed ballgame
  - 53 "Too bad!"
  - 54 Air Force installations
  - 55 Biblical paradise
- DOWN**
- 1 Rural stopovers
  - 2 Underground plant part
  - 3 "That's all there \_\_\_ it!"
  - 4 Package that's en route
  - 5 Sand bars
  - 6 High-calorie cake
  - 7 Have \_\_\_ up one's sleeve
  - 8 Butterfly relative
  - 9 Opposite of post-
  - 10 Church platforms
  - 11 One who learns fast
  - 12 Loosen, as a knot
  - 13 Eras
  - 21 "Jack and Jill \_\_\_ up..."
  - 22 Frog relative
  - 24 Oaf
  - 25 Fireplace remnants
  - 26 Circus clown's lifter-upper
  - 27 Linen-closet item
  - 28 Apple leftover
  - 29 Bert's Sesame Street pal
  - 30 Was in agreement (with)
  - 32 Feeling achy
  - 33 Playground chasing game
  - 36 Grocery sacks
  - 37 Auto's emergency lights
  - 39 Taverns
  - 40 Oil-cartel acronym
  - 42 Turns in, as to the cops
  - 43 Twilight preceder
  - 45 Fundamental
  - 46 Be dishonest with
  - 47 Bygone days
  - 48 Lip-balm additive
  - 49 Strikes firmly
  - 50 Work at a magazine
  - 51 Give up, as rights
  - 52 Was aware of
  - 54 Grp. that awards merit badges

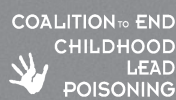
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# To get away from soccer, players play more soccer

IRENE, South Africa (AP) — When Jozy Altidore isn't playing soccer, he's playing video soccer. As himself. Teams traveled to South Africa to test themselves at the World Cup. And in their down time, some guys on those squads are playing FIFA 10 and 2010 FIFA World Cup, video games developed by EA Sports. Altidore thinks about using his first pick on Lionel Messi,

the reigning world player of the year. But he can't quite go through with selecting the Argentine star. "I play as myself a lot, actually," the American forward said. "It's fun to see yourself in the game. It's pretty cool. These guys try to play FIFA 09, FIFA 10. They try. I am the undisputed champion. I will hold a tournament called the Jozy Altidore FIFA tournament soon and take all

challengers. But until that time I'll let everybody think they're the best and stuff like that." The American team plays FIFA 10 at the Irene Country Lodge when they're not having meetings or meals. It seems that to get away from soccer, players gravitate to a computer game of soccer. "I am going to put this out there right now. At night, I kill time by thrashing Jozy

Altidore and Maurice Edu in FIFA's 2010," defender Oguchi Onyewu said. "You can put that in the headlines. They can't compete with me." While Altidore views himself as king of the video screen, not so fast, tweeted teammate Stuart Holden. "Waiting for (at)jozyaltidore17 to stop being scared and play me in a game of FIFA in the lounge downstairs!!" he wrote shortly after arriv-

ing in South Africa. Kaka, the Brazilian star voted 2007 FIFA player of the year, tweets about playing the game, which is available on multiple formats, including PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii. The designers have worked with English striker Wayne Rooney and Brazil's Ronaldinho, the 2004 and 2005 world player of the year, in an effort to make the action more realistic.

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losing the first two sets, Djokovic gave himself credit for playing well down the stretch. "Especially in the fifth set, I showed the real game, the game that I should play," he said. "Rochus is a very tricky player,

especially on grass. He has a very low balance and he rarely gives you free points. You have to work for all the points." Rochus had won three of their previous four matches against each other and thought he could have done it again Monday if he'd managed to convert one of the five break points he wasted across the eighth and 10th games of the fourth set.

"I was feeling really good, I was playing great," Rochus said. "If I break him back, get to a tiebreak, anything can happen. The match was so close." He began to tire after leading 2-0 in the fifth. "I think I started to feel a little pain everywhere," Rochus said. "Novak was playing really good. He was returning great, especially on my second serve."

## Panthers wide receiver Smith breaks arm

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith will miss the start of training camp with a broken left forearm suffered while playing football.

Flag football, that is. Smith was injured Sunday while playing in a flag football game. It's an activity that could violate the terms of his contract, although Smith is expected back before the start of the regular season and may avoid serious punishment by the team.

The four-time Pro Bowl selection will be sidelined for at least the first couple of weeks of camp, but is expected to be ready for the opener Sept. 12 at the New York Giants.

"He put his arm out to brace himself. When he did he felt a sharp pain," said Smith's agent, Derrick Fox. "He went in

(Sunday) afternoon to have an X-ray and it showed a break."

Smith had surgery Sunday night to have a small plate and screws inserted in his arm. Fox said while it's the same arm he broke at the end of last season, it's in a different spot and not his wrist. Smith suffered no nerve damage, is expected to make a full recovery and could return as soon as mid-way through the pre-season.

Smith annually hosts a youth football camp in Charlotte which began Thursday, the day after the Panthers concluded voluntary spring workouts.

Fox initially said Smith was injured playing with children at his camp, but later said he was unsure if he was playing with children or adults.

Smith's youth camp

ended on Saturday, a day before he was injured.

Former Panthers quarterback Josh McCown told The Charlotte Observer he has played with Smith a few times in an adult flag football league at a Charlotte YMCA, but wasn't with him on Sunday.

Standard NFL contracts bar playing football outside of team settings and ban other risky activities, but Fox said he didn't believe the Panthers would take action since he should be healed for the regular season.

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney didn't return a phone message seeking comment, but did release a statement.

"Steve talked to me and he feels terrible about it," Hurney said. "Now his focus is on rehabilitating process and

getting back as quickly as he can."

The 31-year-old Smith ranks first in team history with 58 touchdowns and 32 games of 100 or more yards receiving. Smith, who led the NFL in catches, yards receiving and touchdown catches in 2005, had 65 catches for 982 yards and seven touchdowns in 15 games last season.

His absence from the start of camp on July 28 will coincide with major changes made at quarterback for Carolina.

The Panthers released longtime starter Jake Delhomme, promoted Matt Moore to starter and drafted Jimmy Clausen of Notre Dame in the second round.

The Panthers also enter the season looking for a No. 2 receiver after Muhsin Muhammad wasn't re-signed and then retired.

## Glaus driving Braves' streak

ATLANTA (AP) — Jason Heyward's bat has cooled off considerably. Jair Jurrjens is still hurt. Chipper Jones might be on his way to retirement when the season ends.

Yet no matter how much difficulty the Atlanta Braves seem to face, they keep winning.

Since ending a nine-game losing streak on April 30, the Braves are 34-14, best in the major leagues, and their 42-28 overall record leads the NL.

"We've held our own as a team," Heyward said last weekend. "All year everybody's been picking each other up."

Ask around the Atlanta clubhouse who's most responsible for the surge, and Troy Glaus is the consensus answer.

"It's an amazing story," manager Bobby Cox said. "A great pickup. He's played a great first base as well. And he's a gamer."

Nobody, including Glaus, imagined a few weeks ago that he would lead the National League

in RBIs or that Atlanta would have the NL's best record.

Glaus was hitting .194 with six homers and nine RBIs on May 1. Fans at Turner Field booed him every at-bat.

It seemed the skeptics were right. Shoulder surgery that limited him to 14 games last year in St. Louis had depleted the former World Series MVP's power.

Maybe he was just trying to hang on as big league player. Switching from third base to first base looked like a desperate move for a four-time All-Star and the cost conscious Braves.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
*It Takes Two to Tango*

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 5 3  
♥ K 8  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ K J 9 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 2  
♥ 7 6 4 3  
♦ 7 5 4 2  
♣ A 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 8 7 4  
♥ J 10 5 2  
♦ 10 9 6  
♣ 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 9 6  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ A K J  
♣ Q 10 8 3

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

**There is no question** that many contracts are won or lost on the opening lead. For this reason, choosing the opening lead has been the subject of many theoretical dissertations, not to mention many a hot dispute, since the game was invented.

**Fortunately**, most opening leads are clear-cut. The bidding may point the way, or a strong honor-card sequence in a particular suit may be especially attractive.

**The trouble arises** mostly when the opening leader has a choice of several leads, any of which may turn out to be a rousing success or a dismal failure. These are the leads that can cause heated debates and sleepless nights.

**In today's deal**, West was confronted by just such a dilemma. He felt that neither of his two anemic four-card suits was worth leading, so he settled instead on the ten of spades in hopes of striking gold in his partner's hand. This inspired lead should have defeated the contract, but, sadly, East gummed up the works.

**Declarer was able to diagnose** the short-suit lead since he had the nine of spades in his hand. To tempt East into going astray, he therefore played the king of spades from dummy.

**Not inclined to reject** such a juicy morsel, East pounced on the king with the ace, effectively scuttling the defense. Regardless of East's return at trick two, South could next safely dislodge West's ace of clubs and so finish with 10 tricks.

**However**, had East withheld his ace at trick one and simply encouraged West by signaling with the eight, the contract would have gone down one. When West took the ace of clubs, his spade return would have allowed East to run his suit.

**The correct play** should not have been hard for East to work out. The lead of the ten of spades marked South with the jack, so the play of the king by declarer was sure to have been a ruse.

**Tomorrow:** Avoiding the danger hand.  
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