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## Boy found on I-20 safe; dad arrested

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

**SWEETWATER** — The search for information regarding a 4-year-old boy found Tuesday morning along Interstate 20 near Sweetwater yielded results by that afternoon.



Angel

The boy's father, Carlos Rico, was arrested and will be facing charges of endangering a child for allegedly abandoning his son, according to Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelley. The arrest was made after Rico turned himself into Saginaw law enforcement, according to a report aired by Abilene TV station KTXS.

The boy, who was able to tell authorities his name was

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## FIRST LADIES OF BIG SPRING



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno  
**Bebe McCasland, left, and Dr. Cheryl Sparks, both featured in the First Ladies of Big Spring Heritage Museum exhibit, take a moment to speak with each other during Tuesday evening's exhibit opening. The First Ladies of Big Spring exhibit will be on display until Aug. 30. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, contact the museum at 267-8255.**

## BSISD committee, board meet Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials hope to put the final touches on plans for new single-member district boundaries Thursday.

BSISD's Redistricting

Advisory Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday to hammer out final recommendations for the new boundaries, then will present those findings to the board of trustees when that

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## Restrictions on water use are tightened

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Beginning Friday, municipal water customers will be forced to cut back their outdoor water use yet again to make way for an overall 20 percent decrease in deliveries by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The Big Spring City Council approved the revision to its current Drought Contingency Plan — which is currently in Stage 3 — by a unanimous vote to decrease the number of days city water customers can water lawns and utilize water for outdoor activities and usages from three days each week to two days.

The new cutback from CRMWD limits the water the city



Darden

can receive from CRMWD from 7,100,000 gallons per day to 6,300,000 gallons per day, according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, a 20 percent reduction compared to previous years.

"As most of you know, our water situation in the area hasn't gotten any better," Darden said grimly. "A lot of the projections that were made early on were based on a number of variables. As these variables play out you have to re-evaluate the situation."

"We received another notice from CRMWD... and their

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## City auditorium renovation pact gets council OK

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved a contract with Midland-based Mid-Tex for renovations to the Municipal Auditorium that will bring the facility into ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance in time for the Big Spring Symphony's next season.

The contract — worth approximately \$414,000 — was awarded to the Midland construction company Tuesday night on a unanimous vote. The project will be financed by a \$500,000 fund earmarked by the council more than a year ago, with the money coming from the city's Conventions

and Visitors Bureau's motel tax fund.

According to City Manager Gary Fuqua, the renovations are expected to take approximately 140 days to complete, which should make the facility available by the Big Spring Symphony's second performance of the coming season.

"This will allow us to get the facility back open and the symphony back home," Fuqua told the council.

Prior to its closure in February 2009, the Municipal Auditorium served as the venue for the symphony orchestra for many years, according to city officials. Since it became unavailable, the local

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## Funtastic Fourth Festival going to the dogs

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

It's almost time for the Funtastic Fourth Festival in downtown Big Spring.

Starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, there will be a Patriotic Pooch Parade and Look A Like contest in Rotary Park.

"There is no admission fee,

but we are asking people to bring a donation for the Howard County Humane Society," said Emma Jenkins, Downtown Revitalization Association treasurer.

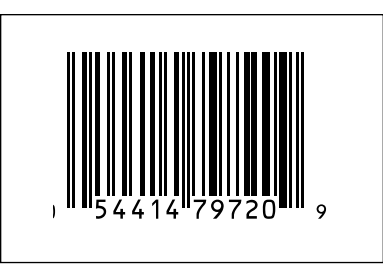
The festival is being sponsored by the DRA and Alon USA, with other event sponsors also helping out.

Registration for the pooch parade starts at 9 a.m. Those wanting to take part are asked to bring a copy of their pet's rabies certificate and have dogs on at least a six-foot leash. No retractable leashes are allowed and owners are fully responsible for their pet's behavior. Owners are

also expected to pick up after their dogs.

"The Humane Society is currently in need of cleaning supplies and that is why we are asking for donations instead of an entry fee," Jenkins said. "This is a

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# Obituaries

## Bobby Gene Fishback



Bobby Gene Fishback, 54, of Forsan died Monday, June 27, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with Derrick Looney, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at the funeral home.

Bob was born Oct. 26, 1956, in Big Spring to William and Ella Bea (Lynch) Fishback. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1975 and was active in the band. He attended West Texas State University from 1975 until 1978 and received a bachelor's degree in music education.

Bob married Jeanine Weber on March 24, 1979, in Hooker, Okla. He started his band directing career at Coahoma High School and was there for three years. He then moved to Forsan in 1982 and served as the band director for the next 15 years. He was currently serving as technology director at Forsan Independent School District.

In addition to his wife Jeanine, survivors include one son, Jerrod Fishback and wife Amanda, of Tyler; one daughter, Megan Fishback of Australia; three grandchildren, Victoria, Ella and Benjamin Fishback; his mother, Bea Fishback of Coahoma; two brothers, Billy Don Fishback and wife Cecil of Brownwood and Benny Ray Fishback and wife Susan of Coahoma; four nephews, Chase, Chris, Justin and Adam Fishback; and a host of dear friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, William Albert Fishback, on Feb. 7, 2009.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Bob Fishback Scholarship Fund, Drawer A, Forsan Texas 79733.

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

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## Don Ray Vaughan



Don Ray Vaughan, 73, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, in a Colorado City nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2011, at Colorado City Cemetery with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 12, 1938, in Colorado City. Don worked as a driller and tool pusher for Patterson Drilling Company.

Survivors include three sons, Brodon Parks, Jimmy Vaughan and Danny Vaughan, all of Rotan; two daughters, Starla Hodnett of Hobbs, N.M., and Kathy Vaughan of Rotan; one sister, Roxie Hodnett of Big Spring; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lorena Brymer Vaughan; one granddaughter; and one nephew.

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

## Dorothy Jean Pearce

Dorothy Jean Pearce, 81, died Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in a local hospital. 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 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- JAY FRANK OLIVAS, 21, of 2001 N. Salem Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter and public intoxication.
- CRYSTAL LASHLE COBLE, 24, of 1510 S. Nolan,

was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for no dog or cat vaccination (rabies).

- CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WOOTEN, 50, of 301 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- RONNIE RENE RIVERA, 31, of 1801 S. Owens, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS JR., 25, of 4213 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, public intoxication and prohibited weapons - switch-blade/knuckles.

- JASON RAY PAYNE, 32, of 1106 W. Third St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.

- ASSAULT was reported:

- In the 4100 block of Muir.
- In the 2900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

- THEFT was reported:

- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.
- In the 1000 block of E. Second Street.
- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

- In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of W. Fourth Street.

## Sheriff

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

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

- RAYMOND OVERTON JR., 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

- RACHEL JEAN SURA, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- CRYSTAL COBLE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of no vaccine or license for animal.

- ROBERT NEAL SCOTT, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- RONNIE RENE RIVERA, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous

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**COUNCIL**

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symphony has been utilizing other facilities. Non-compliant restrooms, inadequate parking and inaccessible seating are just a few of the problems facing city officials in bringing Municipal Auditorium up to federal guidelines, according to City Attorney Linda Sjogren.

The facility was closed following a lawsuit alleging a number of ADA shortfalls.

While renovations and repairs to the historic auditorium are expected to be completed, one of the facility's long standing icons — the

Statue of Liberty monument donated by the Big Spring Boys and Girls Club many years ago — may not be quite as lucky.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the monument was damaged by high winds which managed to uproot the scaled-down version of the New York attraction.

And while finding contractors to fix concrete and steel isn't all that difficult, finding a company to work on the copper monument is much harder than it might sound.

"There are plenty of companies out there that do this kind of work on bronze statues, but we haven't been able to find

one yet that will work on copper, which is what this monument is made of," Darden said. "The damage to the base of the statue, where it was bolted down, as well as the arm and crown are considerable.

"Unfortunately, the trade of working with copper just isn't very common these days. We haven't given up by any means. If anyone knows of a craftsman who works with copper, we would certainly appreciate their help finding them."

Fuqua said the only other bid the city received on the project was from Lee George Construction, which bid \$498,000 for the project.

**WATER**

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demand on their (water) system and their ability to get water to their customers is limited more than they anticipated. The notice says effective July 1 we need to cut back another 10 percent, and that's effective for all customers of the district."

Thanks to citizens observing and obeying the mandatory cutbacks in outdoor water use, Mayor Tommy Duncan said the city has managed to meet the previous 10 percent decrease fairly easily.

"We're going through a learning curve. This is the first time the city

has been faced with this to my knowledge," Duncan said. "I think the citizens of Big Spring have done an exceptional job by keeping us well below the 10 percent reduction that was requested. We'll monitor (water usage) to make sure we keep it below the 20 percent reduction and make adjustments as we go."

The city put Stage 3 of its Drought Contingency Plan into effect in mid-April, allowing for outdoor water use three days each week.

Under the revised plan, residents with even address numbers — such as 110, 112 or 114 — will be required to limit their use of water outdoors to Tuesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

Water customers with odd address numbers — such as 111, 113 and 115 — will be required to limit their outdoor use of water to Wednesdays

and Sundays, also between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

"This recommendation is to try to get that additional 10 percent (CRMWD) is requesting by cutting our number of watering days in half of what we currently have," Darden said. Outdoor water usage includes watering lawns, filling swimming pools or hot tubs, the use of fountains and spas and washing vehicles.

"No outside watering except that which is specifically allowed in the Drought Contingency Plan Stage 3 shall take place on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays, or any day between the hours of 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.," the amendment reads. "Watering should occur during either morning or evening hours rather than both in one day."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

**FOUND**

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Angel, was found covered in cactus spines and walking along the highway around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. A local couple on their way to Abilene saw the boy, picked him up and called the Sweetwater Police Department.

"Thank goodness it was them," Kelley said in an interview with KTXS. "They are good people and called us immediately and the wheels began turning."

The boy was taken to Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment of dehydration and removal of the cactus spines while law enforcement and numerous other

agencies searched for information regarding the happenings leading to the boys arrival in Sweetwater.

Child Protective Services, Amber Alert, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and numerous law enforcement agencies were brought in to help work the investigation.

"The boy was in good shape, very bright and social," Kelley said.

According to numerous media outlets, the boy's step-mother — who lives in Lubbock — was in route to Sweetwater to pick up the child. The boy's father was to appear in court this morning regarding the charges.

**BSISD**

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body meets in special session at 5:15 p.m.

Both meetings will be held in the Big Spring High School board room. The public is invited to provide input at both meetings.

This will be the second meeting of the advisory committee, which is comprised of school administrators and trustees, as well as private citizens. The group is charged with recommending changes to BSISD's seven single-member districts so they adequately reflect the population and demographic makeup of the school district.

In the 10 years since BSISD's last redistricting, the population makeup of its single member districts has changed noticeably. Fred Stormer, an attorney with the Underwood Law Firm who has advised BSISD on this effort, said the new single-member districts must reflect those changes.

"If you have a deviation between the district with the highest population and the one with the lowest population of more than 10 percent, you must redraw the boundaries," Stormer said. "Big Spring ISD's total deviation is 28.16 percent."

Those changes have been most pronounced in District 1 (the northeast portion of Big

Spring), which has lost 550 residents in the past 10 years, and District 6 (the far eastern section of Big Spring), which has gained 380 residents.

Also, the demographic makeup of BSISD has changed markedly in the past 10 years. Not only has the district's total population grown, but the number of Hispanic residents has increased dramatically. Hispanic population within the district has increased from 35 percent in 2000 to 42 percent in 2010. Correspondingly, the district's Anglo population has decreased from 58 percent in 2000 to a fraction above 50 percent in 2010.

"Our goal is to make a map that has three

districts that are predominantly Anglo in population, three that are predominantly Hispanic in population, and one that's basically evenly split between the two," Stormer said.

Once the committee finalizes its recommendations, it will present that proposal to the school board later Thursday.

In other business during its special meeting, the school board will consider:

- A harassment claim filed by two BSISD employees.
- Discussion on the 2011-2012 budget.
- A proposal for the modernization of the high school elevator.
- Technology purchases.

**SHERIFF**

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conviction or suspension.

• CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JASON RAY PAYNE, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.

• MARGARITA OLIVAREZ RAMIREZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of prohibited weapons — switchblade/knuckles, resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.

**PATIENT**

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air and we were able to collect him without any problems," Parker said. "No injuries were

reported as a result of the incident."

Parker said it's unclear how the patient — who is currently in the care of the Big Spring State Hospital — was able to simply walk away from the facility.

"I'm not sure if he was be-

ing watched by BSSH or Scenic Mountain Medical Center officials at the time he walked away from the facility," Parker said. "We were just glad we were able to locate the patient before any harm could come to him."

**DOGS**

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fun event and a way to help a local cause."

A washer tournament will also take place at 10 a.m. after opening ceremonies. Vendors and the kids zone will also open. At 10:30 the Patriotic Pet Contest will take place at Rotary Park.

Of course, the contests aren't over after that. A hot dog eating contest will take place at 2 p.m. in Pocket Park. There will be no entry fee for the contest, but once again donations are asked. The

contest will be limited to 10 contestants, but spots are still available.

"There is still time if someone wants to take part in the contest," said Ramone Holguin, vice president of the DRA. "The main object is to eat as many hot dogs and buns as possible with water as the only beverage."

The contest will take place during a five-minute period and contestants will start at the sound of the whistle. According to the contest rules, no hot dogs can be touched until the whistle is heard. A full list of rules will be handed to contestants upon registration. If you would like to

take part in the contest contact Holguin at 268-3115.

Funtastic Fourth will be an all day event and will also include a rock climbing wall, a mechanical bull and bounce houses. Wristbands will be available as well as individual tickets.

There will also be live music throughout the day. The first band will take the stage at 10 a.m. and headliner Mark McKinney will close up the night, performing at 10 p.m.

During the event parking will be south of Fourth Street and handicap parking will be located at the courthouse.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Chamber series State of the Community: Part 2

Learning about your community is important and what better way to do so than to hear first hand from the people in charge of the different areas.

Last month, during the first part of the the series, community members heard from government officials — county, city and other government entities. This time around, residents will receive updates concerning the education and medical aspects of our community.

Area superintendents from Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring will deliver ten minute reports addressing the issues public schools are facing. Updates will also be heard from representatives of the West Texas VA Health Care System and the Big Spring State Hospital. Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Larry Rodgers had a previous engagement and is unable to attend Part 2, but will deliver his report during Part 3 of the series.

In hopes of more people being able to attend, Part 2 will be held as a breakfast presentation instead of a luncheon.

The presentation will be about an hour long and will take place in the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. The serving line will open at 7:30 a.m. and the opening and presentations are set to start at 7:50. According to Debye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the event should wrap up around 9 a.m.

If time allows, after all the reports have been delivered there will be a time for a question and answer period.

Part 3 of the series will focus on updates on the industrial side of the community. It will also be a breakfast in the Cactus Room. The date is still pending and more information will be released at a later date.

To find out more information about the chamber series contact ValVerde at the chamber at 432-263-7641.

## Herman Cain's 'Amateur Hour'

America is a free country, and radio talk-show host Herman Cain is free to run for president. Even with low-name recognition, the former Godfather's Pizza CEO polls well. Veteran pollster Scott Rasmussen ranks him third, with 10 percent of the GOP primary vote, behind former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann. His supporters seem enthusiastic. But they should understand one thing: Herman Cain cannot win because when it comes to politics, he is an amateur.

Cain's website opens with the slogan "Let's Get Real."

Not the Herman-ator's strong suit.

Cain can boast of a great American success story. A black man who grew up in the Jim Crow South, Cain is the son of a chauffeur and domestic worker who were determined that he graduate college. He did. Then he earned a master's degree. He applied himself. He rose through corporate America and became chief executive of Godfather's Pizza. Cain should be proud of his achievements.

In the political world, Cain has not fared as well. Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, summed up Cain's political experience as "losing badly in a Republican primary in his own state" — when Cain ran for a

U.S. Senate seat in Georgia in 2004. It's not a plus for a presidential candidate when Republicans in his own state nominated someone else.

Cain became an Atlanta talk radio host, a commentator for Fox Business and an author. He knows how to speak provocatively. Witness his remarks about President Obama's Kenyan roots and his admission that he would not appoint qualified Muslims unless they could prove they are loyal Americans. In short, he made a name for himself by alienating people — the one thing you don't do if you want to win an election.

But the main reason Cain won't win is that most Republicans understand that a man who has never won an election or a battlefield has no business running for president.

He was a great businessman, but that does not mean he can squeeze what he wants out of hostile lawmakers, outmaneuver treacherous allies or juggle the thousand parts of foreign policy. Like many Republicans, I am a strong believer in citizen politicians.

When civilians enter the arena, they can bring outside-the-Capitol-dome common sense to a realm made overcomplicated by careerists who know how to cut deals but not how to get things done.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is a great example. An obstetrician who entered politics in his 40s, Coburn declared war on earmarks and ethanol subsidies — and he has succeeded where career Republicans once dared not tread.

Ronald Reagan went from

actor to politician. Please note: Reagan could not have been President Reagan without being California Gov. Reagan first.

Sabato noted that in 1980, when Democrats were painting Reagan as an extremist, "the most reassuring qualification that Reagan had was having run the nation's largest state (population-wise) for eight years — and it was still there."

Cain has a poor sense of timing. Obama did not have a thick political resume when he won the White House. If American voters are so dissatisfied with Obama in 2012 that they want to replace him, they are not going to choose a rookie — who never has won a showdown with other lawmakers, sat across the table from a foreign despot or withstood the pressure of a hardball election and triumphed — whose claim to fame is that he is a good talker.

In its early stages before voters have begun to focus seriously on the election, the 2012 GOP primary has shined the spotlight on vanity candidates (Newt Gingrich), vanity non-candidates (Sarah Palin) and vanity personified (Donald Trump).

Like Cain, Palin and Trump have a talent for saying glib things that suggest that there are easy fixes for entrenched messes. Take Cain's premise that not being a politician is a plus in a presidential election.

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## High court says violence is OK, but sex is still a maybe

Which bothers you more, sex or violence? And when is the last time you had either?

Sorry, scratch that last one. This is serious stuff. Fabric of society and all that.

In a seven-to-two decision, the Supreme Court ruled Monday that video games can be sold to minors no matter how violent the games are. And some video games, like the popular "Mortal Kombat" and "Grand Theft Auto" series, are very violent.

But so are fairy tales, wrote Anthony Scalia, a very conservative justice of the court. "Grimm's Fairy Tales' ... are grim indeed," he wrote. "As her just deserts for trying to poison Snow White, the wicked queen is made to dance in red hot slippers 'till she fell dead on the floor."

More importantly, in my opinion, Scalia wrote in his opinion that California, which had banned the sale of violent games to minors, "had not demonstrated any direct causal link between playing violent video games and actual harm to minors."

You could almost hear the collective gasp from academics and psychologists who have preached just the opposite for decades.

Me, I am with Scalia and the rest of the majority. I have never believed all those studies that claim that playing with toy guns and violent games or watching violent TV shows make kids more violent.

Such claims bewilder me. I grew up playing with toy guns and have never shot anybody (though I know plenty who deserve it).

And if violent TV shows are supposed to make kids more violent, how come comedies don't make them more funny?

It is not politically popular

to say this, however. Which is why Bill Clinton was so proud when he got Congress to pass a law forcing TV manufacturers to embed "v-chips" in new televisions. These chips could be programmed to block violent shows, though not the most violent show of all: the nightly news.

Know how to program the v-chip in your TV? Of course you don't. And even if you did, your 10-year-old could probably de-program it in a minute flat.

Which brings us to bare, naked, filthy sex.

Wait. How did I get from violence to sex? Because the Supreme Court has always taken depictions of sex far, far more seriously than depictions of violence.

Want to sell minors games in which they blow the heads off cops in eruptions of brain-splattering gore? Be my guest, says the court.

Want to show two people making love? Whoa, there.

That's a different matter.

And it's a matter the justices have visited many times, even subjecting themselves to the indignity of watching obscene movies (over and over again with only a few popcorn breaks) in their chambers.

The United States was once a country that banned the works of authors like D.H. Lawrence and James Joyce (and seized copies of their works from tourists entering the country). But that changed in 1957, when the high court ruled that material had to appeal to the "prurience" of the average person according to prevailing "community standards" in order to be banned as obscene.

What the heck did that mean? Nobody really knew, though in 1964 Justice Potter Stewart ruled that anything except "hard-core pornography" was protected by the First Amendment.

And what is "hard-core pornography"?

Glad you asked. Because Potter Stewart's reply entered history: "I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced

within that shorthand description; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it."

Some people thought that didn't sound very legalistic, but it makes perfect sense. There is a difference between the nudity in "The Pawnbroker" and in "Deep Throat," and most people know it when they see it.

Not satisfied, however, the Supreme Court kept fiddling around until 1973, when it came up with three standards, all of which had to be present to rule something beyond the protection of the First Amendment:

1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the work as a whole would appeal to the prurient interest.

2. The work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct defined by state law.

3. The work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Which pretty much leaves a hole big enough to drive a semi-trailer through. And this is why the "adult entertainment" industry today is huge, with some claiming it is a \$10 billion to \$14 billion a year industry. That is as much as Americans "spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies," according to a "60 Minutes" report from several years ago.

The computer and video game industry, by no means all of which is adult in content, took in \$11.7 billion in 2008, according to the Entertainment Software Association annual report.

So it looks like simulated sex and simulated violence are here to stay in America.

And if that bothers you, keep in mind that the real stuff probably gets us in more trouble.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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by coming to You through prayer.

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Summer is nearly here and that means that our hours have changed. We are closed Saturdays during June, July and August.



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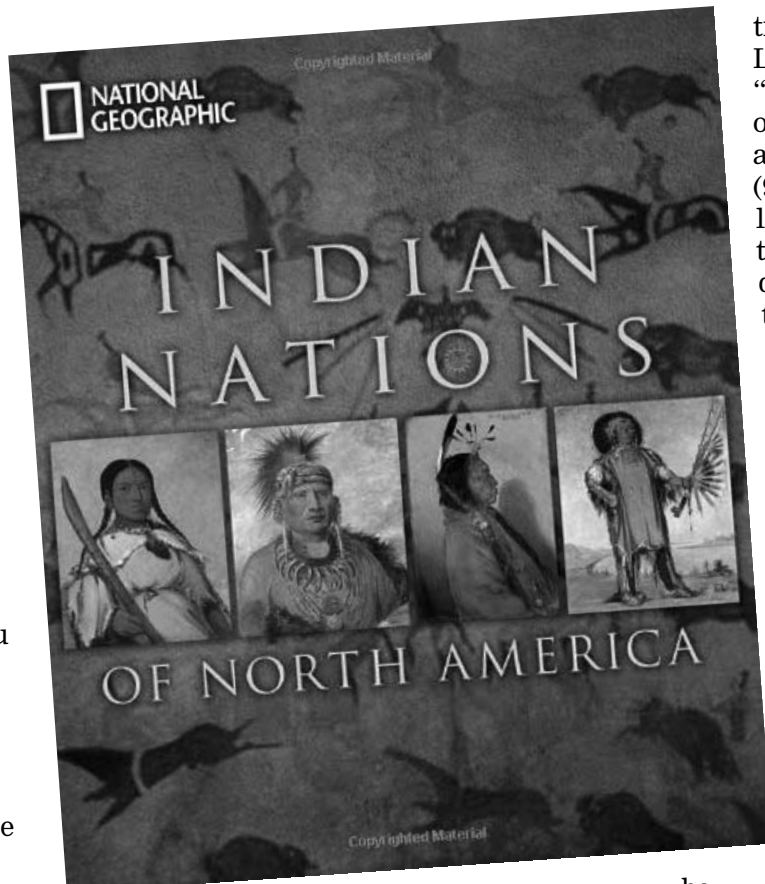
I missed out on the Michael Jackson phenomena. I did watch his videos and sing along, but the Jacksons weren't really in my mind. Janet Jackson is the "little" sister of the Jacksons (although don't forget Toya). Growing up in a family that has, in subsequent years, been just a tad dysfunctional, it is amazing how people overcome it and go on. Janet began her career at the age of 10, on Good Times. Again, Hollywood moguls focused on appearance and weight rather than acting ability. Told to slim down, Janet began a decades battle with eating disorders. In her biography, "True You: A Journey to Finding and Loving Yourself"

(B JAC J), she recounts how she fought to regain her self-esteem and to be true to herself, not those who wanted something from her. I think you will find this interesting.

On the other end of the spectrum comes Sammy Hagar. Again, he wasn't a big blip on my musical radar. In his No. 1 New York Times bestseller, "Red: My Uncensored Life in Rock" (B HAG S), you will get a "wow! did they really do that?" look at the life of a rock and roll band. Sammy was the raucous front man for the band Van Halen for more than 10 years. This is his story of how things went down.

Another musical icon who is the opposite of Jackson and Hagar, is Frank Sinatra. In "Lady Blue Eyes" (AUCD G SIN B) by Barbara Sinatra, she reveals a life that was filled with passion, conviction and grace. A founder of the Miss Universe pageant and a Vegas showgirl, she raised her son with tenacity in dire circumstances. Barbara was Frank's wife for more than 20 years. She lives in Palm Springs, Calif.

The catalyst that catapulted children being kidnapped for unspeakable reasons was the abduction of Adam Walsh. Before Adam, there were no Amber alerts, faces on milk cartons, no pedophile registry and No Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-



dren. The abduction and murder of Adam Walsh in 1981 shattered the myth that children were not victims of crimes. "Bringing Adam Home: The Abduction that Changed America" LP 364.152 STAL R) by Les Standiford with Det. Sgt. Joe Mathews tells the story from the police side of the picture. Adam and Reve Walsh collaborated with the two men, at the cost of their own memories. Read it and weep for Adam, his family and the nation whose innocence was lost.

A superb book from National Geographic on "Indian Nations of North America" (970.004 NAT G) is filled with wonderful illustrations and descriptions of the Indians who lived in the Americas

tribal in nature. From Life Magazine comes "The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton" (941.085 LIF B). Again, lavishly illustrated, it too is filled with wonderful photos, descriptions and the like.

A new book from Elizabeth Berg is in: "Once Upon a Time, There Was You" (F BER E). It chronicles the life of a couple who knew getting married was a mistake; they divorce and circumstances bring them back together. The book feels slow somehow. Emotions are not clear and seem inept.

I like going to churches when they have a potluck dinner. While you may see a dish you have the recipe to, everyone will put their own spin on it. In "Church Potluck: Best-Loved Slow

Cooker and Casserole Recipes" (641.588 LAR L) by Linda Larsen and Susie Sigfried, there are a lot of cook-ahead dishes that always use a condensed soup as a binder. Potato dishes galore, and of course, desserts play an important role in any meal. Grandfather Croft said "it's half a meal" if no dessert was available. Those were the first things we learned how to cook and to this day, it takes me no time to whip up a pie crust and fill it.

We have received quite a few donated cookbooks that we are placing in the collection and conversely, we are removing the older and more worn cookbooks. Be sure to check the book sale in September if you are looking for one.

*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*

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## Domestic Violence Temptation to Go Back

It takes a women 7 to 10 times before she leaves her abuser. There is always that temptation to go back, hence one of the cycles of violence. All survivors of domestic violence must weigh the pros and cons of returning back to their abuser. It is a decision only you can make, family and friends will only remember the traumatic events. Before you go back to your abuser here are some things to think about.

1. Weigh the Pros and Cons
2. Review Why You Left.
3. Did the Abuser get Treatment?
4. Remember How Far You've Come.
5. Take 1 minute and make a list of what you love about him.
6. Take 1 minute and make a list of what you do not like about him.

Here is a chart from "Its My Life Now" second edition. Meg Kennedy Dugan & Roger R. Hock.

When You Were Together, rate where you believe your ex would fall today if you get back together on the scale of 1 - 10.

Trusting -----	Suspicious
Respectful -----	Condescending
Predictable -----	Unpredictable
Liberating -----	Possessive
Equal -----	Controlling
Secure -----	Jealous
Good Parent -----	Abusive parent
Dependable -----	Undependable
Stable -----	Unstable
Empowering -----	Demeaning
Willing to change -----	Denies any problem exists
Unlikely to be violent -----	Potential violent

Now mark where you believe your ex-partner would fall if you were to return to that relationship.

Trusting -----	Suspicious
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## Texas Two-Step



### Benjamin Edward and Billie Marie Wooten Morgan

Ed and Billie's romance began three and a half decades ago in a downtown restaurant in Amarillo, Texas. They said the moment their eyes locked, March 1, 1975, time and they stood still. This, in spite of the fact that Billie was holding about eight plates of food fresh from Kelly's kitchen. Ed, on his part, was holding nothing but his heart in his hands.

That night, having exchanged telephone numbers, the two of them spoke for hours, well into the wee hours of the morning. During that phone call, they realized they were very old friends who'd just met.

They had their first date that evening, after which Ed made this simple request of Billie, "Would you be my girl?"

The coming days, weeks and months found them inseparable.

They were married Jan. 10, 1976, in Albuquerque, N.M. For a woman whose dream it was to have roots and own a stable, loving home, Billie was to

find that she and Ed would own nearly a dozen of these "loving" homes from Arizona to Pennsylvania. When their traveling adventures had come to an end, all but one of the contiguous United States were notched on their belts.

However, Texas proved to possess the most draw for the two, and they came back to Texas over and over again. Six years ago, Ed and Billie moved to Big Spring, Texas, from Amarillo, Texas.

No matter how many times she left the state, Texas never left Billie. She was a Texan through and through, and Ed had earlier become a "Texas cowboy" through his favorite Western books and movies.

Ed was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Aug. 21, 1926. He served as a naval ordnance specialist during World War II, earned a bachelor's degree from Gannon College in Erie, Pa., and was a retiree of the Federal Civil Service Commission. Although he had an undying sense of humor, Ed also had a strong philosophical side. He enjoyed games, especially cards, and was highly competitive. He "never met a stranger" and loved his canine companions over the years.

Ed's passion for music literally lasted a lifetime as he listened to his favorite piece of music, Neil Diamond's prayerful "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," during his final hour.

Billie was born in Electra, Texas, on Aug. 1, 1939. She made an art form out of cooking, and consequently, Ed ate "like a king," as did their fortunate guests.

Billie spent many a winter hour crocheting afghans, had a knack for sewing, and produced award-winning needlework. She took great pleasure in collecting miniature tea sets, Indian dolls, Southwestern art, cookbooks and recipes.

Billie poured much time and energy each year into her special brand of family gift-giving. No matter where Ed's gypsy heart took her, Billie was a good neighbor to all and much loved. She also gave new meaning to "a dog's life" ... just ask Ginger and Susie Q.

The fire that began their relationship 36 years ago never dimmed and burned brightly as they passed from this life to the next only four days apart.

Billie, 71, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas. Ed, 84, followed her in death Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Mary Yuhas Morgan; sisters, Virginia DeStout, Louise Float and Jean Azevedo; brother Lawrence Morgan; son, Daniel Michael Morgan; and grandson, Jonathan Paul Morgan.

Survivors include his sisters, Marjorie Scutella of Erie, Pa., and Alyce and husband Roy Wadsworth of Erie, Pa.

Ed's surviving children are Edward Benjamin

and wife Mary Jean Morgan of Virginia Beach, Va., Janice Marie Chatley of Meadville, Pa., John Paul (J.P.) Morgan of Euless, Texas, Anne Cecelia and husband William Michael (Mike) Cline of New London, Texas, and Mary Therese and husband Ronald David Harrison of Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Surviving grandchildren are Thomas Scott Morgan, Michelle Ann Robinson, David James Morgan, Kathleen Marie Morgan, Heidi Marie Chatley, Heather Ann Chatley, Christopher Joseph Eaton, Amy Marie Clements, Daniel Michael (Mike) Morgan Jr. and Jeremy Brandon Morgan. Surviving great-grandchildren total 22. In addition, many beloved nephews and nieces and their families survive Ed.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, William Biston Wooten Jr. and Lois Mae Austin Griffin; her step-father, Audley Arlow Griffin; and brothers, Audley Arlow Griffin Jr. and Richard Dale Wooten.

Survivors include her sisters, Janell and husband Kenneth McWhorter of Sweetwater, Texas, Patricia Riel of California, Shirley and husband Dusty Rhodes of Douglas, Kan., Joy Wooten of Enid, Okla., and Rita and husband Bob Payhomin of Toweny, Minn.; brothers, Charles James (Chuck) and wife Trish Wooten of Sayre, Okla., Max Wooten of Sayre, Okla., step-sister, Marian Lee Sanders of Helena, Okla., and sister-in-law, Josephine (Jo) and husband Basil Love of Monahans, Texas.

All Billie's children survive her and include Charlotte Kay Levien of Black Canyon City, Ariz., Marie Janell Lowe of Pikesville, Tenn., Marla Gayle and husband Jerry L. Guidry of Houston, Texas, Wayne Robert Shirley of Bradenton, Fla., and Diana Lee of Glendale, Ariz.

Her 14 grandchildren survive her as well and include Jon Coye Snider, Amy Marie Levien, James Michael Levien, Stephen Bryant Ross, Jennifer Marie Gooden, Joshua Lloyd Ross, Rebecca Sabina Ross, Jeremy David Ross, Jason Paul Ross, John Robert Shirley, William Karl Shirley, Joseph William Valenzuela, Timothy Alan Valenzuela, and Alan Marcus (Marc) Valenzuela. Surviving great-grandchildren total 18. Also, special aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins and their families survive Billie.

Lastly, representing the many special friends who held the hearts of Ed and his "Sweet William" are George and Marge Walker and family of McKean, Pa., Jeff and Jan Ortiz and family of Erie, Pa., and Carlos and Norma Loreto and family of Tucson, Ariz.

We will miss this Texas twosome but carry their memories in our hearts as we continue playing our parts in this Dance of Life. "Good Night and Good Bless!"

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

*Paid obituary*

## Take note

A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

She and her husband Gale are both off without pay at this time and may be for quite a while. Maurine is at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas at this time. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A reception for Michael Adams, who has served 33 years in law enforcement, including 25 as Stanton chief of police, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 8, in the Stanton Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 210 N. St. Mary in Stanton. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now.

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Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20.

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# News in brief

## Texas boy dies after possibly drinking gasoline

**BROWNSVILLE (AP)** — A South Texas toddler has died after possibly drinking gasoline from a lawn mower.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio says the victim was 2-year-old Leonardo Silva of Brownsville.

Lucio says the toddler's mother briefly left the child alone Monday morning outside the family's mobile home. The child was later found unconscious. The boy died Monday night at a hospital.

Lucio said Tuesday that investigators at first thought the boy had inhaled gasoline fumes. The sheriff says deputies later determined a lawn mower's gas cap was removed and some type of tube or pipe had been in the fuel tank, leading to an investigation into whether the boy drank the gasoline.

An autopsy has been ordered.

## Bogus windstorm inspections for some Texans

**CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)** — Owners of more than 400 homes and businesses in South Texas will be notified that their windstorm insurance reviews were done by a bogus inspector.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association says coverage for the Corpus Christi properties is valid unless the Department of Insurance removes the certification.

A letter Tuesday from Police Chief Troy Riggs informs owners that windstorm inspections done before 2008 by Gary Garza, who falsely claimed to be an engineer, were fraudulent and to contact insurance officials. Riggs recently learned of the matter while investigating building permit fraud and realized property owners were not notified.

## Man dies after fall from Dallas parking garage

**DALLAS (AP)** — A man has died after falling from the third level of a downtown Dallas hotel parking garage while with some friends.

Dallas police say the accident happened around 3 a.m. Wednesday at a garage of the W Hotel.

Police say the victim fell about 30 feet. He was declared dead at a hospital. The name of the man was not immediately released.

Police did not immediately provide further details early Wednesday.

## House to vote on pat-down bill

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Texas House will get a chance to vote on a bill to criminalize invasive pat-downs at airports on Wednesday. But the bill faces an uphill battle to get final passage.

The Texas Legislature's special session runs out at midnight Wednesday. In order to send the so-called anti-groping bill to the governor, the bill must get

120 out of 150 votes.

Lawmakers say that is unlikely because 49 Democrats may vote against the bill because supporters characterize it as defying Obama Administration policies.

## Inmate fighting murder conviction flees

**HUNTSVILLE (AP)** — The search continues for a fugitive Walker County Jail inmate who sheriff's officials say overpowered a guard and fled the jail.

Sheriff's officials say Trent De'Ray Archie of Huntsville broke from the jail despite having been granted a new trial after his 2006 murder conviction was overturned. Chief Deputy Butch Davis says Archie was being held on a drug possession charge and likely armed himself during his getaway drive from Huntsville, 60 miles north of Houston.

Davis said leads continue to come in, but there have been no reported sightings of the 29-year-old fugitive.

## Ceremony set for naming rare white buffalo calf

**GREENVILLE (AP)** — A rare white buffalo calf regarded as sacred by Lakota Sioux tradition will be officially named at a ceremony expected to draw at least 5,000 people in Greenville.

The Dallas Morning News reports the calf will be named Lightning Medicine Cloud at the Wednesday morning ceremony — a reference to the thunderstorm in which he was born.

According to the newspaper, Lakota Sioux tradition holds that Whope, the goddess of peace, once appeared in the form of a white buffalo calf. Some say the goddess will return once four such calves are born to American Indians. The calf was born to the herd of Arby Little Soldier.

## Bodies of 3 immigrants found on South Texas road

**SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP)** — A reserve deputy driving home from work swerved violently off the road and overturned his car after his headlights revealed the battered bodies of three men on a dark South Texas road.

The incident happened about 1 a.m. Tuesday as Duval County reserve deputy Alonzo Zamora was driving along Farm-to-Market Road 1329 when he suddenly saw the bodies. Sheriff's Sgt. David Canales says Zamora suffered only bumps and bruises.

Canales says the men were a 30-year-old from El Salvador, a 23-year-old from the Dominican Republic and a 23-year-

old from Mexico. Each suffered head injuries, and the Salvadoran also had a broken forearm.

Circumstances that led to their deaths are unclear, but the Canales tells the Alice Echo-News that the Texas Rangers have begun a homicide investigation.

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# Firefighters battle blaze approaching Los Alamos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Residents downwind of a wildfire that is threatening the nation's premier nuclear-weapons laboratory are worried about the potential of a radioactive smoke plume if the flames reach thousands of barrels of waste stored in above-ground tents.

Top lab officials and fire managers said they're confident the flames won't reach key buildings or areas where radioactive waste is stored.

As a last resort, foam could be sprayed on the barrels containing items that might have been contaminated through contact with radioactive materials to ensure they aren't damaged by fire, they said.

The site's manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration said he evaluated the precautions and felt comfortable. The agency oversees the lab for the Department of Energy.

"I have 170 people who validate their measures," Kevin Smith said. "They're in steel drums, on a concrete floor."

Despite the assurances, some residents remained concerned for the safety of their families and nearby communities.

"If it gets to this contamination, it's over — not just for Los Alamos, but for Santa Fe and all of us in between," said Mai Ting, a resident who lives in the valley below the desert mesas that are home to the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Chris Valverde, a resident of the Santa Clara Pueblo about 10 miles north of Los Alamos, questioned officials at a briefing Tuesday evening, asking whether they had evacuation plans for his community. Los Alamos, a town of 11,000, already sits empty after its residents were evacuated ahead of the blaze, which started Sunday.

The wildfire, which has swelled to nearly 95 square miles, has already sparked a spot fire at the lab. The fire Monday was quickly contained, and lab officials said no contamination was released.

Lab Director Charles McMillan said the barrels contain transuranic waste — gloves, toolboxes, tools — and other items that may have been contaminated. Top lab officials declined to say how many barrels were on site or how they are stored. An anti-nuclear group has estimated there could be up to 30,000 gallons.

Los Alamos County Fire Chief Doug Tucker, whose department is responsible for protecting the lab, said the barrels are stacked about three high inside of tents on lab property.

Flames were just across the road from the southern edge of the famed lab, where scientists developed the first atomic bomb during World War II. The facility cut natural gas to some areas as a precaution. The lab will be closed through at least Thursday.

The streets of Los Ala-

mos were empty Tuesday, with the exception of emergency vehicles and National Guard Humvees.

Homeowners who had left were prepared: propane bottles were placed at the front of driveways and cars were left in the middle of parking lots, away from anything flammable.

The wildfire has destroyed 30 structures south and west of Los Alamos, for many stirring memories of a blaze in May 2000 that destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings in

town.

Favorable winds have helped firefighters, who were busy trying to keep the fire from moving off Pajarito Mountain to the west of Los Alamos and into two narrow canyons that descend into the town and the lab.

"Everything is just so dry and ready to burn," Tucker said. "We need some rain. Snow would be nice."

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Above: Earle Diddle, the coach of the Howard College girls basketball program, teaches the girls at Coahoma High School several ways to fake out an opponent, using the ball, their head and even their eyes. Coach Diddle's coaching style was accepted easily as he laughed and joked while teaching.

Left: Coahoma senior Jennifer Castilaw works on her inside move during Coach Diddle's basketball camp Tuesday in Coahoma. The standout post player will be a key leader for the Bulldogettes this coming season.

# Coach Bell, Coahoma wasting no time

## Doing everything possible to get ready for basketball season

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

If there is one thing Coahoma girls basketball coach Mitzi Bell takes seriously, it is giving the girls on her team every possible chance to do their best.

That is why the second year coach has been taking the girls to see the Hawks of Howard College play, inviting Earl Diddle to come to Coahoma for a basketball camp and even sending the team to a basketball camp at South Plains College in Levelland.

The Bulldogettes went 14-16 last year, but Coach Bell has plans of something much better this year and she believes she has the team that can do it.

"I am really excited about this year," Coach Bell said. "The girls have been working hard all sum-

mer and they want to get better."

The basketball camp at Coahoma Tuesday was just one in a group of steps the new coach is taking to help the girls get ready.

"I saw Coach Diddle coach the Lady Hawks last year and I knew I just had to get him to come out here to Coahoma and help the girls," Coach Bell said.

Coach Diddle, the six-year coach at Howard College seemed more than happy to oblige the young coach.

"It was absolutely great to see a coach this excited about her program, about helping her players realize their potential," Coach Diddle said.

"And these girls are going to be a really good team. Coach Bell is doing a great job here in Coahoma with a group that has a pretty good nucleus."

A couple key players will be returning for Coahoma this coming year, but according to Coach Bell, one of them is going to be a leader for the team.

Jennifer Castilaw, while playing at the post position, led the Bulldogettes in 3-pointers last season. Coach Bell expects her to be a major contributor again in her senior season.

Coach Bell said she was excited about being in West Texas, noting the sport was viewed and played differently than it was in the southern and central parts of the state.

"I really love West Texas basketball. It is absolutely unique," Coach Bell said. "All I have to do now is convince the girls of that and then everything will fall into place. These girls are getting better and better, day after day. There is no telling how good they will be by the end of this season."

## Briefs

### Area sports-related camps, events and happenings.

#### Free junior tennis clinics

Free Junior Tennis Clinics will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at Figure 7. The cost is free and will be conducted by local coaches, players and pros.

Just bring a racquet (some can be provided if needed). Balls and water will be provided. For more information, call Dana Jones at 432-557-3831.

#### Howard County A&M Club Westexags shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

#### Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for information.

#### Football skills lineman camp July 16

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years-old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

#### BSHS cheerleader rag ball tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. until midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt.

A full concession will be open.

#### Big Spring All-Stars rag ball tournament July 1-3

Big Spring softball all-stars are hosting their annual rag ball tournament July 1-3 at Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost is \$10 per person and the teams will consist of 10-16 players. Registration is July 1 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Marie at 432-213-1208 or Lain at 432-213-5334.



# Wilson hits triple, shuts down Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — When C.J. Wilson wasn't ducking for cover on the mound, he was helping the Texas Rangers at the plate.

Wilson hit a leadoff triple, and Josh Hamilton homered in a three-run third inning as the Rangers beat the Astros 7-3 on Tuesday night for their seventh straight victory at Houston.

Wilson was hit in the foot in the second inning and on the tip of his pitching hand in the fourth. The second shot forced him to change his

pitching plan before he shut down the slumping Astros.

Houston has lost four in a row overall and seven of eight.

"I utilized the awesomeness of the defense," Wilson said. "I couldn't throw a sinker after I got hit in the finger. I had to adjust. I couldn't throw a sinker the rest of the game.

"That's a huge pitch for me, and to take that out of the equation really puts me behind. When it hits you in the fingertip it goes numb. There's not much meat

there."

Wilson, 0 for 5 as a hitter in five-plus American League seasons, tripled to deep center to start the Rangers' rally in the third. He scored on Ian Kinsler's grounder for a 1-1 tie.

Hamilton's eighth homer of the season, hit over the center field fence, put Texas ahead 2-1. Adrian Beltre singled and Michael Young extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a single before a hit by Nelson Cruz gave the Rangers another run.

Texas also got homers from Mitch Moreland in the eighth and Kinsler in the ninth, both off Aneury Rodriguez. Kinsler went 3 for 5 and drove in three runs.

Wilson (8-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings to win his fourth straight decision. Neftali Feliz got the final out for his 15th save in 19 chances.

Astros rookie Jordan Lyles (0-3) allowed five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

"We stayed in the big part of the field off Lyles," Rang-

ers manager Ron Washington said. "That's where you've got to take him. If you try to pull him, you're going to be in trouble. The guy spins the ball well. He keeps it down and hits his spots."

Lyles is still seeking his first major league victory.

"It just didn't fall my way tonight, everything, from the first inning," Lyles said. "I walked the first batter of the game. I don't know if I can recall ever doing that."

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# South Carolina wins second straight national title

OMAHA (AP) — South Carolina coach Ray Tanner didn't go into the season expecting to win a second straight national championship.

His Gamecocks did that in record fashion, becoming the first team to go 10-0 in an NCAA tournament and the first since Oregon State in 2007 to go unbeaten in a CWS with Tuesday night's 5-2 win that completed a two-game sweep of Florida.

"The statistics, the percentages of doing that are stacked against you," Tanner said. "The only thing I kept holding onto was, 'Let's have a good team. Let's have a good season. Let's get to the postseason. Let's get a chance to go to a regional.

"And then you try to do well when you get there."

Oh, the Gamecocks did well, all right.

The Gamecocks (55-14) retooled their pitching staff, star center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. missed two months with a broken wrist and first baseman Christian Walker played through the same injury during the CWS finals.

Two of their five wins here came in walkoff fashion, and they worked out of bases-loaded situations four times over two games and had left fielder Jake Williams throw out a runner at the plate to prevent Florida from scoring the winning run in Game 1 of the finals.

By comparison, the clinching victory was downright boring.

Michael Roth pitched 7 2-3 innings on three days' rest and the Gamecocks were in control

throughout.

The Gamecocks have the distinction of winning the first CWS at TD Ameritrade Park after winning the last one played at Rosenblatt Stadium.

"Beginning of the year I said we finished at the old one, so let's try to open the new one up," said second baseman Scott Wingo, voted the CWS' Most Outstanding Player.

"Coach wasn't sure we would get it, but I'm the type of guy who felt we were going to do it. I was thinking of the Oregon State team the whole year. I had a feeling we would get back and win this thing, and we did."

South Carolina became the first team to ever go 10-0 in an NCAA tournament and the first since Oregon State in 2007 to go unbeaten in

a CWS.

The Gamecocks' streaks of 16 NCAA tournament wins and 11 straight in the CWS are both the longest all-time.

They became the sixth team to win consecutive national titles and first since Oregon State in 2006-07.

"We're not the most

talented team, and we don't have the best players position for position," Roth said, "but we go out and stick together as a team. We battle. I can't describe it.

"We're a bunch of average Joes and love each other and come out and battle."

Peter Mooney doubled to start a three-run third

inning in the matchup of SEC rivals and hit the Gamecocks' first home run of the CWS in the sixth.

After giving up four runs in the first inning of their opener against Texas A&M, the Gamecocks allowed just six in their other 50 innings here.



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"I didn't really bounce my curveball. Guys weren't biting on it. If they were balls down in the zone where they could have put the bat on the ball, they did that."

Houston manager Brad Mills was ejected in the sixth inning after the third double play of the game against the Astros. He argued a close call at first base by umpire Bob Davidson. Rangers shortstop

Andres Blanco made a throw — while sitting — to second baseman Kinsler, who threw to first baseman Michael Young to complete the double play.

"We had a chance to come back and do something good about this game," Astros bench coach Al Pedrique said. "Lyles threw the ball well except for the two innings with two outs. He felt short of making a quality pitch and we were one or two hits away from having big innings. We feel short."

Texas scored two runs in the sixth on a double by Yorvit Torrealba and a triple by Kinsler.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Michael Bourn reached on a bunt single, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch, and scored on Carlos Lee's sacrifice fly.

Bourn tripled in the sixth and scored on a single by Hunter Pence.

Pinch-hitter Brett Wallace added an RBI single for Houston in the ninth.

**Return of Woods in doubt**

NEWTOWN SQUARE (AP) — Tiger Woods is no longer using crutches, a walking boot or a razor. He hasn't hit a full golf shot in 47 days and has no idea when he will practice, much less play in another tournament.

All he could say with certainty Tuesday was that he would not return until he was fully healthy.

"Usually I set a timetable when I want to come back and play when I've had injuries before," Woods said at the AT&T

National, which benefits his foundation. "This one is different. I'm going to learn my lesson from what I did at The Players and apply it this time and come back when I'm 100 percent. I don't know when that's going to be."

"That's kind of the frustrating thing about it right now is I don't know."

While he did not rule out the British Open, which starts July 14 at Royal St. George's, he made it sound as though he would miss another major championship.

"I wouldn't go over there just to show up," he said. "I'd go over there to win the golf tournament, so I need to obviously get my body ready so I can practice, and eventually play."

He's not doing much of anything at the moment. Woods watched the U.S. Open and was amazed at how Rory McIlroy matched his record by building a six-shot lead after 36 holes, then continued to crush his competition in winning by eight shots.

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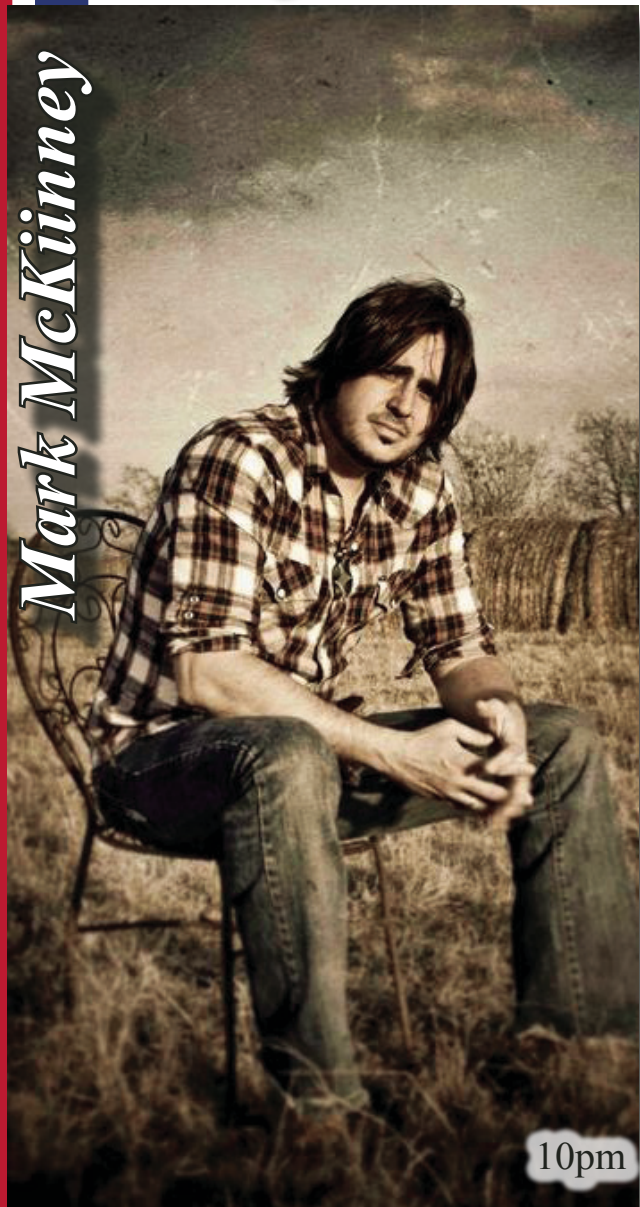
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). One of the most important ways you can let people know you care is also the easiest way: Tell them. You don't have to be a poet, just speak simply from the heart.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sign mate Mick Jagger famously sang that time was on his side. It's on yours, too. You befriend time as you use the passing moments to your highest advantage and hold firm to the belief that the best is yet to come.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Give credit where it's due, especially if it's due to you. This is no time to underplay your value as a human being. Celebrate yourself for what you do well, and the rest will improve.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may have competitive knee jerk reactions or aggressive impulses -- certain people bring out the fierce spirit in you. Yet, you also have the self-control to soften and guide your feelings appropriately.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so many people who appreciate and love you that it would be a shame for you to focus only on the one or two who don't. Give your love where it's sure to multiply and spread.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As you interact with people, you put your attention on their most positive characteristics, and they feel safe in the approving and supportive energy coming from you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You may notice that you're thinking of a certain someone more often and in a different way. Also, this person has a vivifying effect on your mood.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Someone believes you are made in the image of greatness, and this person can only see you as magnificent. You will work hard to live up to this person's estimation of you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter who you are or what your position, you will never be immune to rejection. If you are human, it is inevitable. But the more you accept yourself the less you worry about the occasional slights of the world.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is an illusion that is in need of demolition, and it's best destroyed before Friday. Its absence will free you to embrace your life the way it is and yourself the way you are.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have emotional flexibility now and will play with many different modalities and tones until you come up with a winning feeling. Your attitude is subject to change, and when it does, so will your outcome.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just as tackling physical hurdles will help you gain strength, agility and confidence, overcoming mental obstacles will do the same for your way of thinking. So be thankful for the problems you encounter -- they make you better.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 29). You are a bold protector of loved ones and all you stand for. Professional needs and wants are satisfied in July. There will be fun in your private life when old friendships ignite anew. In September, you step up your self-care with exercise and health improvements. October is your chance to seal a deal. Capricorn and Sagittarius people are your supportive fans. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 38 and 26.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm the Leo who wrote about being 'unfriended.' Your advice about success being the best revenge was good, but I cannot create that kind of success overnight. My mind must be playing tricks on me now, because 'unfriended' has become my backup thought. I think about it while waiting for a traffic light to change or a meeting to begin. I keep wondering why these people would pick on me or hate me. Help me stop!"

This slight feels like a public humiliation to you, and that wounds your lion-esque pride. But consider how unlikely it is that anyone else will pay attention to who is or isn't on your list of virtual friends. Also, you probably feel that your extreme generosity should shield you from such meanness. Unfortunately, as long as you are human, there will be intermittent social discomfort and pain to process. You don't need to add to it by being cruel to yourself and drudging up this topic again at every spare moment. See this mental habit for what it is -- you-on-you violence -- and knock it off. Get a different backup thought and use it instead. You can and must do this to move on with your life.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The Pussycat Dolls frontwoman Nicole Scherzinger is a Cancer dancer who proved her skills when she won the televised contest "Dancing with the Stars" in season 10. Scherzinger was born when the sun, Mercury and Jupiter were all in soulful, intuitive Cancer. Venus and Saturn in Leo lends a love of entertaining and the attention-getting instinct necessary to be a showstopper.

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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
*From the Mailbag*

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 3  
♥ 9 4 2  
♦ K Q 8 7  
♣ A K J

**WEST**  
♠ 9 6  
♥ 8 7 5 3  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ 6 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 10 8 7 5  
♥ K Q J 6  
♦ —  
♣ 8 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ 4 2  
♥ A 10  
♦ A J 10 9 5 3  
♣ Q 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 3♦ 3♠  
Pass Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 7♦

Opening lead — nine of spades.  
**Dear Mr. Becker:** I been reading your hands a lot lately, and I figure you must play pretty good. I just wanted to ask your opinion on a hand we had at the club yesterday.

**The way I look at it,** my partner shouldn't have bid seven, but he did. This don't make no sense to me, because here we've got a 700-point rubber stashed away and another 750 for a little slam, and he takes a big gamble to lose the whole caboodle just to try to make a grand slam. This don't look like good percentages to me.

**Tomorrow:** Duck soup.  
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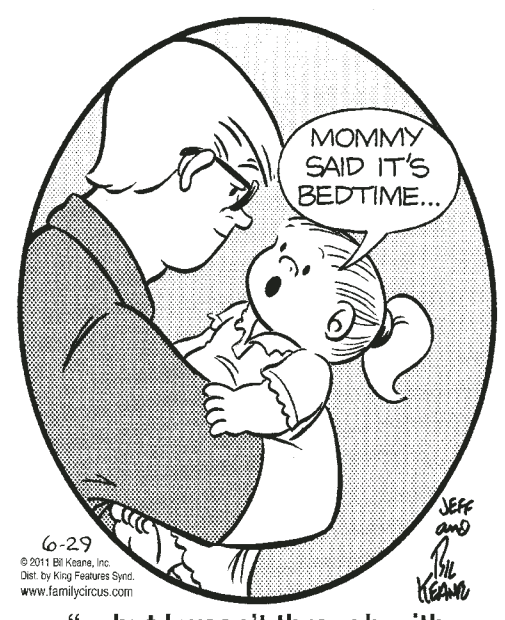
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7:PM	Middle	Teresa (SS)	So You Think You Can Dance	Undercover Boss	Mi Corazón Insiste	The Voice	Browns	Upd Bill Cloud	Secrets of the Dead	MythBusters	Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	Franklin & Bash	Movie: Lean on Me, Beverly Todd	Good Shake It		College Baseball		
8:PM	Family Happy	Triunfo del Amor	Simpsons How I Met	Criminal Minds	Herederos-Monte	America's/Talent	Payne	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	MythBusters		Certain Age	Movie: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith, Hayden Christensen	Franklin & Bash	The Mo'Nique	Vampire	NFL	
9:PM	Primetime Nightline	Rosa de Guadalupe	How I Met	CSI: Crime Scene	La Casa de al Lado	Love in the Wild	Payne		Nova scienceNOW	The Supernaturalist		Franklin & Bash	Wendy Williams	Wizards	NFL Yrbk.	Baseball		
10:PM	News Nightline	Impacto	Noticiero	Letterman	El Cartel (SS)	Update	Chumney	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	MythBusters	Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	Ways Die	Leverage	Movie: Lean on Me, Beverly Todd	Hannah	NFL	SportsCenter	
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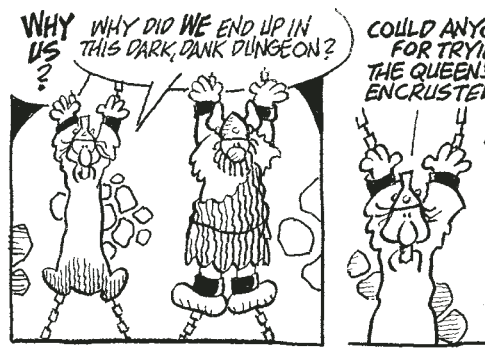
"How come you always put the good stuff where I can't reach it?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

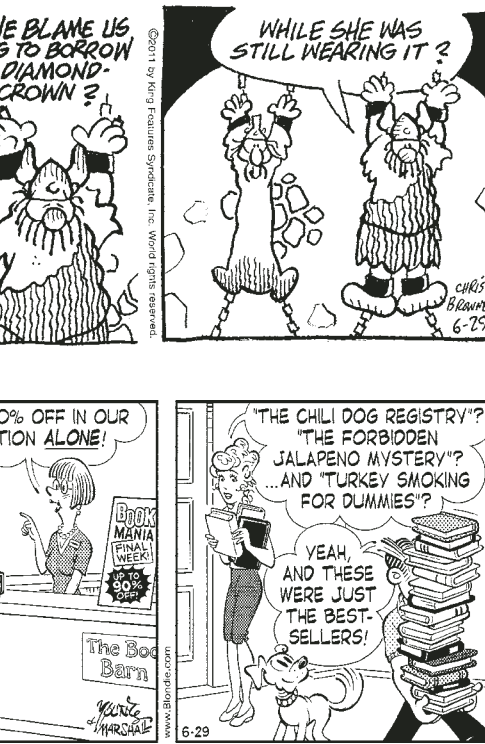


"... but I wasn't through with today yet."

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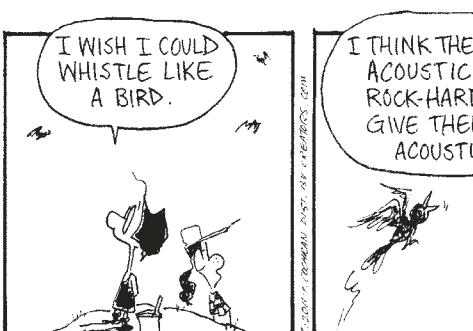
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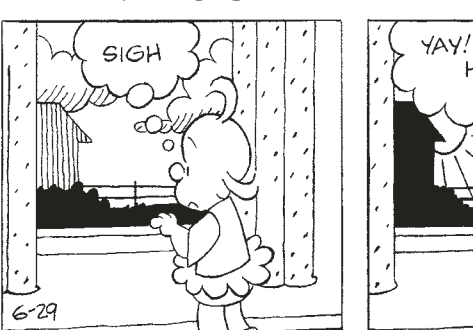
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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Iraqi port
- Coffee-bar order
- Newsstand buy, for short
- Take, as advice
- Burger topper
- Nest-egg letters
- Gone With the Wind character
- "Ready or ..."
- Residential builder's project
- Elicit chuckles from
- Suffix for hero
- Intolerant
- Church laws
- Withdraw formally
- Slack-jawed
- Gave a great review
- Kitten sound
- Sound quality
- Resided
- Taxi charge
- Travel-guide listing
- Drive back
- Clichéd
- The Right Stuff aviator
- Said "Tsk!" to
- Nuclear-weapon unit
- Professional charge
- Love, in Italy
- Utterly lost
- Hoops org.
- South Pacific democracy
- Understand
- Golfer Palmer, to pals

60 April 1st activity

61 Hosp. areas

62 Hammer parts

63 Heroic tales

DOWN

- Owl's home, maybe
- Tooth woe
- Meat-and-potatoes dish
- Portnoy's Complaint author
- Author \_ de Saint-Exupéry
- Cad
- First chip tossed in
- Up to, for short
- Tip of a wingtip
- Really steamed
- Tropicana competitor
- Got up
- Enclosed, as an estate
- Sloppy Joe holders
- Chic, in the '60s
- Slanted surface
- Topped, as a torte
- \_ Field (Big Apple ballpark)
- Soon, in poems
- Barnyard beasts
- Carry a balance
- Frugal one
- Reach maturity
- Art Deco artist
- Unwanted plant
- Kids' blocks brand
- Part of TGIF
- Feature of some loans
- Large part of Switzerland
- Mr. Potato Head part
- Animation collectibles
- Tropical fruit
- Fireplace remnant
- Goes quickly
- Similar
- A home for 17 Across
- Fly in the ointment
- Novelist Ferber
- Shows curiosity
- Mined rock
- United

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 29, the 180th day of 2011. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament in 1770 to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

On this date:

In 1861, William James Mayo, one of the founders of the Mayo Clinic, was born in Le Sueur, Minn. English poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 55, died in Florence, Italy.

In 1911, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers had its beginnings as Pope Pius X gave his blessing for the formation of The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (pah-dehr-EHF'-skee) died in New York at age 80.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong (HY'-fahng).

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in Furman v. Georgia, struck down a trio of death sentences, saying they constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on capital punishment until the laws could be revised.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld the independent counsel law.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Robert Evans is 81. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 71. Actor Gary Busey is 67. Actor-turned-politican-turned-

radio personality Fred Grandy

is 63. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 63. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 58. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 54. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 47. Actress Kathleen Harlow is 47. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner (TV: "Mad Men") is 46. Musician Dale Baker is 45. Actress Melora Harlin is 44. Rap DJ Shadow is 39. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 33. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 33.

Thought for Today: "Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do." —James Russell Lowell, American essayist (1819-1891)

Answer to previous puzzle

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