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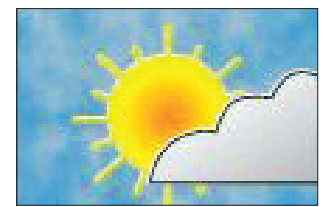
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## Barr: Volunteers needed to save fair

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Howard County Fair officials want to bring the event back in 2011. To that end, they are calling for the public's support.  
 Citing a declining lack of public interest in the event, board members recently announced the cancellation of

**"You have the same people, year after year, working to put the fair on, and they are pretty much exhausted."**

the 2010 county fair, which was to be held in September.  
 "One of the problems is the people on the board pour so much of their time and energy into the fair each year, and we're at a point where no-

body else wants to step up to the plate," County Fair Board President Mark Barr said last week. "You have the same people, year after year, working to put the fair on, and they are pretty much exhausted."

Whether the fair's cancellation is a one-year-only happening or a permanent state of affairs depends on a much-needed infusion of new blood, Barr said. To that end, the fair board is putting out the

call for volunteers to help resurrect the event in 2011.  
 "We're looking for volunteers to help us bring back the fair," Barr said. "We need people to help with basically all aspects of the fair operation. There's a lot of parts to it — working with the booths,  
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Price Construction work crews block off the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Gregg streets this morning before paving the section of 10<sup>th</sup> between Gregg and Scurry.

## Hinojosa acquitted

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A 118<sup>th</sup> District Court jury acquitted a Big Spring man Tuesday of indecency with a child charges in connection with a 2005 incident in Howard County.



Hinojosa

Freddie Hinojosa, 32, was found not guilty of the charge, a second degree felony that could have earned him between two and 20 years in prison if he had been convicted.

Robin D. Orr, assistant district attorney, said Hinojosa

was indicted in August and was accused of having sexual contact with his step-daughter, who was under 17 years of age at the time of the alleged offense.  
 Orr represented the state during the trial, while Big Spring attorney Don Richard defended Hinojosa.  
 "Personally, I'm disappointed by the verdict," Orr said. "But I understand that the jury had a difficult job ... and we have to take their decision and go on. But I believe the case needed to be prosecuted and that's what we did."  
 Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

## FISD warily eyes property valuations

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School District's superintendent doesn't expect major changes to the district's budget this coming fiscal year.  
 School district trustees will meet Monday evening to begin hammering out details for the 2010-2011 budget, which Superintendent Randy Johnson believes will be largely



Johnson

unchanged from the current package.  
 "In general, we're not expecting anything huge," Johnson said. "We're expecting our Robin Hood payment to go up and we're expecting things to be tight this year."  
 The Robin Hood payment

Johnson referred to is the money FISD must pay out for being considered a "property rich" district under state education financing guidelines. This year, the district had to pay out approximately \$1.25 million to help equalize funding between Texas school districts.  
 But what most concerns Johnson is the state of the district's property valuations. Because of agreements with

three wind farm consortiums that were signed three years ago, part of the value of those farms will be going off the tax rolls this year. Those agreements stipulated that the businesses would have a certain percentage of their property exempted from taxation over an eight-year period. In return, the businesses would return 40 percent of their tax savings back to the school district.

This is the first year of those agreements in which a significant portion of the wind farm property will be exempt from district property taxes, Johnson said.  
 "Under the agreement, those firms would pay taxes on the full value of their property for the first two years. In the third year, part of that valuation goes off the tax  
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## McKinney Center ceremony slated

**Special to the Herald**

Howard College will recognize one of its own during a building dedication ceremony to be held Monday for the recently named Don McKinney Center for Career Technical Education.  
 The occupational trades building was recently renamed by the college board of trustees and will be officially dedicated during Monday's ceremony honoring McKinney and others who were instrumental in

the initial planning and construction of the building.  
 McKinney, who passed away in December 2008, served the Howard County community for more than 36 years as an active member of the board of trustees.  
 "Don McKinney was driven with a passion for education," said Dr. John Freeman, board chairman. "We are very grateful for his years of service and are pleased to have the opportunity to dedicate this building in his honor."

The ceremonies will begin at 1:15 p.m. in at the McKinney Center for Career Technical Education, located south of Memorial Stadium on the HC campus.  
 The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Immediately following the ceremonies, refreshments and building tours will be provided.  
 For more information, visit www.howardcollege.edu or contact Cindy Smith at (432) 264-5034 or csmith@howardcollege.edu

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## Obituaries

### Donald L. Brashears

Donald L. Brashears, 75, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is having a turkey and dressing dinner Saturday at Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 Aylesford. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The meal will be served starting at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• Beginning July 21, all grass clippings and leaves should be taken to the landfill at 4100 E. FM 700. The city of Big Spring will be making compost at the landfill facility instead of the compost facility. There is no fee associated with the change.

• Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. The museum is 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.

• Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-18-28-46-48.  
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-7-31-35.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-4-4. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-2. Sum It Up: 14.

## Police blotter

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

- JOE MORRIS HAYS, 54, of 207 Washington, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY LEW CHRANE, 59, of 1502 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JESUS CERNA HERNANDEZ JR., 25, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 26, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, failure to maintain financial responsibility (five counts), failure to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts) and speeding (two counts).
- STEVEN DALE NALL, 39, of 1809 Mittel, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and an expired driver's license.
- LEROY HILBERT ZUBIATE, 26, of 1207 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
In the 3200 block of Cornell  
In the 300 block of N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 2400 block of S. Gregg Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of N.W. Ninth Street.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- STEVEN NALL, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and an expired driver's license.
  - LEROY ZUBIATE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.

## Fire/EMS

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

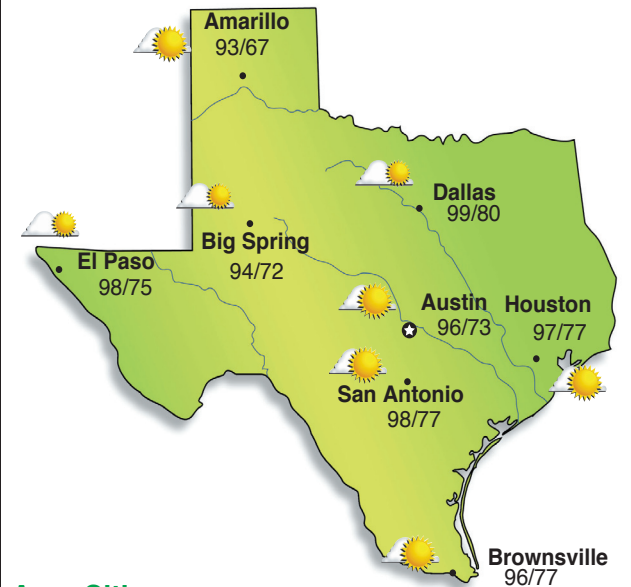
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Marijo. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Culp. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/16	Sat 7/17	Sun 7/18	Mon 7/19	Tue 7/20
<b>94/72</b> Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	<b>96/70</b> More sun than clouds. High in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>94/72</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>92/72</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>90/72</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:52 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:52 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:51 PM

## Texas At A Glance



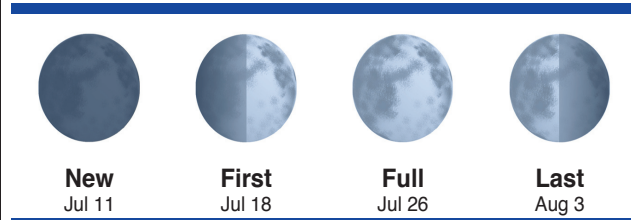
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	96	75	pt sunny	Kingsville	97	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	93	67	mst sunny	Livingston	98	74	mst sunny
Austin	96	73	mst sunny	Longview	97	77	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	76	t-storm	Lubbock	92	70	t-storm
Brownsville	96	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	99	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	100	75	mst sunny	Midland	95	73	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	95	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	97	75	mst sunny
Corsicana	97	78	pt sunny	Rosenberg	97	77	mst sunny
Dallas	99	80	pt sunny	San Antonio	98	77	mst sunny
Del Rio	96	75	mst sunny	San Marcos	97	75	mst sunny
El Paso	98	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	77	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	94	70	pt sunny	Sweetwater	96	74	pt sunny
Gainesville	96	75	t-storm	Tyler	98	76	mst sunny
Greenville	97	76	pt sunny	Weatherford	98	77	pt sunny
Houston	97	77	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	96	74	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	90	67	sunny
Boston	91	74	pt sunny	New York	94	79	mst sunny
Chicago	91	70	sunny	Phoenix	113	87	pt sunny
Dallas	99	80	pt sunny	San Francisco	81	60	sunny
Denver	94	65	mst sunny	Seattle	72	54	mst sunny
Houston	97	77	mst sunny	St. Louis	92	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	86	67	sunny	Washington, DC	97	80	mst sunny
Miami	88	80	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 7/16	Sat 7/17	Sun 7/18	Mon 7/19	Tue 7/20
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>Grilled Gulf Shrimp Caprese</b> tomato, fresh mozzarella & basil \$10	<b>Hand Made Fettuccini</b> garlic marinated & grilled steak, crimini mushrooms, green onions & bleu cheese cream \$28
<b>Jalapeno Soup</b> potato, bacon, red onion, jalapeno \$7	<b>Citrus Marinated Chicken Breast</b> roasted thigh, garlic mashed potatoes, cajun-jalapeno creamed corn \$20
	<b>New York Strip au Poivre</b> brandy-green peppercorn, bacon-green onion-horseradish mashed potatoes, asparagus \$27
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# DC Democrats returning fire from Texas Gov. Perry

**KELLEY SHANNON**  
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry has started a multitude of battles with Washington, D.C., over the years. Lately, Democrats in the nation's capital are showing they can return the fire.

In the past two weeks, President Barack Obama's administration overturned Texas' air permitting program for refineries and petrochemical plants, and U.S. House Democrats put controls on how the state can spend \$800 million in federal education money.

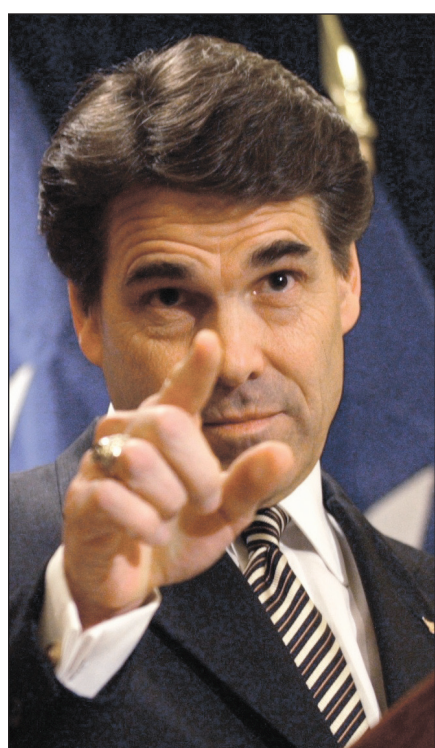
U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin, who pushed the spending restriction, said state lawmakers had perpetrated "a massive abuse of what was intended" with federal stimulus funds. And EPA regional director Al Armendariz called the permitting system "seriously flawed."

A defiant Perry called the moves obviously political and took the opportunity to jab right back.

"I'm worried, I'm concerned, any time someone is more interested in partisan politics than they are in what's in the best interest of our state," he told The Associated Press.

Texas' longest-serving governor has slapped at Washington over federal spending, border security, health care, national school standards and other issues. Over the past year, with the rise of the tea party movement and his bid for a third full term under way, Perry positioned himself as a champion of states' rights.

Democrats seem to be paying more attention to his anti-Washington rhetoric now that he has a legitimate Democratic opponent. They deride him for flirting with the notion of secession and for trying to use his differences with federal officials to score points in his race against Democrat Bill White — all while delighting in his newfound national attention.



AP photo  
**Texas Gov. Rick Perry is in another verbal war with Washington.**

Perry's "Washington-boogeyman narrative doesn't live up to the facts," said Democratic National Committee spokesman Ricardo Ramirez, noting that the governor accepted billions in federal stimulus money to balance Texas' budget in 2009 even while scolding Congress and the Obama administration over stimulus spending.

A White House spokesman declined to comment on the subject.

Besides opposing the federal health care overhaul and proposed cap-and-trade climate legislation, Perry has criticized the federal government's legal challenges to state laws, including Arizona's immigration crackdown — though he disagrees with the major provision of that law.

He regularly complains about federal efforts on U.S.-Mexico border security. When Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano called to see how Texas was

far from the landfall of Hurricane Alex, Perry needled her about border issues — then commented that she seemed "a little testy."

Those close to Perry say he's held his anti-Washington views for years, even when he was a Democrat and once took part in a farmers' union protest in the nation's capital. But his feud with the feds is accelerating.

"This fight has raised his profile," said Eric Bearse, a former Perry aide and GOP consultant.

Perry easily defeated U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the Republican primary, largely by linking her to big spenders in Washington. So as the November election nears, his attacks on Washington will likely focus even more on White, a deputy energy secretary under former President Bill Clinton.

"I think it's all calibrated" by Perry's political team, said consultant and lobbyist Bill Miller, whose firm donates campaign money to Perry through its political committee. "They've clearly identified something that works for him."

White accuses Perry of talking about Washington so he can avoid his Texas record.

"Maybe he thinks that every time he says the words President Obama and what he does you will forget what he did when he betrayed the farm bureau," White told the Texas Farm Bureau last week, referring to legislation the group favored that Perry killed.

Perry said that charge by White dumbfounds him, and he won't stop using his bully pulpit. He contends the Environmental Protection Agency decision was imposed by a "radical environmentalist" answering to the upper echelons of the Obama White House. And he called the spending restriction a cheap shot by Doggett, who "doesn't give a tinker's damn about Texas."

# Local man found dead in residence

Herald staff report

A Big Spring man was pronounced dead at his home in the 1300 block of Sycamore Wednesday evening after police officials say he suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Brandon Martin, 24, was pronounced dead at his home by Justice of the Peace Benny Green shortly after his body was discovered by family members.

According to Big Spring Police Department reports, Martin's grandparents arrived at his home at approximately 7:10 p.m. Emergency responders were on the scene moments later, but were unable to revive Martin.

"The grandparents said Martin was distraught because his common-law wife had left him," said BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness. "He suffered a single gunshot wound to the head from a shotgun. No autopsy has been planned."

# Roy Rogers' stuffed horse Trigger sold to Nebraska TV station

EVA DOU

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A Nebraska cable TV network ponied up \$266,500 for Roy Rogers' stuffed and mounted horse, Trigger, at an auction in New York City on Wednesday.

The movie cowboy's faithful companion was bought by the cable company RFD-TV in Omaha, Neb., at a Christie's auction of items from the now-closed Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Museum in Branson, Mo.

Trigger's sale price outpaced the estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 it was expected to fetch, with many other items also selling far above estimate.

RFD-TV's chief financial officer Steve Campione says Rogers reflects the company's values. The network airs mainly agricultural, equine and country living programming.

The company's owner, Patrick Gottsch, wanted to buy the whole Rogers collection but didn't have time to work out the deal, Campione said.

"It came to our attention a little too late," Campione said. "By the time we lined up the right financing and kind of got our arms around the value of the collection, it was literally 24 hours ago."

Auctioneer Cathy Elkie said it was the "most colorful, emotional and sentimental" sale she had experienced in her 20 years at Christie's.

# FAIR

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the carnival, the exhibits ... lots of stuff."

Nor is the required work easy, he quickly added.

"It's hard work. There's a lot of physical labor and leg work involved," Barr said.

Regardless, that work is necessary if the fair is going to return in 2011.

"We've got to have some people who can bring some enthusiasm to the fair and are willing to work. If we can do that, maybe we can bring it back," he said.

Part of the reason the board is putting out the call for volunteers so

early is because a lot of work will be needed to stage the event, Barr said.

"It takes a full year of preparation to stage the fair," he said. "You've got to get everything in place. Just making sure you have everything you need takes a lot of preparation."

Another reason for

the board's announcement is, quite simply, to gauge whether the public is even interested in bringing back the county fair.

"We'll just see how big a response we get," Barr said. "If we don't get a bigger response than we've had the past few years, the fair probably won't be back."

To volunteer for the fair, contact Barr at 264-2202 or any fair board member.

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# FISD

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rolls," Johnson said. "What we're waiting for is to find out just how much valuations will be for the companies."

On the surface, it appears that \$200 million might be lopped off the district's tax rolls because of the agreements, but with the companies agreeing to help make up the shortfall, Johnson anticipates FISD to be in satisfactory shape

once final valuations are figured.

"It will be tight, though," he conceded. Because of that, the district will not be considering any "big-ticket" items this year, other than completion of a \$2 million project to upgrade athletic facilities and upgrade campus lighting systems, Johnson noted.

The current budget, which expires at the end of August, features approximately \$7 million in expenditures and

Johnson said the new package should be "in that ballpark."

The Monday trustee meeting convenes at 7 p.m. in the administration office board room.

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**

By Eddy Pitchford

Politics is often the frame through which current issues are viewed. Personal opinion, subjectivism and party stance crowd out moral standards and replace commandments with suggestions. The end result is chaos and confusion.

In contrast to political whim, I Corinthians 6:9-11 provides divine insight on some of today's moral matters. "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

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### BP works to fix valve on cap that could choke off oil leak

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP engineers working to choke the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico found a leak on a line attached to the side of the new well cap and were trying to fix it Thursday before attempting to stop the crude.

BP said Wednesday evening it had isolated the leak and was repairing it before moving forward. It wasn't clear how it would affect the timing of the operation, or whether oil continued to be slowly closed off into the cap.

Work started earlier Wednesday after a day-long hiatus to allay government fears that the disaster could be made worse by going forward with the tests to determine whether the temporary cap can withstand the pressure and contain the oil. It was the best hope yet of stopping the crude from streaming into the water for the first time since the April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 people.

The process began with BP shutting off pipes that were funneling some of the oil to ships on the surface so the full force of the gusher went up into the cap. Then deep-sea robots began slowly closing, one at a time, three openings in the cap that let oil pass through. Ultimately, the flow of crude will be blocked entirely.

All along, engineers were watching pressure readings to learn whether the well is intact. The first two valves shut off like a light switch, while the third works more like a dimmer and takes longer to close off. The leak was found in the line attached to the dimmer switch, but live video footage showed that oil previously spewing from other sources on the cap remained closed off.

### U.S. homes lost to foreclosure on track to eclipse '09 levels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 1 million American households are likely to lose their homes to foreclosure this year, as lenders work their way through a huge backlog of borrowers who have fallen behind on their loans.

Nearly 528,000 homes were taken over by lenders in the first six months of the year, a rate that is on track to eclipse the more than 900,000 homes repossessed in 2009, according to data released Thursday by RealtyTrac Inc., a foreclosure listing service.

"That would be unprecedented," said Rick Sharga, a senior vice president at RealtyTrac.

By comparison, lenders have historically taken over about 100,000 homes a year, Sharga said.

### Argentina legalizes same-sex marriage with Senate vote

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina legalized same-sex marriage Thursday, becoming the first country in Latin America to grant gays and lesbians all the legal rights, responsibilities and protections that marriage brings to heterosexual couples.

After a marathon debate, 33 lawmakers voted in favor, 27 were against it and 3 abstained in Argentina's Senate in a vote that ended after 4 a.m. Since the lower house already approved it, and President Cristina Fernandez is a strong supporter, it now becomes law as soon as it is published in the official bulletin.

The law is sure to bring a wave of marriages by gays and lesbians who have increasingly found Buenos Aires to be more accepting than many other places in the region.

The approval came despite a concerted campaign by the Roman Catholic Church and evangelical groups, which drew 60,000 people to march on Congress and urged parents in churches and schools to work against passage.

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio said "everyone loses" with gay marriage, and "children need to have the right to be raised and educated by a father and a mother."

### Gunmen kidnap 5 Afghan health workers in Afghanistan's south

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen kidnapped five Health Ministry employees in the volatile southern Afghan province of Kandahar while police elsewhere said they had killed a Taliban commander, officials said Thursday.

Bombings, gunbattles, assassinations and abductions have been increasing this year as thousands of American troops partnered with Afghan forces fan out in the insurgents' southern strongholds to try to wrest back control and establish effective local government.

Members of a medical team were abducted while returning to Kandahar city, the provincial capital, after visiting a project in Maiwand district, provincial spokesman Zulmi Ayubi said Thursday.

The gunmen forced the car to stop about a mile (two kilometers) outside Maiwand and abducted two doctors, a pharmacist, a nurse and their driver, Ayubi said.

The kidnapers were not identified, but Taliban insurgents have been on spree of assassinations and abductions of government workers.

## Casual Cooking *with Kris*

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

Raise your hand if you like comfort food. Me, too. The recipe provided this week offers a chance to walk down memory lane without all the sodium. I know a lot of people do not cook chicken pot pie at home, so we resort to those little boxes in the freezer section. They are tiny so we get two to four of them to fill us up.

Don't get me wrong: I like the taste of those tiny friends, but the sodium intake is scary. Each one has a lot of sodium so it is like eating high blood pressure on a plate.

This recipe breaks it down easy enough to eat in under an hour and you control your salt or wait 45 minutes for salt in a box.

### EASY CHICKEN POT PIE

4 boneless/skinless chicken breasts  
2 small bags of frozen mixed vegetables  
2 frozen deep dish pie shells  
1 box of non-frozen pie crust, located by cookie dough/biscuits  
instant potatoes  
small onion, diced  
Mrs. Dash or veg supreme - McCormick  
garlic powder  
2 bay leaves  
olive oil  
2 tbs stick butter  
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. In large pot, place chicken, bay leaves, a few shakes of garlic powder and six cups of water. Bring to a boil on med/high and cook about 15 minutes.

While chicken is cooking, place both frozen pie shells on a large cookie sheet and poke several holes all around with a fork. Place in oven for about 10 minutes or until light brown. Remove from oven and leave oven on. Turn burner to low, remove chicken to plate and cool.

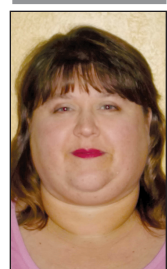
Pour water into a microwave safe dish and save for little later. Remove bay leaves and place back into pot. Place pot back onto burner and turn to med/high. Add a couple of splashes of olive oil and butter. Add onions and let cook about 3 minutes.

Add both packages of frozen vegetables and your veggie seasoning, about 3-4 shakes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir well and cook for about 10 minutes stirring often.

Meanwhile, dice up cooked chicken and add when veggie mixture is heated through. Take out bay leaves!

Add about 4 cups of the chicken water and bring to a boil. Add a half cup of instant potatoes and cook for 2 minutes. Keep adding 1 tbs of instant potatoes at a time until desired thickness, cooking 1 minute between each added spoon. This makes a great thickener and still gives flavor.

When completed, pour into both pie shells. This makes exactly enough to fill them up so there is nothing left over. Unroll the non-frozen pie crust and place on top, sealing around edges. Cut a couple of slits in the middle with a knife and cook until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Enjoy!



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# Rangers prepared for second half

## Texas holds biggest division lead in majors

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are in bankruptcy and up for auction. They went into the All-Star break after being swept at home by the worst team in the majors.

No longer is it a certainty that Nolan Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher and team president, will become a co-owner.

And yet the Rangers are having arguably their best season ever. On the field.

Even with the off-field drama and that ugly four-game series last weekend against Baltimore, the Rangers (50-38) are 4½ games ahead of the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West. That is the largest lead in any of baseball's six divisions coming out of the

break.

"I've been through every possible twist and turn," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger in his 10th season. "A lot of rebuilds and a couple of rebuilding processes, and now here we are. It's just time to go on the field, be loose and have some fun."

Texas opens a four-game series at Boston on Thursday, then goes to Cleveland before coming home to play the Angels.

The 50-year-old franchise, which moved from Washington to Texas in 1972, has never won a playoff series. The Rangers have had only two winning seasons since their last playoff appearance

in 1999.

That dreadful history and the ongoing bankruptcy case related to the stalled sale of the team, which now includes a scheduled Aug. 4 auction, don't seem to affecting their play on the field.

"What I sense is a confidence," manager Ron Washington said.

Ryan before the season said he expected the Rangers to win at least 92 games. Texas is on pace to win at least 98, and now has coveted All-Star left-hander Cliff Lee in the starting rotation.

"Now it's on us. It's on us," Washington said, repeating with emphasis. "I don't think we can cry for anything else. ... There were expectations

on us. Now there's really expectations on us."

Despite financial uncertainty, general manager Jon Daniels last week pulled off a six-player deal to add Lee from Seattle. The pitcher who twice beat the Yankees in last year's World Series while with Philadelphia, appeared headed to New York.

Instead, Texas got him three weeks before the non-waiver trading deadline.

The Rangers had already gotten from San Francisco veteran catcher Bengie Molina, whose three playoff trips includes a World Series title with the Angels in 2002.

"We might have a little more confidence in ourselves," All-Star second baseman Ian Kin-

slar said. "We have guys that have been to the playoffs, have been to the big stage that are big parts of the team and that helps. But we understand we have a long way to go."

Lee made his Texas debut in a complete-game 6-1 loss to the Orioles on Saturday night, when he threw 73 of 95 pitches for strikes. His next start is Saturday at Boston, which puts him in line to start the series opener against the rival Angels.

The newly acquired pitcher was one of six players wearing Rangers uniforms during Tuesday night's All-Star game. Sluggers Josh Hamilton (.346, 22 home runs, 64 RBIs) and Vladimir Guerrero both were AL starters.

## NBA preparing for lockout soon

NEW YORK (AP) — Insisting that the NBA's financial projections "strain credulity," players' association executive director Billy Hunter said Wednesday he's seen nothing to change his belief that a lockout is possible.

Hunter disputes commissioner David Stern's forecast of nearly \$400 million in losses this season, contending that the league's basketball-related revenues increased to their highest point ever in 2009-10.

"Our position is that David is mistaken," Hunter told The Associated Press, adding he believes things are "much, much better than they maintain."

The league's collective bargaining agreement

expires next summer. The sides have started negotiations toward a new one but remain far apart, creating fears of the first work stoppage since 1998-99.

"I'm preparing for a lockout right now and I haven't seen anything to change that notion. Hopefully I'll see something over the next several months," Hunter said. "As of this moment, it's full speed ahead for me in preparing the players for a worst-case scenario."

Stern predicted the \$400 million loss during the All-Star weekend in February, amending it to about \$370 during a press conference Monday in Las Vegas fol-

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Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle instructs his players during one of the Hawks' games last season. He is welcoming a 2010-2011 class of recruits that currently includes 11 players. Taniqua and Twyla Ards from Lubbock, Jacqueline Bartleson from Santa Fe, N.M., Klynn Brown from Albuquerque, N.M., Brushea Daniels from Fort Worth, Rachel Forrester from Midland, Kali Jerrell from Austin, Sarah Johnson from Muleshoe, Zeslie Johnson from Midland, LaTasha Tubbs from Amarillo and Porsche Young from Oklahoma City will join the Hawks next year.

## Steinbrenner's impact on baseball goes beyond New York Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — George Steinbrenner's impact on baseball went far beyond his New York Yankees.

He showed all teams that spending lavishly on players — when done intelligently — was a way to produce winners, and even some of his rivals adopted that strategy. And he revolutionized the game with his decisions to start a television network and a catering company, and a huge equipment supply contract.

"Regardless of what one's personal opinion

is, and obviously he was a close friend, his impact was historical," agent Tom Reich said Wednesday, a day after the colorful and controversial owner died of a heart attack at age 80.

"There are many aspects of the system that wouldn't exist without what he was able to do with the Yankees, not only as a team but as a brand and a business conglomerate. And that changed the financial topography of the game."

Steinbrenner headed a group that bought the Yankees in Janu-

ary 1973 for \$8.7 million net and turned it into a large business valued at \$1.6 billion by Forbes.

Since his health began to decline after the 2003 season, power shifted to Steinbrenner's children and the team's management.

Hal Steinbrenner, the younger son, became managing general partner in November 2008. Hal runs the business for himself, older brother Hank and sisters Jessica and Jennifer.

Team president Randy Levine oversees the finances of the Yankees,

the YES Network and Legends Hospitality. Goldman Sachs has interests in the television and food companies, and the Dallas Cowboys co-own the catering business.

Lonn Trost, the team's chief operating officer, is in charge of the franchise's day-to-day business affairs, and general manager Brian Cashman consolidated authority over baseball personnel decisions when he agreed to a three-year contract in December 2005, a deal followed by another

agreement in 2008.

In the second season of \$1.5 billion new Yankee Stadium, New York has unrivaled resources. The Yankees won their seventh World Series title under Steinbrenner's ownership last season, their first since 2000. A \$206 million opening-day payroll was \$43 million higher than that of any other team, and the fruits of that spending shows. The Yankees' 56-32 record at the All-Star break is baseball's best, and they placed a high eight players in the All-Star game.

"The team's not for sale," Levine said Wednesday. "The succession had been planned and implemented. Yankees fans can expect the team to be run as it has been based on the vision of the Boss as carried out by his family."

Hal Steinbrenner was at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday along with Hank. While at the team's spring training home, they spent time reminiscing about their

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## Sports in brief

### State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournament

This golf tournament will make its way to Big Spring on July 24 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 at 806-675-1583.

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### Colorado City Ragball Tournament

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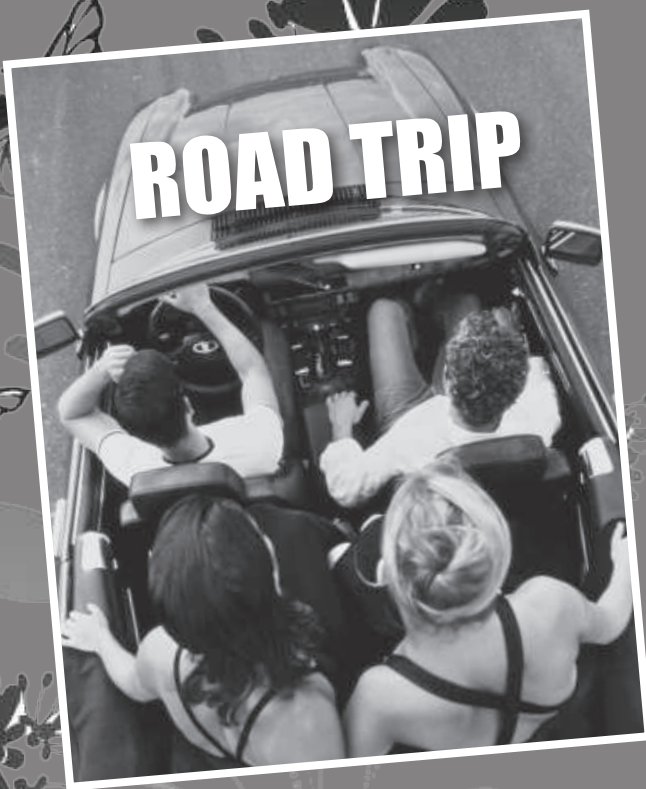
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A co-ed ragball tournament for players 14 years of age and under will take place Friday and Saturday in the Big Spring City Park. Sign-up is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$10 per player and prizes will be given out to first, second and third place winners. For more information call Melissa at 816-6930 or at 270-2595.



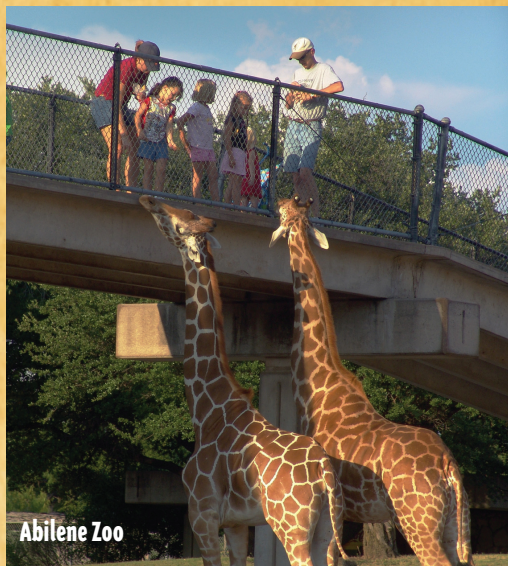
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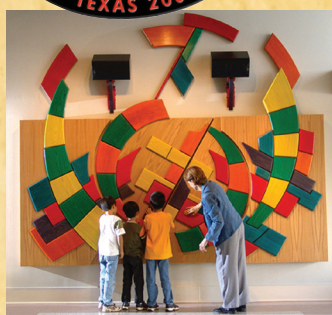
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Alfred Tennyson wrote, "The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks; the long day wanes; the slow moon climbs; the deep Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." The Cancer sun and the



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Virgo moon have us working tenaciously to clean up our lives, relationships, possessions and surroundings.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll spend a good deal of time doing what you love. That's probably not the part of your day that you will be well paid for, but imagine that it is. There's no reason this can't be your livelihood.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Change your work environment to

make it more user friendly. You have to be there for a good part of your day. Shouldn't it reflect your tastes and preferences? You'll work better when it does.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Prepare for the day. Run through it in your mind before you step out of the door. You'll realize something you forgot and will have a generally smoother and more positive, productive experience.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Being around your favorite things will make you feel secure, energized and happy. You'll remember why you like these things, and your fondness will be reinforced by these positive feelings.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enter a sacred space of sorts. Well, it's sacred to someone, at least, and the longer you experience it the more appeal it will have for you. This place engages all of your senses at once.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel like you want to give someone a gift. But would this person like and appreciate what you have in mind? Don't ask! Asking ruins the moment. Just give with gusto.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have to concentrate to keep up with the pace and complexity

of your life. This you'll do gladly, though, realizing that you are responsible for whatever happens on your watch.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be the exception to someone's rule. Why is this person willing to bend his or her expectations in order to accommodate you? It's simple, really. This person loves you.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be busy maintaining your relationships. You just feel better knowing that you're on solid ground with your people and that those around you are happy to have you in their lives.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are so many things you could or should do. You won't get to them all. But don't worry — no one else will get to them all, either. Do what you can, and be confident that it's enough.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll meet someone new and really hit it off. A caution: Going on about all you have in common will alienate you from the rest of the group. Spread your attention around.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you let your great powers of creative imagination run amok. Use them for good. Visualize the experience you want others to have when

they are with you.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 15). You open your heart. To you, the act may seem small, but it will change the world. A new influence dances into your life. This person will help you fix a problem. By the end of September, it's resolved. August sends you on an adventure. October and November bring money from an abundant source. Travel in December. Taurus and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 44, 37 and 12.  
**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have heard that The Moon card in Tarot represents the sign of Pisces, but I always thought Pisces was The Page of Cups." I have heard both, though I've always preferred the Page of Cups for Pisces myself. The Moon connotes The High Priestess, which I think is more appropriate to that mysterious female energy. The Page of Cups, however, is not one of the Major Arcana cards like The Moon, and sometimes people only want to include the major cards in a reading. The major cards represent archetypal energy — the nurturing mother, the wise teacher, the Devil, God. The minor cards represent situations — the arrival of good or bad news, a victory, a defeat, the start of a new venture.

The Page of Cups suggests puppy love, that first blush of passion that comes on like a tidal wave and typically subsides around the time you realize he is never going to get the hang of putting the toilet seat down. While The Moon suggests deep currents of emotion and ancient female wisdom, The Page of Cups presents romance in a fun and flirtatious light.  
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Saturday Night Live" alumnus Will Ferrell is one of the busiest stars in Hollywood — acting, writing and running his own production company with a flurry of projects in development. His natal chart shows that this superstar is also super-sensitive, with his sun and Mercury in Cancer and his moon in intense Scorpio. Humor is the wonder-balm that keeps this marathon runner going strong.  
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Long Live the King!

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 3  
♥ A 6  
♦ K Q 9 8 5  
♣ J 7 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 10 8 2  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ 7 6 4 2  
♣ A 5

**EAST**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ K 9 8 7 3  
♦ A 3  
♣ 9 8 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 7 5  
♥ Q 5 4  
♦ J 10  
♣ K Q 10 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

In the normal course of events, you are a defender half of the time and either declarer or dummy the other half of the time. It follows, therefore, that a player cannot expect to be successful without becoming a competent defender.

To defend well is not always easy, though; in fact, there are times when it is extraordinarily difficult. For example, take this deal where West got off on the right foot when he led the heart jack in an effort to find his partner's long suit.

Declarer played low from

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

dummy, losing to the king, and East returned a heart to dummy's ace. South then attacked diamonds, forcing out East's ace. East returned a heart to declarer's queen, and South eventually made 10 tricks after losing a club to West's ace. All told, South scored four diamonds, three clubs, two hearts and a spade. The defenders scored only their two aces and the king of hearts.

The contract should have been defeated, however. East missed the opportunity for a fine play. He should have ducked the jack of hearts at trick one (signaling with the nine) instead of winning the trick with the king. Had he done that, the defense would have scored three heart tricks as well as its two aces.

East should assume that West has precisely J-10-x of hearts. If that is West's holding, taking the first trick with the king may prove fatal, since East needs the king as an entry to his hearts after the queen and ace are gone and he no longer has the ace of diamonds. When West later gains the lead with the ace of clubs, his heart return sinks the contract.

It may be argued that ducking the jack of hearts would be a losing play if declarer had only Q-x. This is true enough, but that argument is not sound because it credits West with J-10-x-x — and with that holding, West would lead fourth-best initially rather than the jack.

Dear Annie: My 34-year-old daughter, "Mary," has two children I love dearly and often take care of. Though she says she loves me, Mary has told me in anger that she doesn't respect me. I don't know where I went wrong or whether it is something in her. We've always had a complicated relationship. I'm well aware of my failings as a mother, but I never was deliberately unkind to her. In fact, my other child views me in the opposite way. To her, I can do no wrong. Mary, however, thinks I can do nothing right. In order to keep the peace, I sit quietly and take her tongue-lashings even though they embarrass and humili-

ate me. Mary also treats her husband with out respect, and he has witnessed her being intentionally rude to me. I cannot understand why she says things she knows will hurt me, especially since she didn't grow up in this type of atmosphere. Please give me some guidance. — A Sad Mother in a Southern State

Dear Sad: It's easier for Mary to blame others than to examine her own behavior. Unfortunately, she is not likely to see it that way. You might, however, mention that she seems unhappy and that, because you love her, you'd like to help. Maybe she needs a break from the kids. Perhaps she would be amenable to counseling. Simply talking to an

uninterested third party about what bothers you can be tremendously helpful. Cast yourself as her ally instead of her put-upon mother, and it's possible you could change the way she responds to you.

Dear Annie: I read another response to "Exhausted Wife," whose husband expects her to pay for her share of their vacations, even though she can't afford it. Another writer said he struggled to supply 50 percent of the household expenses when his wife had 10 times his income. Since when did marriage become a "yours and mine" union? I have been married to a terrific guy for 33 years, and we have raised two wonderful boys. We were a two-income family until four years ago, when I left my job. At no time has our

income been anything but "ours," even now. We have always had joint banking accounts, along with joint bills, which were always paid with "our" money. The subject of who is responsible for what portion of the bills or who will pay what percentage toward a vacation never entered our minds. I am appalled that someone has so little regard for his marriage that his wife must forgo a vacation because she can't afford it. Marriage brings a lot of changes, including the joining of income and financial responsibility. It is a selfish spouse who does not realize it should be a 50-50 partnership in all aspects. — Happily Sharing for 33 Years

Dear Sharing: In some marriages, both husband and wife prefer to have separate income and expenses, but regardless of the arrangements, no spouse should be punished for earning less money than the other.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

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ANSWERS

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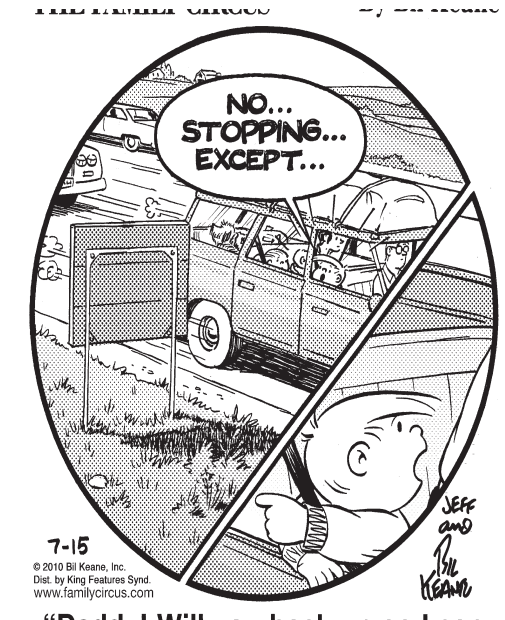
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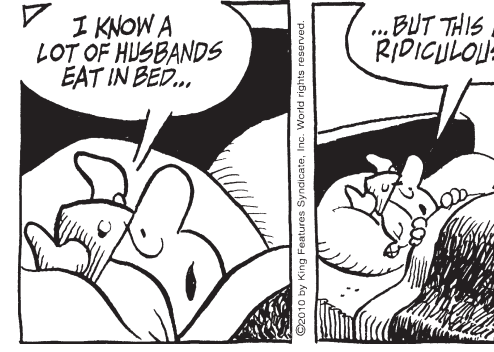
"WHY IS IT CALLED 'NEWS' WHEN IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME OLD THING?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy! Will you back up so I can finish reading that one?"

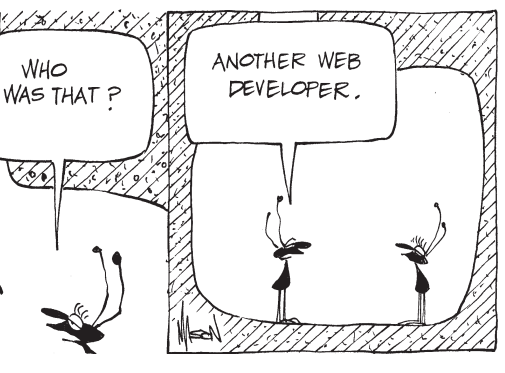
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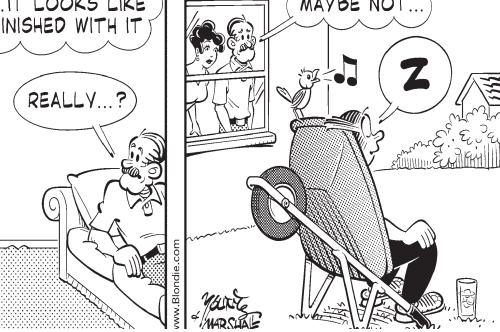
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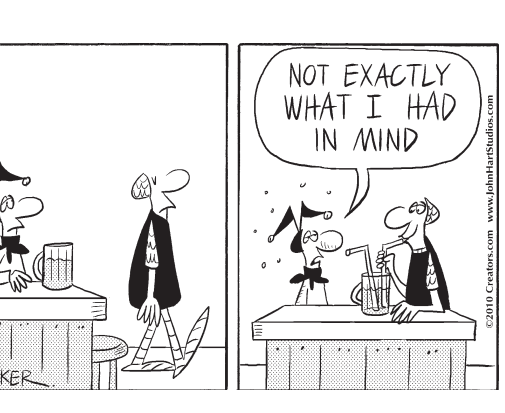
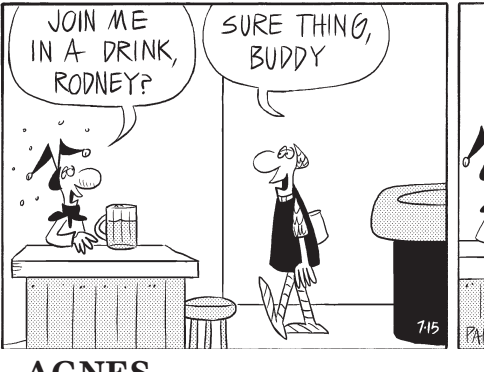
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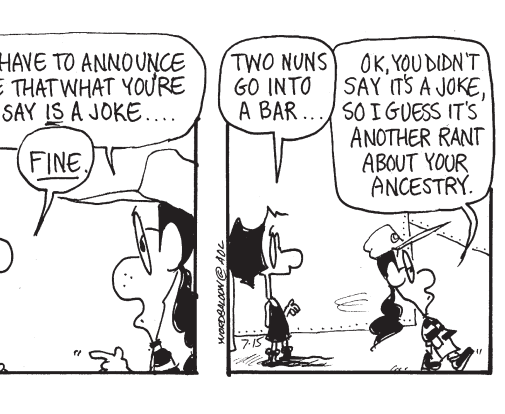
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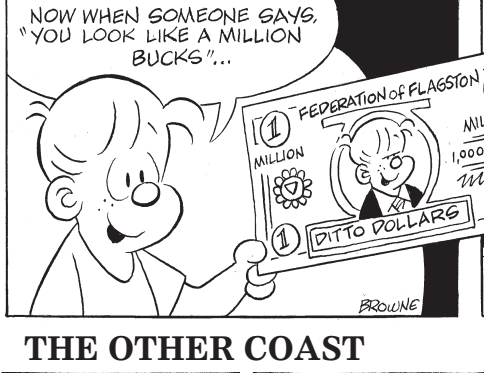
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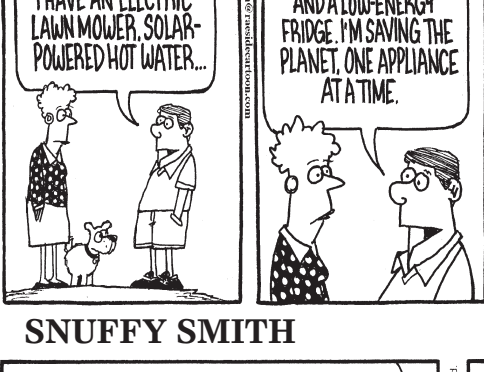
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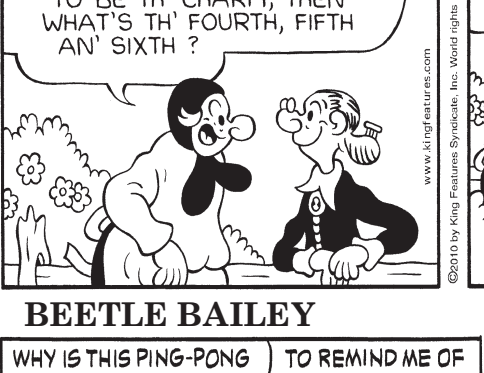
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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 15, the 196th day of 2010. There are 169 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 15, 1910, the term "Alzheimer's disease" was used to describe a progressive form of presenile dementia in the book "Clinical Psychiatry" by German psychiatrist Emil Kraepelin, who credited the work of his colleague, Alois Alzheimer, in identifying the condition.

On this date:

- In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.
- In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.
- In 1918, the Second Battle of the Marne, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War I.
- In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.
- In 1960, American opera singer Lawrence Tibbett died in New York at age 63.
- In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.
- In 1971, President Richard Nixon startled the country by announcing he would visit the People's Republic of China.
- In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, Calif., by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed.)
- In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.
- In 1985, a shockingly gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

Today's Birthdays: Author Clive Cussler is 79. Actor Alex

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tannery tools
  - 5 Not us
  - 9 Secret schemes
  - 14 Easing of hostilities
  - 15 Something to skip
  - 16 Spokes
  - 17 Garden puzzle
  - 18 Big name in elevators
  - 19 Corporate bigwigs
  - 20 Race with obstacles
  - 23 Improbable, in a way
  - 24 Check out, as a book
  - 28 Doing great
  - 31 \_\_\_ butter (moisturizer)
  - 33 Granite State sch.
  - 34 Crunchy diet staple
  - 36 Med. test
  - 37 Epochs
  - 38 Crew team implement
  - 39 Spoonbill kin
  - 40 Jam-session instrument
  - 41 Competitive edge
  - 45 Hot time in Montréal
  - 46 Approach
  - 47 Toots and thwacks
  - 48 Flunkies
  - 50 Pie-chart amts.
  - 51 Adventure-film plot element
  - 57 Carol singers
  - 60 Department-store founder
  - 61 Bluenose
  - 62 Go-getter's motto
- DOWN**
- 1 Popular dispensers: Abbr.
  - 2 "Are you serious?"
  - 3 Hang in the hammock
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  - 5 Mine car
  - 6 Monoply purchase
  - 7 Gladiator or Ben-Hur
  - 8 Screen stuff
  - 9 Stain-removal cycle
  - 10 More slipshod
  - 11 Praise-filled poem
  - 12 Twitch
  - 13 Family member
  - 21 Henry's sixth wife
  - 22 Genesis brother
  - 25 Latin dances
  - 26 How jambalaya is served
  - 27 Kitchen beaters
  - 28 Dublin-born dramatist
  - 29 Say it isn't so
  - 30 Contracts, as a muscle
  - 31 Riser + tread = \_\_\_
  - 32 No piece of cake
  - 35 Homer-hitting Sammy
  - 39 Crowded place on 3/17
  - 41 Mistakenly
  - 42 State bird of Hawaii
  - 43 Make hard to read
  - 44 Lug around
  - 49 Crete's highest pt.
  - 50 Discs for Ducks
  - 52 Latin love
  - 53 Levelheaded
  - 54 Do lobbying
  - 55 Christie novel setting
  - 56 "Bring on the weekend!"
  - 57 Hypo-units
  - 58 Green-eggs side dish
  - 59 Less than a couple

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# Previewing baseball's second half

(AP) — When Oakland outfielder Rajai Davis heard the Texas Rangers had acquired Cliff Lee from Seattle late last month, he reacted the same way as many others around baseball did.

"They're trying to make a real run, huh?" Davis said. "They're not playing around."

The Rangers may be in the middle of a messy ownership change that includes a rancorous bankruptcy proceeding, but that didn't stop them from making the first major splash before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline. Texas added Lee to a team that will carry a 4½-game lead in the AL West into the second half

of the season, which begins Thursday.

The Rangers are looking for their first playoff appearance since 1999, and adding Lee to a formidable offense lets everyone know they're serious. Lee was 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason starts last year for the Phillies. But more importantly, he was 2-0 against the mighty New York Yankees in the World Series.

So who will be the next team to make a move?

The Los Angeles Angels are looking to add a big bat to stay in contention with Texas, and the AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox have similar designs.

"The probability of big guys

moving at the deadline is always a risky proposition to try to handicap," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Things can change from week to week."

One thing we do know is that the winner of the National League pennant will have homefield advantage for the World Series, after the NL beat the American League 3-1 on Tuesday night for its first victory in the All-Star game since 1996.

With tight races everywhere and the powerful Yankees playing for something bigger than just another title, buckle up for what is shaping to be a wild ride over the next few months.

Here's a look at some of the keys to the rest of the season:

**MOTIVATED YANKEES:** The Yankees steamrolled into the All-Star break with 30 victories in their final 44 games, looking every bit the favorite that they usually are.

The defending world champions may not even need to make a move after getting all the extra motivation they needed when longtime owner George Steinbrenner died this week.

Alex Rodriguez shared a story about a handwritten note Steinbrenner had delivered to him in 2004 that read "I'm counting on you" with capital letters and exclamation

point.

"So I think to this day, we are still playing for him, not to let him down," A-Rod said.

**TIGHT RACES:** No team is running away with anything right now. The biggest lead in any division is the Rangers' 4½ games over the Angels in the AL West.

A few of the more intriguing races:

—AL East: Arguably the three best teams in baseball — the Yankees (56-32), Rays (54-34) and Red Sox (51-37) — are fighting for the title and likely the AL wild card. The Atlanta Braves (52-36) are only other team in baseball with a better record.

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Following a meeting of the league's board of governors.

The union was alerted to that projection last summer, but Hunter contends revenues turned out to be much higher than anticipated — though deputy commissioner Adam Silver said expenses were up, too.

"Part of the problem with the existing system is it's based largely on revenue, not net revenue," Silver said Monday. "Although our actual revenue numbers were better than what we projected, it came at a large cost. Our teams did a spectacular job in a down economy of increasing ticket sales, but that came at the cost of additional promotions, additional marketing, additional staff."

Hunter was already

wary of the league's projections after it warned its teams last July that next season's salary cap could fall as low as \$50.4 million. It was set last week at \$58.0 million, even higher than this season's.

"Clearly it causes us some concern, causes us to question their numbers," Hunter said.

Hunter said the players will offer their interpretations of the league's finances at the next bargaining meet-

ing. He said he hasn't heard anything from the league since the union submitted its proposal for a CBA earlier this month.

Stern said that proposal basically embraced the current system, but the league believes changes are necessary and the teams that spent freely during free agency did so because it was the only way they could win. Hunter disagrees, saying owners want a system where they

can spend and "receive guaranteed profits unlike any other industry in America."

Stern also said the higher-than-expected cap didn't mean things were better than they were a year ago, but Hunter points to huge increases in season ticket sales in New York, New Jersey, Chicago and Charlotte as proof otherwise.

And since he said player salaries were down by about 1 per-

cent this season, he still maintains the best way for the owners to get the help they need is from each other.

The union is calling for expanded revenue sharing among teams, with Hunter noting that a group of small-market owners recommended it to Stern a couple of years ago. Stern has said it will come after the agreement with the players, but Hunter said it should come as part of the deal.

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father.

"The family is doing well," Hank said. "Yesterday was tough. I want to thank everyone for the messages of condolence, especially the fans."

Outside the ballpark, the usual advertisements on the message board were replaced by "George M. Steinbrenner III/We will miss you" and "George M. Steinbrenner III/The Boss' 1930-2010."

Funeral plans were still in formation, with a private ceremony possible Saturday in Tampa or Ocala, where the family has a horse farm.

Public memorial services were under discussion for Tampa.

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