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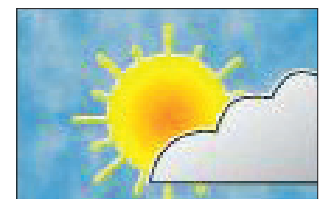
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## Coahoma honors its own

### Quail, Judy Dobbs named Citizens of Year

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Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Quail and Judy Dobbs were named Coahoma's Citizens of the Year during a special ceremony Saturday afternoon during the community's annual Freedom Celebration.

The pair have lived in Coahoma for 43 years and have been an integral part of the community. They both graduated from Colorado High School and married a few years later in 1964 after Judy attended West Texas State — now West Texas A&M University — for two years.

Quail began his rodeo career as a contestant but quickly found his niche as a rodeo clown and bullfighter. He worked all the major rodeos from coast to coast, including the Calgary Stampede in Canada and performing at rodeos in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia. Quail performed at the Cheyenne and Houston rodeos for 27 consecutive years.

Quail was honored to work four National Finals Rodeos and among many other honors, was elected to the Professional Rodeo Association's Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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## Pops in the coliseum



## 700 attend indoor holiday celebration

Rainy weather may have doused plans for a fireworks display, but the annual Pops in the Park holiday celebration — relocated to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum — went on with few other hitches Saturday. A crowd estimated at 700 people ignored the rain to join in the festivities. Clockwise, from top: Dr. Keith Graumann conducts the Big Spring Symphony as it performs a variety of popular and patriotic music; Old Glory was much in evidence, especially during the presentation of the colors; and dancers and other performers from Big Spring's sister city, San Miguel el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico, entertained the crowd.

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## Obituaries

## Ethyl Loraine Cason

Ethyl Loraine Cason, 88, of Big Spring died Friday, July 2, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Terry Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 10, 1921, in Durant, Okla., and came to Big Spring in 1942. She worked for the Southland Corporation as a manager of 7-11 convenience stores.

She trained horses and taught many children to ride and enjoyed riding in rodeos. She was Miss Stanton in the Midland Rodeo Parade in the 1940s.

Loraine was affiliated with Global Ministries and attended Spring Tabernacle Church. She was a committed, dedicated christian and was an ordained minister.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Bernice Cason, and one brother, William Lawrence (Sam) Cason Jr., both of Big Spring; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Lawrence Cason Sr. and Ethyl Louise Taylor Cason; one sister, Nina Emelene Vickery; and a nephew, Kenton Cason Vickery.

The family suggests memorials be made to Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Raymundo Rodriguez Jr.

Funeral Services for Raymundo Rodriguez Jr., 55, of Haltom City will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

Raymundo died July 3, 2010, in North Richland Hills. He was born to Raymundo and Ignacia Arispe Rodriguez Aug. 28, 1954, in Big Spring.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his sons, Chris Rodriguez and wife Cheryl, and Steven Rodriguez, both of Haltom City; daughter, Amy Rodriguez and husband Javier Ruiz of Grand Prairie; mother, Ignacia Rodriguez of Big Spring, brothers, Cruz Rodriguez and wife Sylvia, and Robert Rodriguez; and grandchildren, Kaylub, Hayden, Isaiah and Mia Rodriguez.

Raymundo is preceded in death by his father, Raymundo Rodriguez Sr. Homestead Funeral Home of Grand Prairie is in charge of arrangements, www.homesteadfuneralhomes.com

*Paid obituary*

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

## Terry Tredaway

Terry Tredaway, 54, of Big Spring died Friday, July 2, 2010, at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m.

Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Craig Garland officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 15, 1956, in Big Spring to Barbara and Marion Tredaway. He worked in the oil field and was an active member of the Southern Drag Boat Association.

He lived most of his life in Big Spring.

He is survived by his daughter, Shanna Armstrong and husband Chris of Pecos; one brother, Mike Tredaway and wife Sherida of Big Spring; one niece; one nephew; and several aunts and uncles.

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

## Daisy Bell Pierson Hardesty

Daisy Bell Pierson Hardesty, 92, of Big Spring died Monday, July 5, 2010, in a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

Note: Arrest and activity reports for Sunday, July 4, were not available at press time.

• JUSTIN LEE NICHOLS, 23, of Abilene, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ALEXANDER RAY HENSLEY, 18, of 2608 Cheyenne, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

• LAURA MCCALLAY, 37, of 114 Cedar, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

• VINCENT IFRAIN ALVARADO, 30, of 808 Settles, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault causing bodily injury - family violence, evading arrest or detention, public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 4100 block of Muir.

In the 1800 block of Wallace.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 800 block of W. Eighth Street.

In the 900 block of Willia.

## Take Note

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital volunteer run resale shop, will become effective Monday, July 5. New hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

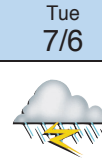

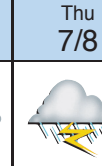
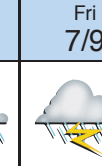
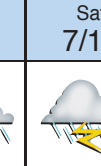
Are you tired of hearing your kids say "I'm bored." Well, the Heritage Museum has a fix - Free Summer Saturdays! Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. We are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

• United Blood Services will be in front of Beall's at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 6. Call Cody Sneed at the department store, 263-0273, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thu 7/8	Fri 7/9	Sat 7/10
				
<b>89/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. High 89F.	<b>82/68</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>78/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>79/68</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>85/69</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:47 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:47 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:55 PM

## Texas At A Glance



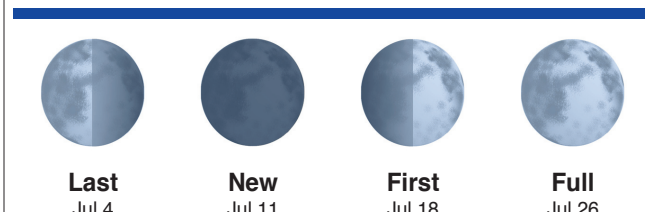
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	72	t-storm	Kingsville	93	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	89	65	pt sunny	Livingston	93	72	mst sunny
Austin	90	73	mst sunny	Longview	92	74	mst sunny
Beaumont	90	75	t-storm	Lubbock	88	66	t-storm
Brownsville	94	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	74	mst sunny
Brownwood	95	73	t-storm	Midland	90	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	75	mst sunny
Corsicana	91	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	91	74	pt sunny
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Antonio	92	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	89	72	t-storm	San Marcos	91	73	mst sunny
El Paso	99	73	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	92	74	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	92	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	91	71	t-storm
Gainesville	91	72	t-storm	Tyler	92	73	mst sunny
Greenville	92	73	t-storm	Weatherford	93	73	t-storm
Houston	91	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	91	71	t-storm

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	71	sunny	Minneapolis	83	67	rain
Boston	94	72	pt sunny	New York	98	80	mst sunny
Chicago	92	72	t-storm	Phoenix	103	78	sunny
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Francisco	77	54	pt sunny
Denver	84	56	t-storm	Seattle	79	59	sunny
Houston	91	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	96	77	mst sunny
Los Angeles	72	59	pt sunny	Washington, DC	101	78	sunny
Miami	85	78	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thu 7/8	Fri 7/9	Sat 7/10
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Very High	Extreme

## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

25-16-34-20-45-19  
Estimated jackpot: \$14 Million  
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:  
5-24-35-30-14

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
8-0-1-4. Sum It Up: 13

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
6-9-5. Sum It Up: 20



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## News briefs

### BP costs for oil spill pass \$3 billion; choppy seas delay cleanup efforts

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP's costs for the disastrous Gulf of Mexico oil spill climbed nearly half a billion dollars in the past week, raising the oil giant's tab to just over \$3 billion for work on cleaning and capping the gusher and payouts to individuals, businesses and governments.

London-based BP PLC, the largest oil and gas producer in the Gulf, released its latest tally of response costs Monday. The total of \$3.12 billion was up from \$2.65 billion a week earlier. The figure does not include a \$20 billion fund for Gulf damages BP created last month.

As BP continued drilling relief wells that are the best hope for plugging the blown-out well, a giant new oil skimming vessel was tested in the Gulf. But lousy weather means it may be longer than first hoped before officials know if it can work full-time sucking crude from the sea.

The Taiwanese skimmer dubbed "A Whale" has been able to show off its maneuverability during a weekend test in a 25-mile-square patch of water just north of the site where an April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon killed 11 workers and started the worst oil spill in Gulf history.

TMT, the shipping firm that owns the vessel, had hoped to test a containment boom system designed to direct greater volumes of oily water into the 12 vents or "jaws" that the ship uses to suck it in, according to spokesman Bob Grantham.

But lingering bad weather in the form of stiff winds and choppy seas has made that impossible, and prevented a flotilla of smaller skimmers from working offshore along the coasts of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

### Beleaguered Toyota Motor Corp. recalls nearly 92,000 vehicles in Japan over engine troubles

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota started recalling more than 90,000 luxury Lexus and Crown vehicles Monday in Japan over defective engines — the latest setback for the automaker beset with quality problems.

Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Paul Nolasco said recalls in overseas markets will follow soon, totaling about 270,000 vehicles globally. That includes: 138,000 vehicles in the U.S., 15,000 in Europe, 10,000 in the Middle East, 6,000 in China, 4,000 in Canada, and 8,000 in other regions.

Toyota told the Japanese government Monday it was recalling 91,903 vehicles for flaws in the valve springs, a crucial engine component, that could make the automobile stall while in motion. "We apologize for inconveniencing our customers. We hope to fix the problem soon," Nolasco said.

The quality problem affecting top-of-the-line products comes as Toyota struggles to move on from massive global recalls that started in October. It already has recalled more than 8.5 million vehicles for various problems, including sticking gas pedals, braking software glitches and defective floor mats.

The world's top automaker was fined a record \$16.4 million in the United States for responding too slowly when the recall crisis erupted.

The latest woes come on top of a recall last week for 17,000 Lexus hybrids after testing showed fuel can spill during a rear-end crash.

### Komorowski's presidential win strengthens Polish government's hold on country

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Bronislaw Komorowski's near-certain victory in Poland's presidential election has strengthened his party's hold on power ahead of parliamentary elections next year.

Full final results of the election are due later Monday but with 95 percent of the votes counted Komorowski — of the governing Civic Platform party — has 52.63 percent of the vote and opposition candidate Jaroslaw Kaczynski 47.37 percent.

The presidential election had to be held several months early after President Lech Kaczynski — Jaroslaw's twin brother — was killed in a plane crash in April.

Parliament speaker Komorowski's win ends a situation in which Prime Minister Donald Tusk faced frequent vetoes from an opposition-aligned president.



Courtesy photo

Judy and Quail Dobbs, right, were named Coahoma Citizens of the Year during the community's annual Freedom celebration Saturday. Also pictured is Eddy Pitchford, master of ceremonies for the event.

## DOBBS

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His rodeo career spanned 35 years — lots of miles, smiles and a million friends.

Closer to home, Quail helped kindergarten teacher Sandra Wanner produce the first Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo and has been an integral part of every production for the last 32 years, bringing the acts of many of his professional rodeo colleagues to the Coahoma Elementary show.

After retiring as a rodeo clown, Quail was elected Justice of the

Peace Precinct II, Place I, and took office in January 1999. He has enjoyed serving the people of Howard County for the last 11 years and will begin his fourth term in January 2011.

Judy has worked for Coahoma ISD for 28 years, first as a teachers aide, then as the high school secretary, and, most recently, as secretary to the superintendent.

She and Quail have two children, Stephanie Rotan of Glen Rose and Coley Dobbs of Coahoma, and four grandchildren.

Saturday, Quail received an additional honor, being named

"Coahoma's Favorite Son" during the Freedom Celebration activities following the parade. He received a special plaque and gift.

# Patient, wife among five dead in West Texas air ambulance crash

ALPINE (AP) — A patient and his wife were among the dead when an air ambulance crashed shortly after takeoff from a West Texas airport, killing all 5 people on board.

The crash happened about 12:15 a.m. Sunday about a mile east of Alpine-Casparis Municipal Airport, around 200 miles southeast of El

Paso. The twin-engine Cessna 421 had just taken off for Midland International Airport in Midland when it went down in an open area, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The aircraft was carrying a patient and his wife to Midland, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. It identified the dead as

78-year-old patient Guy Richard Folger of Alpine, his 59-year-old wife, Mary Folger; two flight nurses, 49-year-old Sharon Falkener of Fort Davis, and 42-year-old Tracy Chambers of Alpine; and 59-year-old pilot Ted Caffarel of Beaumont.

Caffarel was apparently trying to make an emergency landing

when the plane hit a rut in the muddy field, overturned and burned, the DPS said.

The FAA listed the aircraft as registered to O'Hara Flying Service II LP of Amarillo. Company owner Denny O'Hara declined to comment to The Associated Press. The National Transportation Safety Board will lead the in-

vestigation.

## Highland South Parade results

Here are results from Saturday's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland South July 4 Parade:

- Walkers
1. Caroline Corgan
  2. Tie — Madison Corgan and Saige Stallings
  3. Kameran Mata
- Pets
1. Sarah Hobbs
  2. Ronnie Gainey
  3. Kloe Mata
- Strollers

1. Amanda Palmer
  2. Debbie Corgan
- Wagons
1. Kimmy Berry
  2. Ashton Paredes
  3. Trooper Harrison
- Houses
1. 510 Highland
  2. No. 8 Coachmen's Circle
  3. 905 Highland
- Mailboxes
1. 513 Highland
  2. 500 Highland
  3. 502 Highland

- Motorized Vehicles
1. Sawyer Stallings
- Big Wheels
1. Avery Aguilar
  2. Ashton Aguilar
- Scoters
1. Tatum Hayworth
  2. Gracie Hayworth
  3. Kiley Mata
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## OTHER VIEWS

### Death and taxes

If billionaire Dan Duncan had died in 2009, the enormous fortune that the richest man in Houston left to his children and grandchildren would have been taxed at 45 percent or more.

If Duncan had died in 2011, they'd have been taxed at 55 percent.

But Duncan, whom Forbes estimated was worth \$9 billion, died this year. And because of a fluke in tax laws, Duncan's estate will be taxed at ... zero percent.

What happened? Basically, an accident. As the New York Times recently reported, the one-year lapse in the estate tax was an accounting quirk embedded in the package of tax cuts that President George W. Bush signed into law in 2001. Democrats vowed to close the gap after they took control of Congress, but last December, they couldn't broker an agreement. So — whoops! — 2010 dawned as a great year for the mega-rich to die.

Duncan's heirs are among a fairly small number of people likely to receive that windfall. The taxes normally apply to estates valued over \$3.5 million; and they don't apply to property passed to a surviving spouse. In a regular year, only 5,500 estates are that big. But that small number of estates normally generates a large number of tax dollars. In 2008, estate taxes brought the U.S. government more than \$25 billion. And according to the Times, just one of the assets that Duncan bequeathed to his descendants — 100 million shares in Enterprise GP Holdings — would have resulted in \$2 billion in estate taxes.

Even by U.S. government standards, those are enormous amounts of money — and it's money that the rest of us will have to make up. In this lousy economy, putting that burden on working people feels especially unfair.

The Senate Finance Committee is now hustling to reinstate the inheritance tax for what's left of 2010. We think they'd better hurry.

Yes, the "death tax" is controversial, and we admit that there's room for argument about its proper level. The 2011 rate of 55 percent may seem low for estates in the stratosphere. But even a much higher rate — say, the 70 percent that John D. Rockefeller's estate paid in 1937 — would still allow gazillionaires to pass enormous wealth to the next generation. (Rockefeller's heirs certainly seem to have survived without undue hardship.) Maybe the family wouldn't remain ultra-rich. Perhaps they'd be reduced to mega-richness. But maybe that's enough.

Especially when the estate taxes would allow other people to enjoy the economic opportunities that allowed their benefactor to earn a fortune in the first place? (Notably, both Warren Buffett and Bill Gates have endorsed higher estate taxes.)

Dan Duncan had a long history of philanthropy, and we hope his heirs will put their windfalls to good use. But a zero-percent estate tax? Let's close that loophole pronto.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we trust in Your timing, Lord, throughout our life.

Amen

# Justice for Oakland and Oscar Grant

I wrote for the Los Angeles Daily News during the Rodney King riots in 1992. I remember the first time I saw the shocking videotape of a group of officers beating and kicking a lone black motorist. Then I followed the trial of four police officers, the not-guilty verdicts, the rage and the ugliness. Six days of rioting left parts of Los Angeles charred and 54 people dead.

As Oakland, Calif., awaits the verdict in the trial of former BART police officer Johannes Mehserle for the 2009 New Year's Day shooting of Oscar Grant, some officials fear that violence will erupt in Oakland if the Los Angeles jury delivers a verdict that enrages area anarchists.

For one thing, it is possible the jury of seven whites, four Latinos and one decline-to-state individual will acquit Mehserle, who pleaded not guilty and testified that he meant to shock Grant, 22, with a Taser but accidentally fired his gun.

Judge Robert Perry, however, did Oakland a big favor Wednesday when he ruled out first-degree murder. As Demian Bulwa of the San Francisco Chronicle reported, the judge said he saw no evidence of premeditation.

In that jurors generally don't like to convict people who have put their own bodies on the line to protect the public at large, the judge has given this panel options to redress the lethal consequences of Mehserle's actions. Over the objections of both the prosecution and defense, Perry gave jurors the option of convicting Mehserle of second-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter.

From my limited newspaper perch, a manslaughter conviction seems far more likely than a murder conviction.

But beware. From the early days of this case, some individuals have made it clear that they will be satisfied with nothing less than a conviction for murder. John Burris, who is representing Grant's family in a civil lawsuit against BART, said at the time the Alameda County district attorney charged Mehserle with murder, "Anything less than murder would not have

been satisfying."

When activists tried to organize peaceful protests of the shooting in January 2009, anarchists hijacked the protests. Local businesses were trashed, Oaktown cars were torched and more than 100 individuals — most from out of town — were arrested.

"The first time, we were maybe caught off-guard," City Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente, who represents the Fruitvale district where Grant was shot, told me. "This time, there's no excuse."

Authorities cannot allow the situation to get out of control. I remember the way Los Angeles felt after the Rodney King riots — scared, angry and ashamed.

We don't know what the jury's verdict will be, but we do know that Oakland is forewarned. If the verdict seems unjust, the answer is not to create more victims.

Or, as De La Fuente put it, "Don't let this thing escalate because of outside agitators. They are not here for Oscar Grant."

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## Every collegian should own a passport

Most of us have favorite movie scenes, for any number of reasons. One of mine is the exchange between a mother and her son in the 1979 movie "Breaking Away," a classic coming-of-age story about four teenage boys in Bloomington, Ind.

In this particular scene — played to perfection by Barbara Barrie and Dennis Christopher — Mrs. Stoller is trying to encourage her son, Dave, to imagine a bigger life for himself.

So she reveals a secret. Their exchange goes roughly like this:

Mrs. Stoller: Did I ever show you this?

David: It's a passport.

Mrs. Stoller: Quite cheap you know. A real bargain. I carry this with me all the time. Someday there'll be a new girl at the A&P, and when I want to cash a check, she'll ask me for my identification, and I'll take out my passport and I'll say, "Here!"

Her son hugs her, newly emboldened to see beyond the boundaries of his small hometown.

I was 20 when I first saw the movie, and the memory of that working-class mother's passport has stayed with me ever since.

In 1979, I was a small-town, working-class kid who had traveled only to Canada and three

other states. Until that moment, that scene, it never had occurred to me to own a passport. Just because.

Because one day I might want to visit another country.

Because every day I should see myself as someone who could.

As with most life-changing moments, the biggest leap is cerebral.

This summer, one of the largest state universities in the country — Ohio State — is launching a new program to encourage every incoming freshman to get a U.S. passport.

The program, "Gateway to the World," is designed to encourage the roughly 6,600 freshmen — 30 percent of whom are first-generation college students — to get used to the idea that their community is a global one.

"A passport is their driver's license for the 21st century," OSU's Dolan Evanovich told me.

"We want each of them to consider studying abroad at some point during their time at Ohio State. Right now, about 20 percent of our students do that. We want to double that number with this class."

Evanovich is OSU's vice president for enrollment.

He also was the first in his family to go to college, so he understands the reluctance of some working-class parents to embrace globe-trotting lives for their children.

"I'm from the Pittsburgh area," Evanovich said. "It was a big deal for us to drive to Cleveland."

Evanovich made his first trip

abroad as a college basketball player. He returned a different man.

"Here I was, this little kid from a steel mill town in Pennsylvania, exposed to different languages and cultures. It changed how I saw myself and my role in the world."

OSU is encouraging, but not requiring, entering students to get the passports. Part of the reason is cost. U.S. passports are not cheap for a lot of families. They cost about \$100, which does not include the price of required photos. Evanovich said OSU is exploring ways to help those students in need, with passports and studies abroad.

I hope that OSU figures this out sooner rather than later and that other colleges and universities across the country follow suit in starting their own passport programs.

We already have a good idea of what America will look like in two decades. Diversity is a trend, and it's irreversible. There aren't enough fences in the world to change that.

What I'm trying to imagine is an America where, in that same time, every college graduate owns a passport and the expectations that come with it.

Barriers crumble. Boundaries evaporate. That's what happens when we open our minds.

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# White Sox edge Texas Rangers Ramirez's HR wins series for Chicago

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Chicago White Sox were buried in the AL Central standings a month ago, 9½ games off the lead.

They've certainly turned things around. Since being in that position on June 9, the streaking White Sox have pulled within a game of division leaders Minnesota and Detroit. Alexei Ramirez hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead the White Sox to a 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday night.

"A couple weeks ago, we didn't know what to do with this ballclub," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said after taking two of three from

the AL West-leading Rangers.

Chicago has won 18 of 23 to get right back in it.

"A lot of people lost faith in this ballclub," Guillen said. "So we've turned around and proved a lot of people wrong. We touched the bottom very bad, but we stuck together and that showed me a lot about this team."

Paul Konerko and Carlos Quentin hit back-to-back doubles in the sixth to tie it at 3 for Chicago. Two outs later, Ramirez lined a home off starter Scott Feldman (5-8).

Mark Buehrle (7-7) won for the fourth time in five starts to even his record for the first time since April 21. He

allowed three runs — including homers by Josh Hamilton and Julio Borbon — and five hits over seven innings.

Buehrle improved his career record against Texas to 12-5 with a 3.42 ERA, holding down a lineup that led the majors in June with a .311 average and 178 runs.

"This was a big test for us," Buehrle said. "You look at that lineup, it seemed everybody was hitting .300. It was a good challenge for our pitching staff to come in and mow these guys down with quality starts in all three games."

Matt Thornton, who earned his first All-Star berth, got three outs for his fifth save in seven chances. He was sub-

bing for regular closer Bobby Jenks, who came off the bereavement list on Friday after missing almost a week and is working to get back into game shape.

Guillen said Jenks should be available Monday night for the opener of a four-game series against the Los Angeles Angels.

Hamilton homered for Texas to extend his home hitting streak to 24 games, second-longest in club history. His two-run shot in the fourth over Vladimir Guerrero singled gave Texas a 2-1 lead. Hamilton had been tied at 23 straight game with Michael Young (2009) and Ivan Rodriguez (1995). Al Oliver's

30-game streak in 1981 is the Rangers' home record.

Hamilton and Guerrero were voted as starters for the AL All-Star team announced earlier Sunday.

White Sox pitching limited the Rangers to seven runs in the three-game series.

"We're not pressing, we've just cooled off with the bats and we're not holding onto a lead when we get it," Hamilton said. "We're leaving some runners on base. Hopefully we can pick things up again."

Feldman allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in six innings for the

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# Gwynn Jr.'s RBI hit in 9th lifts Padres past Houston Astros

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn Jr. started growing a beard at the beginning of June and doesn't plan to shave it until he lifts his batting average to .250.

He took a slight step backward on Sunday, but it was worth it.

After going hitless in his first four at-bats, Gwynn hit a bases-loaded single up the middle against a drawn-in infield with one out in the ninth inning to give the San Diego Padres a 3-2 win against the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Gwynn's average dipped from .228 to .227.

"I don't know how much longer my face can take it, but I'm going to roll with it as long as I can," said Gwynn, the leadoff batter and center fielder.

Gwynn helps the Padres in different ways than his father, the Hall of Famer who had 3,141 hits and a .338 lifetime average in his 20-year career in San Diego.

On Saturday night, an eighth-inning bunt went for an infield single and contributed to the winning rally. Earlier in Sunday's game, Gwynn made a diving catch of

Brett Myers' fly ball.

"Tony's had a good couple of games in the areas where he needs to have them, in bunting and defense," Padres manager Bud Black said. "I think his average will climb as we move into the second half."

Yorvit Torrealba started the winning rally when he singled to right on Brandon Lyon's first pitch of the ninth. Aaron Cunningham, who hit a two-run single in the fourth, sacrificed, Everth Cabrera was intentionally walked and pinch-hitter Matt Stairs walked to load the bases. Gwynn then swatted a first-pitch fastball up the middle.

"Typically when the infield's in, your best friend is up the middle," Gwynn said. "Having faced Lyon a couple of nights ago I had an idea of what I wanted to do. I got a pitch to handle and it was able to work out for me."

It was the Padres' 11th win in their final at-bat at home and their third straight. The Padres took three of four from the struggling Astros.

Gwynn said he took

some good swings even though he didn't have anything to show for them until the ninth.

"I think anybody can deal with a hitless game if they come up with a chance to help a team win a ballgame," Gwynn said. "If you can come through, you can forget about the other four at-bats you had before and you're able to digest that one hit you had. Fortunately I was able to have that last opportunity and I was able to come through."

In that situation, "You've dug a hole anyway," Lyon said. "The chances of coming out of it aren't great but I feel like I have the mindset to get out of it."

"I can't say it was a bad pitch," Lyon said of the fastball to Gwynn. "If I could take it back, I probably wouldn't throw that pitch. I'd probably throw it farther in."

The NL West-leading Padres (49-33) are 16 games above .500 for the first time this season.

Houston's Lance Berkman homered in the first inning and tied the game with an RBI triple in the eighth.



File Photo  
**Big Spring High School's Jerrell Williams attempts a shot in one of the Steers' games last season. Head coach Marcus Morris, who led the Steers to a district championship last season, will coach at Graham next year. Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey is in the middle of finding a replacement and a new coach is expected to be named this month.**

# NBA's free agent fireworks could come next week

NEW YORK (AP) — From Cleveland to Chicago, South Florida to the New York area, it was a mostly quiet Fourth of July in the NBA.

The real fireworks will apparently start this week.

With LeBron James and other big names taking time to ponder their futures, the free-agent market was in many ways on hold for the holiday — though Joe Johnson did agree to a maximum

contract to stay in Atlanta.

Once the others reach their conclusions, things will start to heat up again.

"I'm sure everyone is ready to get a decision going," Dwyane Wade told Chicago's NBC-Channel 5.

Wade said he planned to use the weekend to think after meeting twice with the Bulls, plus getting visits from the Knicks and Nets. The Heat said Wade was expected

back in Miami early Monday morning, and a fan rally was planned for his arrival. Wade is expected to headline a basketball camp in South Florida starting Tuesday as well, plus meet with Heat president Pat Riley and owner Micky Arison at some point in the coming days.

James was expected to spend the holiday relaxing at his Bath, Ohio, home with family and friends. It was a

chance to catch his breath after a whirlwind three days during which six teams gave him reasons why he should continue his career wearing a new No. 6 jersey in their colors.

The Knicks talked to representatives for James for the second time on Saturday in Ohio, according to a person with knowledge of the meeting who spoke Sunday night on condition of anonymity

because of the sensitivity of the situation. Senior vice president Glen Grunwald and MSG Sports president Scott O'Neil represented the team, and James did not attend the chat.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh told ESPN.com the team wanted to provide more information about the franchise's salary-cap situation

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## Sports in brief

### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868 or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information

### State Representative Joe Heflin Golf

### Tournament

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or 806-675-1583.

### Coahoma Ragball Tournament

There will be a ragball tournament July 9 and 10 at the Coahoma Little League Field. Sign-ups will continue at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the concession stand

with games starting at 7 p.m. Contact Anthony Herrera at 213-1498 for more information.

### 2-Person Low Ball

The Big Spring Country Club invites the community to participate in this event, which takes place July 24 through 25. The entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes barbecue on the course July 24. Field will be flighted by the first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information.

# Nadal back on top at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The queen of England had the right idea coming to Wimbledon during the first week.

That's when the tournament produced most of its drama, while the final weekend stuck with a predictable script, thanks to Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams.

Nadal cemented his status as the world's No. 1 player Sunday, winning his second Wimbledon trophy, eighth

**"One of the toughest moments in my career, no? Amazing for me after a difficult year last year that I can be here."**

Rafael Nadal,  
Wimbledon champion

Grand Slam championship and second major title in four weeks. He dismantled first-time Grand Slam finalist Tomas Berdych 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

The top-ranked Williams, who won Wimbledon for the fourth time Saturday, eased through seven rounds without

losing a set. Nadal had the more arduous journey, being pushed to five sets in rounds two and three while battling soreness in his right knee that subsided for his later matches.

He made winning the final look routine, deftly defusing Berdych's power and dominating

pivotal points.

Nadal celebrated with perhaps the first Centre Court somersault in the history of a tournament that dates to 1877. Later, cradling the trophy under that talented left arm, he signed autographs outside the members' entrance to the All England Club.

The victory extended Nadal's winning streak at Wimbledon to 14 matches. The Spaniard won the title in 2008, then missed the tournament last year because of tendinitis in his knees.

"One of the toughest moments in my career, no?" he said during the trophy ceremony. "Amazing for me after a difficult year last year that I can be here."

While the final weekend went as expected,

with a sweep by the No. 1 players, the first week generated plenty of surprises to go with the queen's first Wimbledon visit since 1977.

Besides Nadal's close calls, there was a narrow escape for top-seeded Roger Federer, who was three points from defeat in the opening Centre Court match, and there was the longest match in tennis history. John Isner needed three days to beat Nicolas Mahut, winning the fifth set 70-68.

# Joe Johnson stays in Atlanta, gets max deal

ATLANTA (AP) — All-Star guard Joe Johnson had agreed to a maximum contract to stay with the Atlanta Hawks, his agent said Sunday.

Arn Tellem confirmed an entry he wrote for the Huffington Post website, in which he said Johnson "announced his intention to re-sign with the Hawks for six more years."

Tellem wrote that Johnson chose to remain in Atlanta

over Chicago and New York, where he would have been reunited with Mike D'Antoni, his former coach in Phoenix.

The Hawks could pay him nearly \$120 million, while other teams could only give Johnson five years and pay him about \$25 million less.

That made it easy to stick with the Hawks, who have reached the second round of the playoffs the past two

years with Johnson as their top player. He's a four-time All-Star and has averaged more than 20 points in each of his five years with Hawks.

"His priorities are his family, his friends and his game," Tellem wrote. "Joe could have forced a sign-and-trade deal for five years with another team, but he decided that winning in Atlanta would be more meaningful. When the

Hawks offered the maximum — six years — he happily reciprocated."

The Hawks would not comment, citing the NBA's moratorium on signings. Deals can't become official until July 8.

Johnson has been at the center of the Hawks' resurgence since arriving in Atlanta from Phoenix in a sign-and-trade deal on Aug. 19, 2005. A

13-win team the season before he arrived, the Hawks doubled that the next season and went 53-29 in 2009-10 before getting swept by Orlando in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Johnson averaged 21.3 points during the regular season but played poorly during that series, creating speculation he may have cost himself max dollars.

# Armstrong avoids trouble, Petacchi wins 1st stage in Tour de France

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Lance Armstrong saw it coming: tight turns, narrow roads, big crowds and nervous riders would make crashes likely in Sunday's first stage at the Tour de France.

He sure was right.

The seven-time Tour champion emerged unscathed after at least six crashes bedeviled the sun-baked stage through Dutch and Belgian flatlands that was won by Alessandro Petacchi of Italy, who avoided a big pileup in the final straightaway.

Race leader Fabian

Cancellara tumbled to the asphalt and defending champion Alberto Contador scraped a leg against another bike after he hit his brakes in the logjam that blocked the road. Neither was seriously hurt.

The 139-mile course from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to Brussels, started out with three mid-stage crashes, one caused by a dog that darted into the pack, and finished with another three in the last two miles.

"Total mayhem," Armstrong said.

Even so, the overall

standings didn't change. Tony Martin of Germany remained 10 seconds behind Cancellara, who won Saturday's prologue.

Britain's David Millar was third, 20 seconds off the Swiss rider. Armstrong trailed another 2 seconds back and Contador was sixth, 5 seconds behind his American rival.

"Typical first stage: Everybody wants to be in the front, everybody nervous for crashes," Armstrong said, noting that a huge fan turnout on the roadsides was both good and bad.

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Rangers, who have lost four of six.

Of Chicago's 24 hits in the first two games of the series, 22 were singles and two were doubles. This time, four of the nine hits for the White Sox went for extra bases.

"Clutch hitting is what was missing," Guillen said. "For the last 2½ weeks, we've had big hits in the right situations, with people on base."

Chicago got an unearned run in the second when Quentin

reached on third baseman Young's throwing error, and scored on Mark Kotsay's double.

After Hamilton's 20th homer of the season sent Texas in front in the fourth, Chicago tied it at 2 in the fifth on rookie Dayan Viciedo's RBI groundout.

Borbon's one-out solo homer in the fifth put Texas back ahead 3-2.

Chicago third baseman Omar Vizquel left in the third inning after being hit by a pitch from Feldman. He was struck by a fastball in the left knee and rolled to the ground in pain with what was later diagnosed as a bruise following negative X-rays.

He was examined on the field by White Sox medical personnel before walking slowly to the dugout and was replaced by Vicedo. The White Sox said Vizquel would be evaluated Monday in Chicago.

NOTES: The Rangers played their 81st game, reaching the midway point of the season at 48-33, their second-best record in club history at that point. The 1996 team was 49-32. ... The White Sox completed a 3-3 trip with their 80th game. ... Rangers rookie 1B Justin Smoak went 0 for 3 and is hitless in his last 23 at-bats. ... Ramirez was 8 for 12 in the three-game series.

# NBA

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for this year and 2011.

The New York Daily News was the first to report Saturday's meeting.

Messages were left seeking comment from James' agent, Leon Rose, and his manager, Maverick Carter.

Not surprisingly, the Cavaliers' pitch focused on his allegiance and loyalty to home, and included a video presentation that included highlights from James' seven seasons in Cleveland and testimonials from fans asking him to stay in Northeast Ohio. The team posted a portion of the video on its website on Sunday.

Beyond his decision, James has a busy week ahead. He is hosting a Nike camp at the Uni-

versity of Akron, where he recently accepted his second straight MVP award and was honored by the city with a day of appreciation in an outdoor event at the school's football stadium.

It's possible James could announce his decision in his hometown during or following the camp, which will feature some of the nation's top high school players.

Besides the Cavs, the other teams anticipating word from James are Chicago, Miami, New Jersey, New York and the Los Angeles Clippers. Some of them spent the past two seasons clearing around \$30 million of salary cap space so they could afford to sign James and another marquee free agent.

Now they're asking him to walk away from \$30 million, roughly the

difference between a six-year deal to stay in Cleveland and the five-year contract the competitors can offer him under the collective bargaining agreement.

The messages on lebronjames.com are simple: "Getting closer" and "You'll be the first to know."

The teams aren't the only ones waiting.

Players such as Stoudemire and Carlos Boozer, who in some years might be the best free agents available, are in a holding pattern while James, Wade and Chris Bosh, considered the head of the class, come to their decisions.

"My guys are simply taking a step back and evaluating all of the info that they received over the past few days," Henry Thomas, the agent for Wade and Bosh, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Stoudemire arrived in New York on Saturday and was scheduled to meet with the Knicks on Monday.

They've discussed a deal that would pay the All-Star power forward nearly \$100 million over five years to reunite with former Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni, but the Knicks may be hesitant to finalize things since

they believe they're still in the running for the top three.

There has been some action since this highly awaited free agency period opened on Thursday.

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faced off in a 96-deal match.

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The bidding shown here is typical of the excellent form shown by the two teams. At both tables, South employed the Grand Slam Force convention by leaping to five notrump after North had bid two diamonds over West's one-spade overcall.

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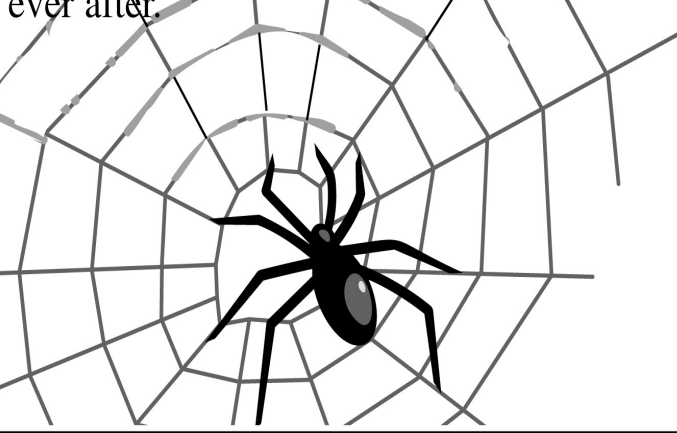
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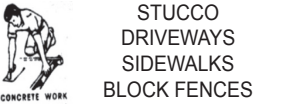
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If you were going to plan a rebellion, what would you rebel against? Keep in mind that for most people, the enemy who most requires conquering is within. As Uranus retrogrades, it's the perfect moment to revolt against whatever outmoded beliefs have been holding you back, keeping you down or even merely bumming you out.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You listen to what someone is saying, and you understand it from his or her perspective. It's a simple act of selflessness, and yet it has the potential to make your life easier overnight.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's a balance to strike between saying too much and saying too little — between standing up for your own opinions and beliefs and being self-righteous or closed-minded.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In a way, you've been waiting for the other shoe to drop. Yes, a change is coming. But it absolutely can't come this week, because your schedule is too full. So stop worrying and get on with life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are who you are. It shouldn't surprise you how many people accept and love you just as you are. But it still does. Something will remind you that you are cherished.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your recent misstep is already a fading memory. With your spirit and pluck, no one can keep you down for long. Spiritually, you hop to your feet today. Bouncing back is your specialty.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An acquaintance seems to be going out of his or her way to spend more time with you. If it seems that way, it probably is. Your sense about these things is usually right on. What do you think this person wants?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You work well

under the pressure of a deadline. It's not an entirely pleasant process, and yet the ticking clock goads you on and keeps you efficient. You're a little concerned about your next deadline, but you'll make it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You express yourself without worrying about whether the other person approves of or agrees with you. This is true confidence. Continue in this manner for the entire day, and you will, by day's end, have a handful of new fans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You go to great lengths to keep a promise. Some people would shrug it off as something unimportant, but for you, a promise is something of a sacred pact. Your honor attracts the best and brightest to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are known to be a high-fiving, easy-joking type, but people don't see the more tender side of you. They are about to see that side, because you are ready to show it to them.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). You've had to compromise often lately, and it's about time you drew a line. Someone today might question your apparent stubbornness, but hold fast. Your needs matter, too.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Casting off the shackles that bind you, you hurl yourself toward an end you can only dimly see. This is the very stuff of faith, the habit of heroes. Be a bold, intrepid soul.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 5). Your brain is in top condition, but you keep training it anyway. That makes this year the perfect balance of challenge and relaxation. New friends come into your world, and your experiences together will be some of the most fun occasions of the year. Finances improve after an important sale or accomplishment in September. Leo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 11, 23 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "What card in the Tarot deck represents Gemini, and

why?"

In a typical deck of Tarot cards, the astrological sign of Gemini is depicted as The Lovers. Pictorially, the two look very similar. Drawings of Gemini show two twins side by side, Castor and Pollux — the brothers of one of mythology's most famous lovers, Helen of Troy. The Lovers card also shows two people side by side, usually Adam and Eve. Dig a little deeper, and the similarities become even more apparent. Both Gemini and The Lovers represent that old expression, "There are two sides to every story." You may be weighing the pros and cons of a situation, trying to decide between two possibilities. There is a yin and a yang to everything — give and take — and The Lovers card asks you to find the energetic balance within these choices. Gemini people are good at that, it being a very intellectual sign. In fact, sometimes they're called "two-faced" or "split personality," but really, they just naturally see both sides of a given situation. If you

pull a reversed (upside down) Lovers card from the deck, you are probably having a hard time making up your mind about something.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Teen actor and musician Mitchel Musso is perhaps best known for his characterization of Oliver Oken on the hit Disney sitcom "Hannah Montana." His natal chart is absolutely made for work in the entertainment field, with Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter all lined up in show-stopping Leo. His music career took off with last year's debut album, and this Cancer's star will continue to rise.

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Dear Margo by Margo Howard

An Atypical Ex-Wife Issue

**Dear Margo:** My boyfriend of almost a year is good friends with his ex-wife, which is great.

Before I met him, I worked with said ex-wife. We were friendly co-workers — had nice chats, group lunches, etc. — but never hung out. I never knew the two of them as a couple, and everyone is happy with the current situation; there's no tension.



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We occasionally catch up over drinks — sometimes the three of us, sometimes with other mutual friends. It's all great.

Here's my issue: They both think she and I should be good friends independently, while I see us more as friendly acquaintances.

We don't have much in common besides a shared work history and a guy.

For the record, I view this in the same light as going out with his sis-

ter; I wouldn't want to go out with her alone, either.

My boyfriend thinks I'm being unreasonable in having reservations.

He says I only think it's weird because "society" tells me I should think it's weird.

It makes me uncomfortable, so I'm siding with society, but what do you think? — *Trying To Be Reasonable*

**Dear Try:** Right now, the score is you, me and society: 1; boyfriend: 0. You might ask him why this matters to him.

If pushed, you could say she's OK, but she wouldn't be your pick for a girlfriend if left to your own devices, and what you find weird is that he is trying to push the friendship.

That ought to settle the matter. — *Margo, independently*

Different Responses to Difficult Parents

**Dear Margo:** My siblings and I were raised in a family where both parents were alcoholics.

Our life was filled with the violence of domestic abuse aimed at my mother.

We were a very dysfunctional family. That was about 40 years ago. We have managed to move on and forgive our parents, except for my brother and one sister.

My brother lives two hours away from my dad; and my sister, 45 minutes.

My dad has dementia and had stomach cancer five years ago. He used to make terrible remarks about a person's weight, etc., and he also had no idea how to communicate with us.

My brother and sister still won't go to see him and don't want to bring their children around, even though my dad is no longer like that.

My brother said he would pick up my dad and take him to his house to visit, but he has not done it.

He and my sister make empty promises to my parents. I am very upset with them and have said so.

My brother is always at church on Sundays, so I told him he needs to go back and learn about forgiving people. What do you think? — *Kathy*

**Dear Kath:** I think people should do what they feel they need to

do. While forgiveness is often healing for the injured party, some early events from childhood are hard to overcome, and so those memories may linger in a realm beyond forgiveness.

I would give up badgering your brother and sister, recognizing that how people respond to and recover from early abuse and trauma is a personal thing — not even a choice, but an instinct.

I am happy for you that you have moved past a difficult childhood with alcoholic parents.

I suggest you lay off your sibs and let their response to your parents ease off into a non-issue. — *Margo, forwardly*

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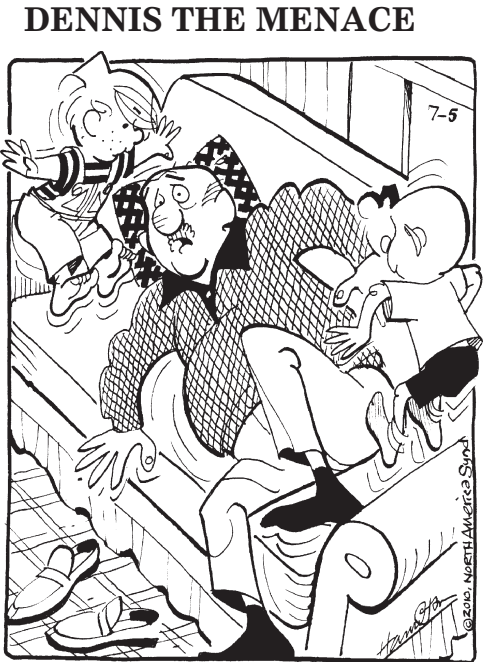
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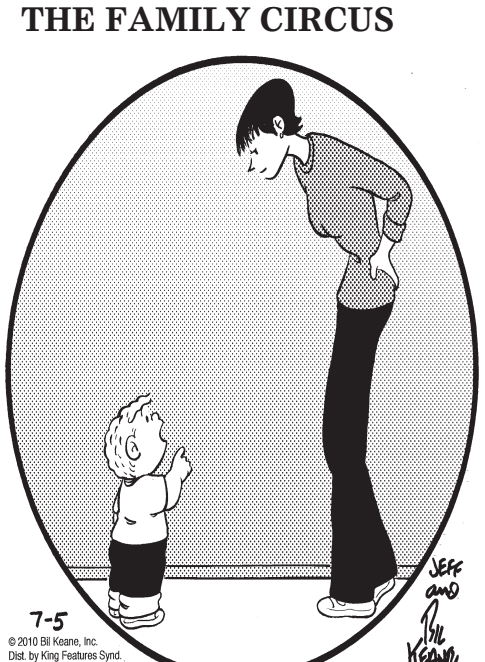
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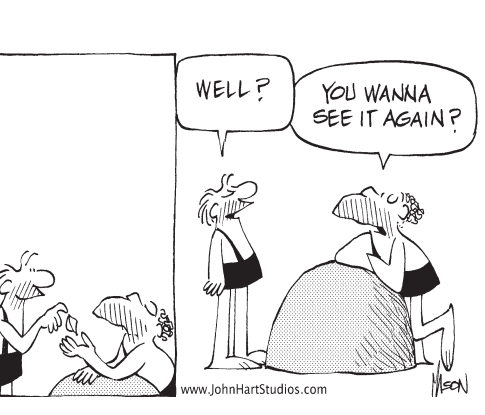
"I forget. Am I hiding or seeking?"



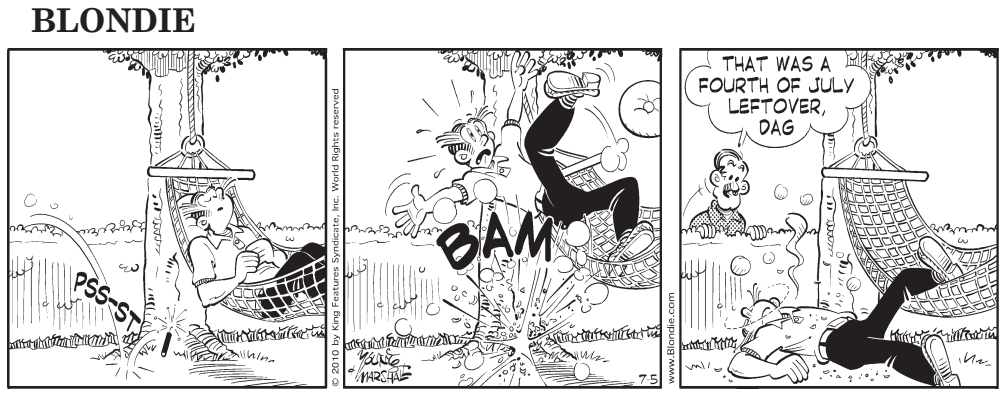
THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO PRACTICE SAND SHOTS! YOU'RE LUCKY YOU RESCUED YOUR SAND WEDGE WHEN OUR SHIP SANK! UNFORTUNATELY I FORGOT TO RESCUE SOME GOLF BALLS!



I CAN TRICK ANY FOOL OUT OF HIS MONEY. WHAT'S YOUR SECRET? GIMME A CLAM AND I'LL SHOW YOU.



HE TOOK HIS FIRST LIFE IN COMBAT TODAY. HE SQUASHED A SPIDER IN THE SHOWER.



THAT WAS A FOURTH OF JULY LEFTOVER, DAG.

### This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 5, the 186th day of 2010. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1810, American showman and promoter (as well as author and politician) Phineas T. Barnum was born in Bethel, Conn.

On this date:

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, France occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini, designed by Louis Reard (ray-AHRD) and worn by Micheline Bernardini, made its public debut during a poolside fashion show in Paris.

In 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors.

In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized in good faith with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.

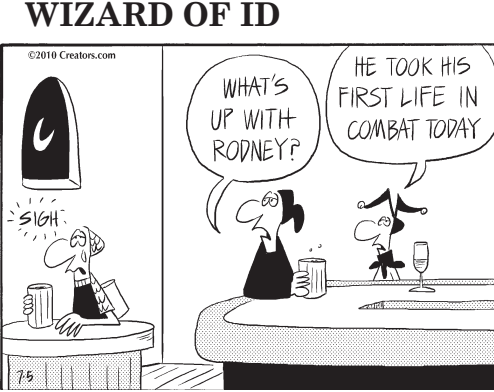
Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 81. Actress Shirley Knight is 74. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 67. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 62. Rock star Huey Lewis is 60. Baseball Hall-of-Fame pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 59. Country musician Charles Ventre is 58. Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn is 51. Actress Edie Falco is 47. Actress Kathryn Erbe (er-BEE) is 45.

Thought for Today: "Without promotion something terrible happens: Nothing!" — P.T. Barnum, American showman (1810-1891).

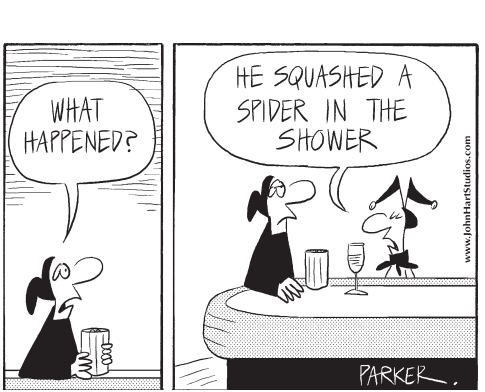
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COULD YOU OPEN THIS JAR? SURE.



IF YOU'D REMEMBER TO WATER ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS.



AN' I COULD BURN YA SOMETHIN' FER SUPPER !!



WATCH IT, GARGE! YOU GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL.



LAST MONTH HE WAS HIT BY A TRUCK AND THE TRUCK WAS TOTALED!

### Newsday Crossword

### THROUGH THE YEAR by Sally R. Stein

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Rogue
  - 6 911 responders: Abbr.
  - 10 Any agricultural product
  - 14 Warm and cozy
  - 15 Feeling achy
  - 16 Medal of Honor recipient
  - 17 Fully attentive
  - 18 Twosome
  - 19 Letters like PDQ
  - 20 Prepare for combat
  - 23 Way over there, poetically
  - 24 "Dear \_\_\_ or madam . . ."
  - 25 Sunbeam
  - 28 Humorous poet Ogden
  - 31 Most competent
  - 36 GI offense
  - 38 Spin like a top
  - 40 Machinery maintainer
  - 41 Sales rep's opening question
  - 44 Publicity device, for short
  - 45 Female opera star
  - 46 Suffix for kitchen
  - 47 Burger-bun seed source
  - 49 Well-coordinated
  - 51 Snaky-shaped letter
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  - 56 Summit meeting, for instance
  - 65 Hot springs
  - 66 Farm storage area
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  - 73 Trapshooting
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  - 4 Compassionate quality
  - 5 Constricting snake
  - 6 Sports cable station
  - 7 Castle surrounder
  - 8 Threesomes
  - 9 Eastern European nation
  - 10 Informal talk
  - 11 Take it easy
  - 12 Spoken
  - 13 Vatican City VIP
  - 21 Extremely impressed
  - 22 Shady area of 35 Down
  - 25 Highway exits
  - 26 In the know
  - 27 Toys on strings
  - 29 Wearing loafers, for example
  - 30 Stereo systems
  - 32 Not on tape
  - 33 Privileged group
  - 34 Religious offshoots
  - 35 Forest features
  - 37 Capital of Peru
  - 39 Letters on an invitation
  - 42 Performs poorly on stage
  - 43 Planet past Venus
  - 48 Annoys
  - 50 Gives up
  - 53 Well-coordinated
  - 55 Small stream
  - 56 Concerning
  - 57 Fully aware of
  - 58 Fence entryway
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  - 63 Brief letter
  - 64 Pesky insect

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