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Horses seized in Sand Springs

Howard County Sheriff's office investigating animal cruelty case

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office say they are investigating a report of animal cruelty dis-

covered by a local resident during the course of fighting fires in the area of Jill and Kenneth roads.

Sheriff Stan Parker said his office received a complaint

Tuesday evening while firefighters were battling several blazes in the Crossroads area, including one believed to have begun near the intersection of Kenneth and Jill roads

in the Sand Springs area.

"We received a complaint from a citizen regarding some horses they believed weren't being properly cared for," Parker said. "We went

out to look at the animals and found several horses which appeared to be malnourished.

We began the process to get See **CRUELTY**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Sand Springs resident Ronald Cross has an organic garden growing and flourishing this year despite high temperatures and a lack of rain.

Lack of rain doesn't deter county gardener

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

How does your garden grow? For Ronald Cross, pretty well.

Cross, a Sand Springs resident, planted his garden

this year — as he's done for the past 15-plus years — not knowing what to expect and ended up with his best garden yet.

"You always go ahead and try," Cross said. "I went ahead and planted my garden and it actually turned out to be the best garden I have ever had."

With the numerous water restrictions, high temperatures and lack of rain, many Crossroads residents are finding it difficult to keep anything green and growing, but with a few tricks up his sleeve Cross was able to help

his garden grow.

"I'm on a water well, so I knew I would still be able to go ahead and water," Cross said. "I am also trying something new this year, an organic product."

He said this year he switched it up a bit and is using a product extracted from sea water.

"I usually have a good garden, but something about this year is just really making it grow."

To make things even better, according to Cross, the squash bugs have been at an

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West Fest to showcase area talent

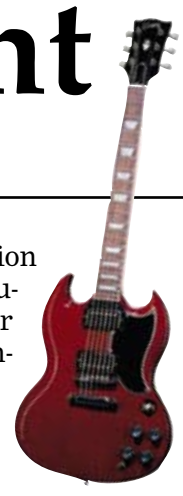
By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Crossroads area will get a fresh infusion of original music Saturday as West Fest music festival — featuring bands from all over the Permian Basin — takes over the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The brainchild of Crossroads resident and musician Chris Mason, the festival — which he and fellow organizers are hoping to develop into an annual event — features bands from Big Spring, Midland and Odessa, offering them a new way to get their musical talents out to the masses.

"We don't have many live music venues in Big Spring, so unless you want to play in bar rooms, you don't have much of a chance to get your name and music out there to the people," Mason said. "There are a lot of really great musicians

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BBQ to benefit Big Spring family

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

Things are looking better for the Gonzales-Perez family, who lost their home and all their belongings in a mid-May fire, but with school approaching and expenses mounting, they are still in need of help.

Friday, Crossroads area residents have an opportunity to do just that, and enjoy a meal at the same time.

Taco Express, located at 206 S. Main in downtown Big Spring, will be holding a barbecue from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. to benefit the family.

"I've known Belinda for a long time. She's a great

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BSISD committee will study boundaries

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are hoping to put the final touches on redistricting plans when the district's Redistricting Advisory Committee meets at 10 a.m. Friday in the high school board room.

The meeting is open to the public.

Changes in the school district's demographic makeup, reflected in the 2010 Census, are forcing BSISD officials to redraw the boundaries of its single-member districts.

In the 10 years since those boundaries were last fixed,

significant changes have occurred, not just in the total number of people living in each district, but in each area's ethnic breakdown, as well.

Since the 2000 Census, that all-important demographic makeup has changed well beyond federally approved lim-

its, school officials said.


"The Department of Justice allows for a 10 percent deviation (in each district's demographic breakdown) between censuses," said Jeff Brorman, president of the BSISD Board of Trustees. "We have a

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Obituaries

Glen Forgas

Glen Forgas, 88, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in a local nursing home. No services are planned at this time.

Glen was born July 10, 1923, in Guthrie, Texas, and grew up as a cowboy working several ranches in West Texas and also traveled the professional rodeo circuit. He later worked until retirement as a diesel mechanic.

Survivors include two sons, Ricky Glen Forgas of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Shane Forgas of Midland; and a niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ethel (Tucker) Forgas; one brother, Charles H. Forgas Jr.; and one sister, Eula Mae Buzbee.

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

Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones, 61, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 32, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 28, of 616 Caylor, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PETER PAUL HAYES II, 33, of San Angelo, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWARD GARCIA JR., 32, of 1500 Robin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of harassment.
- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 48, of 908 W. Fourth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault.
- THADDEUS MILTON FREEMAN JR., 26, of Waco, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JEAN JAVIER MATA, 17, of 2522 Gunter, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 1500 block of Stadium.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Edwards Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- EDWARD GARCIA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- PETER PAUL HAYES II, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 48, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault.
- THADDEUS FREEMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JEAN MATA, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to attend school.
- ANDREW BARRIENTOS, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- IVAN VALDEZ MONTANEZ, 34, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Drake. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

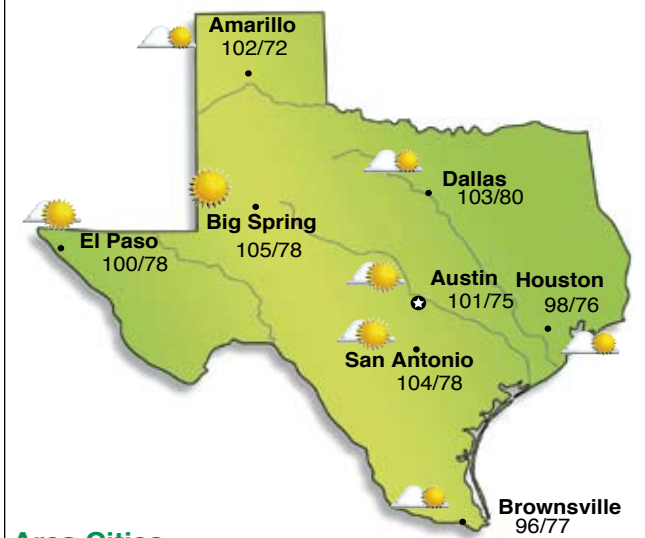
• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/15	Sat 7/16	Sun 7/17	Mon 7/18	Tue 7/19
105/78 Mainly sunny. Near record high temperatures. High around 105F.	104/76 Plenty of sun. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the mid 70s.	103/76 More sun than clouds. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	103/77 More sun than clouds. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/78 Mostly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	102	72	pt sunny	Livingston	99	73	t-storm
Austin	101	75	mst sunny	Longview	99	78	t-storm
Beaumont	94	75	t-storm	Lubbock	101	76	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	98	76	t-storm
Brownwood	106	78	mst sunny	Midland	103	81	sunny
Corpus Christi	97	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	100	77	pt sunny	Rosenberg	98	76	pt sunny
Dallas	103	80	pt sunny	San Antonio	104	78	mst sunny
Del Rio	104	80	mst sunny	San Marcos	102	75	mst sunny
El Paso	100	78	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	101	78	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	99	77	sunny	Sweetwater	104	79	mst sunny
Gainesville	102	79	mst sunny	Tyler	100	76	t-storm
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Coahoma ISD gearing up for new school year

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The end of summer is fast approaching and Coahoma High School is getting ready.

Soon children will once again fill the high school hallways and they will need to be prepared.

In order to prepare students for their return back to school, registration packets will be distributed Aug. 2 and Aug. 3. Juniors and seniors will be able to pick

up their schedules Aug. 9. Freshmen and sophomores can pick up their schedules Aug. 10. New student registration for high school students will take place Aug. 10 and Aug. 11.

According to Coahoma High School Principal Carrie Conley, the high school office will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. starting Aug. 1.

"In hopes of better accommodating those who have questions or are needing to speak to someone, we will begin

opening the office for longer hours. During the summer, it's kind of a hit and miss, but we want people to be able to speak with someone if they need to before school starts."

Classes at Coahoma will be back in session starting Aug. 22 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Contact Staff Writer **Amanda Moreno** at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

AL Post plans fish fry Saturday

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80.

Carry outs are available.

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CRUELTY

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a warrant to seize the animals, which was completed Wednesday around 4 p.m."

Parker declined to release the name of the owner of the horses, saying only they were being kept at a residence in the area of Jill Road near where Tuesday's fire was reported.

"The investigation is under way and should take anywhere from about one week to 10 days to complete," Parker said. "We have to wait for the veterinarian's report before we can take the next steps. The case is being treated as an animal cruelty case,

however, no charges have yet been filed."

Parker said eight horses were seized Wednesday from the residence. The fate of the animals remains unclear, he said.

"We'll have to wait and see what the vet says. We hope none of the animals have to be put down, but we won't know for sure until we get the vet's report," Parker said.

The animals will remain in the custody of the HCSO while the investigation is being conducted, Parker confirmed.

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WEST FEST

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in the area, and we felt a day-long festival like West Fest would be the perfect way to allow them to showcase their music for local people.

"We have artists from Big Spring, Midland and Odessa set to play, so we're really excited about it. The bands are really excited about it too. It will give them a

chance to reach out to people in the community who might never get the chance to see them play."

Mason, who plays with Read Them A Riot, will join the list of bands set to take the stage during the festival, which begins at 11 a.m.

"Each band is going to get approximately an hour to play and then break down their gear, so it's really hard to say when the show will be

over," Mason said. "Admission is free, and David Baird from The Wish List will be there selling barbecue sandwiches and other items."

Also slated to play during the festival are:

- Waiting for Sunday, Odessa
- Cure the Infection, Odessa
- The Dusty Roads Band, Midland
- Fatal Flaws, Big Spring
- Adrian Calvio, Big

Spring
Brandon Falkner and Adam Hyatt, Big Spring
Keith Hilario, Big Spring

Cheridan Fulgham, Big Spring
Scott Jones, Odessa
Mason said West Fest is just one part of the fun scheduled for the July weekend, as the Big Spring Film Society will kick things off Friday with a screening of "Ghostbusters" in downtown Big Spring.

"Brandon (Johnson, chairman of the film society) and I have been talking about doing something like this for quite some time," Mason said. "Local residents will have plenty to do July 15 and July 16. They can go to the screening the night before West Fest, and the next day they can hit the amphitheater and check out what we have to offer. That's a pretty awesome weekend for

everyone."
For more information on West Fest, contact Mason at 325-245-3774.

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GARDEN

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all time low, as well. Regularly he said he has to deal with the bugs in the hundreds and this year he has only seen five.

His garden includes zucchini, yellow squash, yellow, white and purple onions, tomatoes and swiss chard, a type of green similar to spinach.

"I have okra and jalapenos, but they aren't quite ready yet," Cross said.

He said he will continue to grow his gar-

dens because it's what he enjoys doing and, come December, he will gear up for next year's garden.

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BENEFIT

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person and we wanted to do something to help them out," said Teresa Lopez, Taco Express owner.

The family — Belinda Gonzales, Roberto Perez, their children, grandson and Belinda's father — were left home-

less when a fire from an electrical short in the attic destroyed their paid-for residence on May 15. Months later, they have found a home to rent, but are struggling. Roberto is on disability, and Belinda, who ran a home business, Bel's Krafty Kreations, lost all of her craft supplies in the fire.

The benefit won't be the only event going on

in downtown Big Spring Friday.

"Taco Express will be across the street from where they (the Big Spring Film Society) will be screening "Ghostbusters" Friday night, so it would be great if people decided to stop by and have some barbecue brisket during that time," said Lopez.

Roberto will be preparing the barbecue and

side dishes.
"He was a cook at the VA for 25 years so a lot of people know how good the food he prepares is," said Belinda.

"And for those who might not want barbecue, we'll have everything Taco Express normally has such as tacos, fruit bowls and all that available, as well," said Lopez.

Items handcrafted by

Belinda will also be for sale.

Taco Express is located next door to Dahmer's Antiques.

BSISD

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28 percent deviation."

Fred Stormer, an attorney who has been assisting BSISD in the redistricting process, said the

district remains on schedule to have a new plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice by the end of the year.

"We're still meeting with demographers," Stormer said.

"We're looking at the districts block by block ... and we're mak-


ing progress. Our goal is to submit a redistricting plan by the end of September."

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By **Eddy Pitchford**

Summer offers an opportunity to catch up on some reading. Let me suggest the following books to consider:

The book of *Matthew*, which emphasizes that Jesus is the promised Messianic King. The book of *Mark*, which underscores that Jesus uses His authority to serve. The book of *Luke*, which guides our understanding of Jesus as Savior to the whole world. The book of *John*, which prompts and develops belief in Jesus as The Son of God.

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Digital playground safety for the summer

With the end of the school year and the arrival of summer, some young Texans will have more unsupervised time at home – and in an increasingly digital world, that means more opportunities to visit potentially dangerous online playgrounds. Unfortunately, cyber predators do not take summer breaks. Texas parents are the first line of defense against criminals who use the Internet to prey upon children. Families must stay engaged in their child's activities online, set boundaries and know the capabilities of minors' mobile phones and handheld gaming devices.

Cyber crime investigators across the state have seen firsthand the dangerous criminals that lurk online. Texas parents must remain vigilant and remind their children that cyber predators pose a constant and very real threat. Parents should make sure children know never to agree to a face-to-face meeting with a stranger they meet online and never to share their personal information with Internet acquaintances.

Informed and active parents can help protect their children from all types of online threats. By surfing the Internet with their children and fostering open conversations about the websites they visit, parents can both teach and learn from their children. Parents should give children and teenagers ground rules for their Internet usage – including the hours they can access the Web and the types of websites children can visit.

Texas parents should also establish boundaries for children's mobile phone usage. Cyber Crimes Unit investigators with the Attorney General's Office have arrested several sexual predators who used wireless devices to call or text children. These communications often include sexually explicit language or images and are intended to lure children into a sexual encounter. Wireless devices that allow users to surf the Internet may also give children an opportunity to go online and access sexually explicit content, chat rooms and social networking sites.

Parents should monitor their children's mobile phone Web usage and teach them to avoid calling or texting people they do not actually know. Young Texans should also avoid giving out personal information via their wireless device. Any child who receives a communication – including a photo or video – that is inappropriate, hurtful or otherwise makes them feel uncomfortable should immediately notify their parents. If parents suspect criminal activity or believe that their child is in danger, they should save the image or message and immediately contact law enforcement authorities.

Fortunately, many wireless carriers offer controls that allow parents to monitor and manage their child's cell phone usage. These controls allow parents to set limits on incoming and outgoing text messages and phone calls. For example, parents can restrict specific phone numbers, limit the quantity of text messages and prohibit communications during certain hours. Depending on the provider, parents can also filter or completely block websites from being accessed by their child's wireless device. Increasingly, wireless devices are also equipped with global positioning system (GPS) features that give parents the ability to track their child's whereabouts.

Finally, Texas parents should be aware that video game systems now have many of the same capabilities as home computers. In particular, these gaming devices allow users to interact with other players through typed messages, voice communication or even online video chats. Parents should be cognizant of the fact that child predators can use these game systems to prey upon and contact children.

Although children may enjoy playing video games with their friends online, parents should carefully consider whether to enable a gaming system's online chat feature. During online conversations, predators may look for clues that reveal a child's physical location. Parents who choose to allow online chatting should strongly caution their children not to discuss anything personal while playing online games with players they do not know.

Video game systems typically have parental control features that can be used to restrict game features that pose increased risks. Parental control features on a wireless phone or game system are designed to give parents peace of mind.

Inspiration, life and blessings

Sometimes it takes a whole bunch of little things coming together for us to realize just how truly blessed we are.

I know I don't always see the positive side of things and I tend to point out the depressing, heartbreaking, sad moments more often than not, but it doesn't mean I don't appreciate the good times and the blessings.

Everyone has their moments when they just wish things could be better. Those moments when your motivation, inspiration and the pure driving force just disappears. Sometimes it is for a short moment and sometimes it lingers for days, but nonetheless, it's a feeling everyone deals with at one point or another.

I am one of those who tends to let those moments grab a hold of me and work their magic for quite some time before I fight back and realize the blessing consuming my life.

I just wish I could have more of the good times, as does everyone.

I understand though the bad times are a necessity. It's the bad times that allow us to appreciate and cherish the good moments and joys that come through our lives.

I truly do find it amazing how easily I can go from inspired to uninspired back to being inspired. Sometimes it is those empty moments that bring about the best thoughts and the best columns.

I recently had someone tell me the reason she enjoys my column is because I show myself. I dig down into the personal and I let myself show.

Really, that is my driving force — reality and truth. In each and every column I write, there is a part of myself I am exposing. Sometimes it's for the better and sometimes it's not. There are times when I look back and I question what I wrote, but then I realize there's a reason I wrote it just as there's a reason I went through it. That is life.

There will always be moments

we wish we could take back, moments we question, but in the end it's what is meant to happen.

Just like this week, I was deciding to take a week off from my column, but then I went to put the page together and for some reason I started typing and the words just kept flowing.

I'm not sure if it's because the pressure was lifted and the need to write a column was gone or what exactly, but I know it didn't feel right not having a column.

I know I'm nobody special. I'm not an expert in anything — except, maybe, making mistakes and learning how to make up for those mistakes — however, I do feel my column is important.

Sometimes it is just a little bit of this and a little bit of that nonsense and other times it is filled with lessons I've learned, but no matter what it's always about sharing my thoughts.

I'm not licensed to give advice (thank goodness because I don't know anyone in their right mind who would provide me with that license) and who's to say the advice I do give is any good, but then again who's to say it isn't.

My column is important to me, maybe only me. It helps me process thoughts, makes me realize things I may not want to and sometimes, the things I need to and every now and again it's a help to others.

This week, even with my lack of motivation and inspiration, it somehow served its purpose.

It made me dig down deep and think. It made me bring up a list of this past week's events and it made me realize despite all the complaining I do and the negativity engulfing our community, there are good things in my life.

This past week was a perfect example of all the good things I have to be thankful for.

For the past few years my birthday has been forgotten, overlooked or basically just didn't fit into anyone's schedule. Now don't get me wrong, there are those few who always make it a point to tell me happy birthday and acknowledge the day, but to say it's really been a celebration — not so much.

This year was different. This year I realized even though I

may not keep in touch with a lot of them, there are numerous friends I have made along my journey. There are numerous people who I have made an impact on and many who consider me a friend.

This year I learned it's not about the presents or the money that is spent; it's about the love and the meaning behind it all.

This year marked some of the best gifts I have ever received. I woke up to hear Las Mananitas being sung to me by a dear friend.

The day was full of birthday wishes from friends near and far. My day at work seemed to flow rather well and I even had a plant sent to me at work, making my day that much better.

At the end of the day, after hearing from people I hadn't heard from in quite some time, getting a call from my brother and ending my day on an overall good note, I went home only to receive another phone call.

I had my two cousins on the phone singing me a little off beat, awkward, yet wonderful rendition of Happy Birthday. One thing I have learned, I can always count on my cousin to remember, just as I can always count on her to be there when I need her.

My best friend managed to outdo herself as usual and gave me another gift that was unmistakably me. It never fails, she always knows just the right thing to get me. She is one of the few who seems to know me inside and out, even if she does make the mistake of buying buttercream icing instead of whipped. Can't hold it against her for not liking the better of the two icing.

Then, as upset as I was about not having my son here to spend my birthday with me, he still managed to make me smile. I had received a card from him with a \$5 bill and some Jelly Belly stickers and then the night of my birthday he called and sang me Happy Birthday;

"Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday Mommy ..."

I have to say — the best birthday song I have ever heard.

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President Obama concession

I'm starting to worry about Barack Obama.

I didn't worry about him before. I thought he was the best Democrat running in the 2008 primaries, and I thought he was far superior to John McCain in the general election. I still think that. (By the way, did you hear the latest on McCain? He blamed the forest fires consuming the southwest on undocumented immigrants. When he opens his mouth these days, you don't know whether to laugh or cry.)

I've defended Obama against his right-wing enemies (that was easy because their charges were ludicrous), and I've defended him against many of his allies on the left (people who yearn for a Ralph Nader-Dennis Kucinich presidential ticket).

My argument has been essentially this: "Yeah, his health care plan wasn't good enough, and his stimulus package wasn't big enough, and he's slow to get out of wars he's promised to get out of, but let's cut the guy some slack. He was handed a terrible situation, with a collapsing economy, two wars raging, and a toxic political opposition dedicated to his failure. He's done reasonably well in difficult circumstances."

But I'm starting to have my doubts.

I find his unwavering attempts to find bipartisan solutions to controversial problems uplifting and all. Inspiring even. But there's such a thing as carrying moderation too far.

Every time he tries to make nice with the Republicans he gets hit in the face with a cream pie. That's not leadership; that's masochism.

Which, of course, is exactly what my progressive friends have been arguing for the past 18 months. Why doesn't he articulate what he believes in and stand up for it, they keep asking.

I'm running out of answers to that question.

What, is he afraid he'll make conservatives mad? You can't make conservatives madder than they already are. They wake up mad in the morning and spend the rest of the day getting really ticked off.

If he fears alienating potential voters he should consider this: People like leaders who aren't walking around with whipped cream on their faces all the time.

I'm particularly worried about the upcoming battle in Congress over raising the debt ceiling. The Republicans have vowed not to raise the ceiling unless the president agrees to cut the federal budget to the bone, then remove the bone.

Obama in turn has vowed — I don't know, to negotiate, or something. He ignores the fact that the current Republican model doesn't differentiate between negotiation and total surrender.

I'm afraid that Obama and his Democratic colleagues are going to cave in to Republican demands, thus setting the tone for the next two-and-a-half years.

My idea of a sensible negotiation is for the Democrats to give in on cuts to the budget and the Republicans to let go of the Bush tax cuts for rich people. That's pretty much the formula neutral observers come up with when they discuss deficit cuts.

Another thing neutral observers agree on is that not raising the debt ceiling would be a disaster of enormous proportions.

But I'm not sure Republicans see it that way.

They seem to be willing to let the economy go smash if they don't get their way, which consists of continuing to build a society of great private wealth and equally great public poverty: a society with rotten public schools, pathetic public transportation, and crummy infrastructure.

Those are the stakes in the debt ceiling battle. You would think that a president of Obama's rhetorical skill could convince the public that the Republicans were razing the nation's future in favor of lining the pockets of a few fat-cat political donors.

But he can't do it unless he tries, and I'm not sure he's up for the game. Which is why I'm worried.

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News in brief

Officer fighting for life shows slight improvement

LUBBOCK (AP) — The condition of a West Texas police officer fighting for his life after he suffered a gunshot wound to the head has begun to show slight improvement.

Snyder police Cpl. Darrell Campbell remains in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock, 80 miles northeast of the city he helps to protect.

However, Snyder police Lt. Brian Haggard said Wednesday that the 41-year-old veteran officer has begun to breathe on his own and has become more responsive, even squeezing with his hand.

Snyder police said Campbell and another officer responded to a call of shots fired about 12:35 a.m. Tuesday when a man with whom they were talking, Dewayne Birmingham, pulled out a handgun and shot Campbell in the head. The other officer, Lee Ortiz, then fatally shot Dewayne Birmingham.

Water concerns rising as cattle die in dry Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — The unrelenting Texas drought has produced a cruelly ironic twist: cattle dying from too much water.

Agriculture officials in parched Texas said Wednesday there are no hard numbers on how many head of cattle have died but reports of deaths from too much water or too little are showing up across the nation's leading cattle production state.

"They over drink because they're thirsty," said Dr. Robert Sprowls of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo. "Once they fill up on water it happens pretty quickly."

Producers are losing cattle after moving them from withered pastures where water tanks have dried up. Once in new pastures, cattle that die take in too much water too quickly. The animals die within minutes and their carcasses are found near the stock tanks from which they were drinking, Ted McCollum, a beef cattle specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo, said.

Texas is coming off its driest nine-month period ever and its hottest June on record. More than 90 percent of the state is in the two most severe drought stages. The cattle deaths are occurring earlier, in part because of lack of forage growth in pastures.

"We are seeing more incidents of heat stress in cattle," he said. "More incidents of death and problems with health."

As with humans, water intoxication can occur when there's too much water in the body, which disrupts electrolyte balance in cells. Death can occur.

Typically an average cow grazing green forage consumes as much as 8.4 gallons of water a day from it. This year, because drought precluded forage growth and there's been a relatively low intake of dry forage, daily water consumption is around 0.6 gallons.

Perry touts new law to give vets college credit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is in San Antonio touting a recently passed bill aimed at helping veterans.

He'll be ceremonially signing the new law, which is intended to help vets get college credit for military training.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, the San Antonio Democrat who authored the legislation, will join Perry to tout the College Credit for Heroes program. The bill signing is only ceremonial. Perry signed the legislation into law last month.

Perry's speech Thursday will be his first public appearance since undergoing back surgery July 1.

Luminant may shut power plants over clean-air regs

DALLAS (AP) — The major electric power provider for much of North and West Texas is considering how to respond to new federal clean-air regulations, including closing or reducing operations at some of its coal-fired plants and coal mines, according to a regulatory filing Wednesday.

In a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Energy Future Holdings Corp. said

it was considering the shutdowns or slowdowns, as well as seasonal or temporary shutdowns. The Dallas-based owner of Luminant Generation Co. also said it was considering the option of installing scrubbers to remove sulfur dioxide from plant emissions, or even switching fuels to fire the furnaces that generate the steam used to generate electric power.

It was unclear from the filing in which direction the company was leaning and which plants were likeliest to be affected. Luminant spokesman Allan Koenig said there was no timetable for the decisions.

The company said it was entitled to petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the new clean-air provision, even to sue to stop it, but "we cannot predict whether we would be successful in a legal challenge," the filing said.

Police frantically chase car with children inside

DALLAS (AP) — Police frantically chased a woman speeding through three North Texas counties with two small children in the car with her.

Dallas County sheriff's spokesman Kim Leach says the car was speeding in excess of 100 mph before police spike strips disabled her car.

The Navarro County Sheriff's Office identifies the woman as Scarlett Gorden, mother of the 3- and 5-year-old children. Chief Deputy Mike Cox says Gorden's mother and her children's legal guardian, Angelena Armstrong, reported her daughter had taken them without permission Wednesday.

About 3 p.m. Wednesday, Ellis County deputies stopped Gorden, but she sped away and the chase was on.

Leach said the tire blowout in Plano forced Gorden to stop and surrender at 3:40 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Group sues to stop Texas governor's prayer day

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of atheists and agnostics filed a federal lawsuit on Wednesday seeking to stop an evangelical Christian prayer event next month that was proposed and is endorsed by Texas' governor.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation argues in its lawsuit filed in Houston that Republican Gov. Rick Perry's day of prayer and fasting would violate the constitutional ban on the government endorsing a religion. The event, which is called The Response and is billed as Christian-only, is scheduled for Aug. 6 at Houston's Reliant Stadium.

The complaint alleges Perry violated the First Amendment's establishment clause by organizing, promoting and participating in the event.

"The answers for America's problems won't be found on our knees or in heaven, but by using our brains, our reason and in compassionate action," said Dan Barker, a co-director of the foundation. "Gov. Perry's distasteful use of his civil office to plan and dictate a religious course of action to 'all citizens' is deeply offensive to many citizens, as well as to our secular form of government."

The group, which unsuccessfully sued to stop a national day of prayer earlier this year, filed the case on behalf of 700 members in Texas and called on the court to stop Perry from participating in the meeting or using his office to promote or recognize it.

Last defendant sentenced in race-gang killing

BEAUMONT (AP) — A confidant of an East Texas man branded a "general" in a white-supremacist gang by prosecutors has gotten 10 years in prison for her part in a man's death.

Carrie Christine Wood was sentenced in Beaumont Tuesday after pleading guilty in February to violent crime in aid of racketeering in the killing of Aryan Brotherhood of Texas member David Mitchamore. Prosecutors say he and girlfriend Christie Rochelle Brown were killed over a drug debt to Aryan Brotherhood leader Carl Carver, who has admitted to ordering the hit. Wood admitted to communicating that order.

The bodies of the pair were found in Nacogdoches County in August 2007.

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By Steve Becker

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♣J 9 8 7 4 3

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♥—
♦A K Q J 9 7
♣Q

SOUTH
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4♥ 5♥ 5♠ Pass
6♠ 7♥ Dble

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Most team-of-four contests today are scored by a scale that converts total point differences attained on each deal into International Match Points. For example, a difference of 20 to 40 points in the outcome at the two tables is scored as a gain of 1 IMP for the team that is plus. The scale continues upward from there.

The maximum IMP score possible is 24 and can be achieved only if one team earns a net gain of 4,000 points or more at the two tables. In practice, this highly unusual result is experienced perhaps once or twice in

a player's lifetime. Today's deal, which occurred in a national team championship, furnishes one of the few recorded specimens of this exceedingly rare genius.

At one table, the bidding went as shown, with East-West arriving at six spades after East had opened with a strong and artificial two-club bid. At this point, South, holding a considerably better-than-average hand of his own, opted to bid seven hearts, partly as a sacrifice and partly on the off chance that he might actually make the grand slam.

West now had to find the only opening lead that could defeat seven hearts — a diamond. With little to guide him, he tried his singleton club — a move that did not meet with great success. After winning the club, declarer drew trumps and discarded his losing diamond on dummy's sixth club to score 2,470 points.

At the other table, the bidding was equally spirited, and East-West again reached six spades. But here South elected to double rather than try seven hearts. The defenders took their club trick, and declarer scored the rest for plus 1,660.

The combined total of the two results came to 4,130 points, breaking the 24-IMP barrier with a bit to spare. The lone saving grace for those on the losing side was that the extra 130 points cost them nothing at all!

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Obama demands debt-limit results as Moody's, Bernanke issue warnings about default

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid new warnings and fresh signs of strain, President Barack Obama and congressional leaders are entering a perilous debt-limit endgame. The president, declaring "enough is enough," is demanding that budget negotiators find common ground by week's end even as the Senate's top Republican gained followers for his own last-ditch scheme to avoid a government default.

The continuing impasse was unsettling Wall Street, which up to now had performed as if an increase in the debt ceiling was not in doubt. And the looming Aug. 2 cutoff for action was creating new tensions between the president and Republican leaders.

Moody's Investors Service said Wednesday it will review the government's credit rating, noting there is a small but rising risk that the government will default on its debt. If Moody's were to lower the ratings, the consequences would ripple through the economy, pushing up rates for mortgages, car loans and other debts. A Chinese rating agency, Dagong Global Credit Rating Co., also warned of a possible downgrade.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, addressing lawmakers, warned Wednesday that not increasing the nation's debt ceiling and allowing the nation default on its debt would send "shock waves through the entire financial system."

And in the cauldron of the White House Cabinet Room, Obama and top lawmakers bargained for nearly two hours Wednesday on spending cuts. Obama curtly ended the session when House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., urged Obama to accept a short, monthslong increase in debt instead of one that would last through next year's presidential election.

India says no immediate leads on Mumbai bombers

MUMBAI, India (AP) — There are no immediate suspects in the triple bombing that killed 17 people in India's financial capital and the attack came without warning, the country's top security official said Thursday, while shellshocked residents lambasted the government for the apparent intelligence breakdown.

The bombings, which shook three separate neighborhoods within minutes of each other dur-

ing Wednesday's busy evening rush hour, were the country's worst terror strike since the siege of Mumbai that killed 166 people 31 months ago.

Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said Indian intelligence had received no warning before the latest blasts of a possible attack on Mumbai.

"Whoever has perpetrated this attack has worked in a very, very clandestine manner," he said at a news conference after an emergency security meeting.

He said police were looking into "every possible hostile group" in their search for the culprits.

Murdoch pressed to testify before lawmakers over phone hacking

LONDON (AP) — Rupert Murdoch has an obligation to appear before lawmakers to answer questions about the phone hacking scandal at one of his newspapers, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg urged Thursday.

Murdoch had big questions to answer after the widening accusations of eavesdropping and police bribery forced Murdoch's News Corp. to abandon a bid to take full control of British Sky Broadcasting, Clegg said.

The House of Commons committee on Culture, Media and Sport has asked Murdoch to appear next week with his son James and Rebekah Brooks, the chief executive of News International, the News Corp. unit that controls the British newspapers.

"If they have any shred of sense of responsibility or accountability for their position of power, then they should come and explain themselves before a select committee," Clegg said in an interview with BBC radio.

He added, however, that it was unclear whether the committee could compel attendance by Murdoch, who is a U.S. citizen.

Suicide bombing during memorial service kills 4

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a mosque in southern Afghanistan on Thursday during a memorial service for the president's assassinated half brother, killing four people, the government said.

Among those killed in the explosion in Kandahar city was Hekmatullah Hekmat, the head of the clerical council for the province and a young child, the Interior Ministry said. At least 15 people were wounded.

The Kandahar provincial government said all other high-ranking officials at the ceremony were safe and had been taken to a secure location.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Sarra Jamai mosque in the southwest of the city had been filled with relatives and friends of the Afghan president's younger brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, who was killed earlier this week. They were offering their condolences to the family of the provincial leader.

Companies propose cutting junk food marketing aimed at children

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest food companies say they will cut back on marketing unhealthy foods to children, proposing their own set of advertising standards after rejecting similar guidelines proposed by the federal government.

A coalition of food companies — including General Mills, ConAgra and Kellogg — plan to announce the guidelines Thursday. The companies said the effort will vastly change what is advertised, forcing them to curb advertising on one out of three products currently marketed to children.

The new standards, which will allow companies to advertise food and beverage products to children if they meet certain nutritional criteria, could force some brands to change recipes to include less sodium, fat, sugars and calories. While many companies have trumpeted their own efforts to market healthier foods to kids, the agreement would apply the same standards to all of the participating companies.

"Now foods from different companies, such as cereals or canned pastas, will meet the same nutrition criteria, rather than similar but slightly differ-

ent company-specific criteria," said Elaine Kolish of the Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative, a group formed by the industry to address marketing issues.

The group's proposal was pushed along by a government effort to do the same thing. The Federal Trade Commission and several other government agencies were directed by Congress to come up with voluntary guidelines for marketing junk food to children, and those were issued earlier this year. The industry balked at that proposal, saying the voluntary standards were too broad and would limit marketing of almost all of the nation's favorite foods, including yogurts, cereals and even some whole wheat breads.

8-year-old Brooklyn boy is killed and dismembered

NEW YORK (AP) — Walking home alone from day camp for the first time, 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky disappeared.

A day-and-a-half search led police to the Brooklyn home of a man seen on a surveillance video with the young Orthodox Jewish child. They asked: Where is the boy?

The man nodded toward the kitchen, authorities said, where blood stained the freezer door. Inside was the stuff of horror films — severed feet, wrapped in plastic. In the refrigerator, a cutting board and three bloody carving knives. A plastic garbage bag with bloody towels was nearby.

"It is every parent's worst nightmare," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Wednesday, following the arrest of 35-year-old Levi Aron on a charge of second-degree murder.

Leiby disappeared Monday afternoon while on his way to meet his mother on a street corner seven blocks from his day camp, the first time the young Hasidic child was allowed to walk the route alone. Authorities said he had evidently gotten lost after missing a turn, and had reached out to Aron, a stranger, for help.

Former NYC Mayor Giuliani downplays candidacy

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Rudy Giuliani isn't convinced that any of the declared Republican presidential contenders can defeat President Barack Obama.

Until he is, Giuliani says he won't rule out a run of his own.

"These are a lot of qualified people," the former New York City mayor told The Associated Press on the eve of his fourth visit to New Hampshire this year. "Do they have a good chance of winning? I don't know the answer to that."

Giuliani, who acknowledges that his failed 2008 campaign was deeply flawed, has five public appearances scheduled during a two-day visit starting Thursday to the first-in-the-nation primary state. The stops include a luncheon with the Seacoast Federation of Republican Women in Portsmouth, a more intimate gathering at a private New Castle home with law enforcement officials and a gun-rights discussion at Manchester Harley Davidson.

It may sound like a candidate's schedule, but Giuliani backed away from an aide's recent comment that he would decide "very soon" whether to join the presidential field. He ruled out any decision before the end of July and said his timeline is late August or early September.

Libya first item on agenda as Clinton kicks off diplomatic tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — The volatile situation in Libya will be the first item on Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's packed agenda during her latest around-the-world diplomatic tour.

Clinton departs Washington on Thursday for Turkey, where she will attend a meeting in Istanbul of senior officials from the more than 40 nations supporting NATO's operation to protect Libyan civilians. The fourth meeting of foreign ministers from the so-called Contact Group on Libya will be looking not only at stepping up pressure on Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to leave power, but also boosting support to the cash-starved opposition Transitional National Council.

Clinton has participated in two previous Contact Group meetings at which the countries represented, including the U.S., have moved to formalize ties with the council and provide it with financial and other assistance. The Obama administration has delivered humanitarian aid and has been working for weeks with Congress to free up some of more than \$30 billion in frozen Gadhafi regime assets in U.S. banks to support the council. But, much to the council's disappointment, Washington has not yet recognized the group as Libya's legitimate government.

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U.S. Women advance to finals at World Cup

MOENCHENGLAD-BACH, Germany (AP) — Somehow, the Americans seem to find a way to win.

And more often than not, Abby Wambach has something to do with it.

With time running out and France giving the United States all it could handle and then some, Wambach's winner in the 79th minute put her teammates at ease and set off celebrations on two continents. The 3-1 victory Wednesday night has the Americans in the World Cup final for the first time since 1999, which also

just happens to be the last time the United States won soccer's biggest prize.

"It it was a privilege to take the other side of the field against a great France team," Wambach said. "However, our team has the ability to fight through adversity. Our team has the ability to stick together when the going gets rough, and I couldn't be more excited and proud."

The Americans will face Japan on Sunday in Frankfurt. The U.S. beat Japan by 2-0 scores in a pair of warmup games a

month before the World Cup, but don't make any assumptions off that. This World Cup has been anything but predictable, and it's not likely to stop until someone is holding that gold trophy.

Germany was the big favorite when the World Cup began, two-time defending champs and sure to get a boost from playing at home. Brazil had Marta, and was due for a good result after coming up just short in the last three major tournaments. Both teams were sent packing early, not even mak-

ing it to the semifinals.

Instead it was France, which had made only other World Cup appearance, and Japan in the final four along with the Americans and Sweden. And the Japanese made surprisingly easy work of Sweden, the last unbeaten team in the tournament in the other semifinal Wednesday night.

"Tonight, the Japanese were a bit more eager to win," Sweden coach Thomas Dennerby said after Japan's 3-1 victory.

The Americans knew they had doubters when

they arrived in Germany. They'd lost three games since November, an alarming "bad" streak for a team that can go years without a loss, and needed to win a playoff just to get to the World Cup.

But the players were unshakable in their belief in themselves, and that will to win has won over the entire country. Even though the game started at noon EDT, people from coast to coast skipped work or took frequent "breaks" to watch the game. Bars opened early. Neighborhoods held watch

parties. At the Phoenix airport, dozens of fans crowded around TVs to watch the game.

When the final whistle blew, Hollywood celebrities, pro athletes and ordinary folks who didn't know a free kick from a corner kick just a few days ago flooded Twitter with congratulations. "My heroes. Wambach. Boxx. Rapi- noe. Solo. That TEAM! Our team!" actor Tom Hanks tweeted. Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers said, "Awesome job US Women, finish it off

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Bjorn takes lead at British Open

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Casting aside memories of his 2003 meltdown, Thomas Bjorn returned to Big Spring. George's with a flourish Thursday.

Bjorn opened with a 5-under 65 to claim the lead in the British Open, the major title he was denied the last time it came to this course on the English seaside.

The 40-year-old Dane ripped off three straight birdies coming down the stretch. Even with a stumble at the final hole, he was in the clubhouse with a one-stroke lead over Miguel Angel Jimenez and far ahead of U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy, who got off to a sluggish start.

Not bad, considering Bjorn only got into the tournament Monday as an alternate, giving him a chance to make up for his collapse eight years ago. He threw away a two-stroke lead in the final three holes, best remembered for needing three swings to escape a bunker on the par-3 16th.

Ben Curtis went on to claim the claret jug in one of golf's greatest shocks.

This time, Bjorn made a 2 at No. 16, the capper to his streak of birdies. As for Curtis, he'll have trouble just making the cut after playing the first 14 holes at 6 over.

Bjorn insisted that he wasn't trying to make up for '03.

"A lot of people make a lot of things about that, but the only way a can play golf is to concentrate on the shot in front of me," he said. "It never entered my mind."

The clear favorite was McIlroy, coming off his dominating win at Congressional. But the

22-year-old from Northern Ireland struggled right from the first tee, making bogeys on two of his first three holes. He was still at 2 over after the 13th.

Bjorn played well early in the year, winning the Qatar Masters against a strong field and beating Tiger Woods in the World Match Play Championship. But the Dane missed the cuts in four of five events before the Open, needing help just to make it to the first tee.

He was the last player into the field, getting his spot when Vijay Singh withdrew.

"I got in Monday night, so that gave me a couple of days to prepare," said Bjorn, who would've tied the Round 1 scoring record at Royal St. George's if not for a 2-foot miss at the ninth.

The 47-year-old Jimenez was right in the mix as well. The Spaniard capped off a bogey-free round with a brilliant chip at the 18th, saving par with a short putt after he drove into the tall grass.

McIlroy was having trouble keeping it straight off the tee and looked shaky with the putter, hardly reassembling the field last month.

Teeing off at midmorning as the breeze strengthened off the Strait of Dover, McIlroy drove his opening shot into the first cut of rough right of the fairway, and his approach skidded through the green. He putted about 6 feet past the cup, then missed the return putt for a bogey.

McIlroy dropped another strike with a bogey at the third, and he missed a good birdie chance at the par-5 seventh.

Dustin Johnson, one of the

top American hopes, got off to a dismal start but turned things around with two straight birdies — then a hole-in-one at the 16th. He was back to even with two holes left.

The U.S. has gone five straight majors without a title, its longest drought in the modern Grand Slam era.

The weather is always the biggest unknown at the British Open. Punishing gusts whipped across Royal St. George's during the practice rounds, and the forecast called for McIlroy to be playing in the worst of the wind over the first two days, mixed in with occasional rain.

Jerry Kelly got the tournament started with a drive right down the middle of the fairway shortly after daybreak, playing in a light breeze with sprinkles. He wound up making bogey, but at least that was better than his start at this same course eight years ago.

The American began the '03 Open with an 11 on his way to an 86.

McIlroy romped to an eight-stroke win for his first major title, setting a U.S. Open scoring record at 16 under. With Tiger Woods missing his second straight major because of an ailing leg, McIlroy has emerged as the new face of the game.

He's certainly won over the crowds with his joyful style, punctuated by plenty of smiles and eye contact.

"He plays golf with a real flair and a real charisma, and I think fans are drawn to that," Phil Mickelson said. "He plays with this youthful exuberance, and it's fun to watch and see somebody play golf like that and really enjoy it."

Blow the darn whistles already

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

For Pete's sake, is it football season yet? No, I really could not care less if the NFL comes to an agreement with their players. I want to see some REAL football. You know what I mean, don't you?

Athletes playing for nothing more than the pure enjoyment of the game, the pride that comes from knowing they gave it their all. To me, that's real football.

In case you have not figured it out, I am relatively new to Big Spring, so I have not yet had the privilege of seeing the Steers take the field. Sure, I caught a couple 7-on-7 matches, but let's face it, those were simply loosening up drills. I want to see somebody hit somebody.

I want to see what happens when Max Pappajohn meets a running back at the line of scrimmage. Do teeth get rattled in spite of the muffled guards? When Chris Nunez beats his man and hits a quarterback so hard his girlfriend feels it, does the entire crowd cringe?

And what about this Garrett Stuteville character, is he up to the

challenge that lays before him? Is he the man who is going to lead the Steers back to the playoffs? Coach Ritchey seems to think so, but he has seen him play. I have not. So for now, I am sitting here in this ridiculously uncomfortable chair, just waiting to see.

For goodness' sake, turn on the lights and blow the whistles. Let's get this thing started, already. Surely, I am not the only one who is ready for the season to start.

Aren't you tired of reading stories about Derek Jeter and the guy who caught his 3,000th hit or about the lock-outs in the NFL and NBA? I swear if I have to run another story about the World Series of Poker and call it an actual sport, I am going to scream.

I am getting a bit desperate for something full contact. Last night, I tackled my son for a six yard loss in the living room. My wife wasn't too happy when the bowl of soup he was carrying went spraying everywhere. But what do you expect? She's not a sports fan. She just does not understand.

Briefs

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 more information.

Football skills lineman camp

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.

Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person

low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Those previously holding season tickets can purchase tickets for the 2011-2012 season July 18-Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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Chicano Golf Association golf tournament July 17

Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting a Chicano Golf Association golf tournament July 17. The tournament will kick off to a shotgun start at 10 a.m., with a 9:30 a.m. sign-up deadline. The format will be individual play and the entry fee is \$20 per person.

Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups will begin Saturday, July 16. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday from July 16 through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0271139 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS Austin, Texas July 8, 2011 NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF BROAD OAK ENERGY, INC. TO CONSIDER A NEW FIELD DESIGNATION FOR THE SUGG A LEASE, WELL NO. 158H, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROBIE GRANDE (STRAWN/WOODFORD) FIELD TO CONSIDER SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD AND TO CONSIDER BLANKET RULE 10 COMMINGLING AUTHORITY IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD AND THE PROPOSED NEW FIELD FOR WELLS IN REAGAN AND GLASSCOCK COUNTIES, TEXAS

c.) Prescribed drilling and proration units for vertical and horizontal oil wells of 80 acres with a maximum diagonal of 3000 feet and subject to Statewide Rule 86 as to acreage assignment and maximum diagonal limitations for horizontal wells; d.) Option of operator to assign a tolerance of not more than 80 acres to any vertical well on a 80 acre unit to receive allowable credit for not more than 160 acres; e.) Option of operator to assign a tolerance of not more than 80 acres to any horizontal well, plus any additional acreage authorized to be assigned to such well by Statewide Rule 86 to receive allowable credit for up to the maximum acreage so authorized for assignment; f.) Special Density Exception Rule for all wells allowing an operator the option of obtaining exceptions to Statewide Rule 38 on units of less than 80 acres but not less than 20 acres as set forth on the attached Exhibit A that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is in on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas; g.) Take Point Spacing Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit B that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is in on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas; h.) Off Lease Penetration Point Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit C that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is in on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas; i.) Deviation Box Rule defining compliance with the spacing rules for horizontal wells as set forth on the attached Exhibit D that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is in on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas; j.) Stacked Lateral Rule for horizontal wells in accordance with the attached Exhibit E that is attached to the Notice of Hearing that is in on file at the Commission's Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Austin, Texas; k.) Top Allowable of 440 BOPD as the discovery allowable for the depths in question for wells on 80 acres until that allowable expires pursuant to Commission rules. At that time, the top allowable would become 250 BOPD based on the 1965 yardstick for wells on 80 acres; l.) Allocation formula based on 75% acreage and 25% per well; m.) A determination that any operators and unleased interests in tracts more than 1/2 miles from the discovery well for the proposed new field are unaffected by this application for a new field designation and special field rules for the new field. 3. Blanket Rule 10 downhole commingling authority for wells located in Reagan and Glasscock Counties that are completed in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field and the proposed new field with commingled production to be assigned to the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. 4. Cancellation of any overproduction that may have accrued to wells in the proposed new field If you have questions regarding this application,

please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip Whitworth, at (512)495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848. IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas. PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify. ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record. IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording. ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512)463-7327 or TDD No. (512)463-7284. ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record. A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of those persons receiving notice of this hearing is contained in the Commission's file on this proceeding and is available for inspection at the Railroad Commission's offices in the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701. THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission. THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0271139 #7043 July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2011), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on AUGUST 12, 2011, at 9:00a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2011). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Broad Oak Energy, Inc. to consider a new field designation for the Sugg A Lease, Well No. 158H, to be known as the Robie Grande (Strawn/Woodford) Field, to consider special field rules for the proposed new field and to consider blanket Rule 10 commingling authority in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field and the proposed new field for wells in Reagan and Glasscock Counties, Texas.

Applicant is proposing the following: 1. A new field designation and discovery allowable for its Sugg A, Well No. 158H (API No. 42-383-37033) in the Robie Grande (Strawn/Woodford) Field (Proposed), Reagan County, Texas; 2. Special field rules for this new field as follows:

- a.) That the field be defined as that certain stratigraphic interval and correlative equivalent from 9477 feet to 9941 feet as seen in the Gamma Ray/High Resolution Laterolog Array log of the Broad Oak Energy, Inc. Sugg A Well No. 158H (API No. 42-383-37033), Section 158, Block 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Abstract 708, Reagan County, Texas; b.) Spacing of 467/0' for both vertical and horizontal wells and subject to the Take Point Spacing Rule for horizontal wells as set forth below;

Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do not confuse "pride" with "self-esteem." They are more opposite than alike. Pride is the puffed-up version of low self-esteem. When you're sure of yourself, you have nothing to prove.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be working on a project that's bigger than you can accomplish alone in your current timeframe. You'll solicit cooperation from those around you, and everyone wins.



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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may not know what to make of today's findings, and it will be very interesting to call in an expert. Your knowledge will grow along with the excitement around this discovery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a diverse group of minds around you. Opinions will be flying, and very few of them will resemble any of your own ideas. That's what will make the conversation so interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your personal touch will boost the morale of the people around you. You have a way of making people feel as though what they do matters to you — maybe because it really does.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A job may be easy for you in theory, but a million unpredictable elements could take it in any number of directions. So be careful not to claim too much or to over-promise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being at the top comes at a price. There is always the possibility (and actually, it's an inevitability) that someone will come along to replace the one in the top position. Recognize that change is a constant, and do your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Accept help judiciously. The help of one person will make life easier; whereas, the "help" of another person will overcomplicate things and make life harder than it was to begin with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You thank people and give them credit and recognition for

their efforts. Your appreciation means more to them than money. Your involvement in the lives of others will make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll have the opportunity to demonstrate your might and would be wise to consider very carefully whether this chance should be seized. Who will benefit most from your display? If it's you, then the act is not advisable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone makes a positive association involving you. This is no accidental happening, since you make an effort to surround yourself with beauty and pleasantness just so these types of associations can be made.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone will attempt a gesture of kindness toward you. But this person may not understand or know you well enough to be able to accurately predict what will make you smile.

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Legals

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following: BJ Kilpatrick, LT 3 BK 78 of Parkhill addition, Located at 704 W. 17th St., is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for a carport. Guy Prater, S/100 of LT 2 & LT 3 BK 2 of Parkview Addition. Located at 2505 Broadway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport. BSISD, Located at 707 E. 11th Pl., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham). COBS, BK 12 of McDowell Heights Addition, Located at 1406 Gregg St., is requesting a variance for an electronic sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham). Bob Parks, SC 12 BK 33, Located at 2903 Parkway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for an entry way into his property. #7051 July 14 & 17, 2011

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7 :PM :30	Wipeout	Teresa (SS)	So You Think	Big Bang Rules	Mi Corazón Insiste	Commun Parks	Movie: The Bucket List, Sean Hayes	Daytrip	The Vampire Diaries	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 1, Vivica A. Fox	Jail	Bones	Movie: Harlem Nights, Redd Foxx	Good	Random	WNBA Basketball: Storm at Silver Stars	Baseball Tonight
8 :PM :30	Expedition Imp.	Triunfo del Amor	Glee	Big Brother	Herederos-Monte	Office 30 Rock	Light of the Southwest	Pioneers-Tele	Payne	Surviving the Cut	Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 2, Michael Madsen	Jail	Bones		Crews	Phineas		Baseball Tonight
9 :PM :30	Rookie Blue	El Equipo (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	The Mentalist	La Casa de al Lado	Love Bites	Fam. Guy	Conan	Charlie Rose	Seal Team 6	MAN	CSI: NY	The Mo'Nique	Vampire	2011 World Series of Poker: Day 3, Part III.	Baseball	SportsCenter	
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"SCARE ME SO I CAN GET RID OF THESE HICCUPS."
"I'M PREGNANT!JUST KIDDING."

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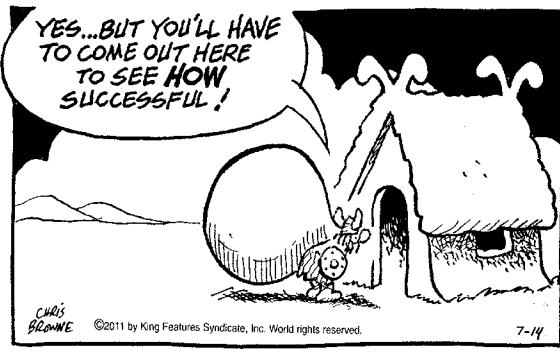
"How come fairy tales never happen around our neighborhood?"

HAGAR



"I'M HOME, HELGA! GOOD! DID YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL RAID?"

BLONDIE



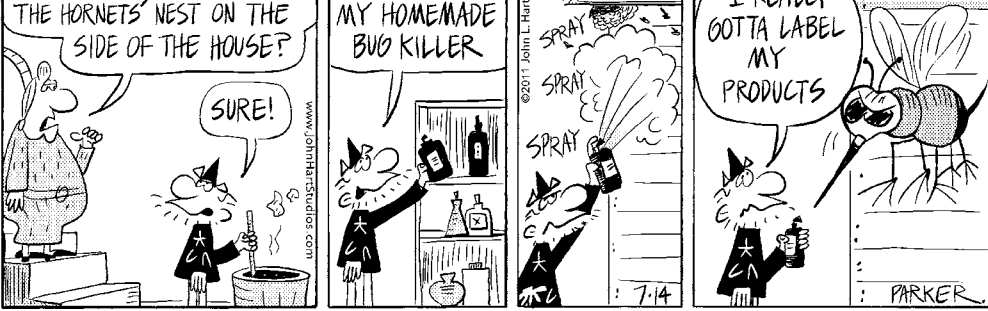
"YES...BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME OUT HERE TO SEE HOW SUCCESSFUL!"

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"SHOW ME A PHILOSOPHER LEADING A FUNERAL PROCESSION..."
"AND I'LL SHOW YOU A GUY WHO PUTS DESCARTES BEFORE THE HEARSE."

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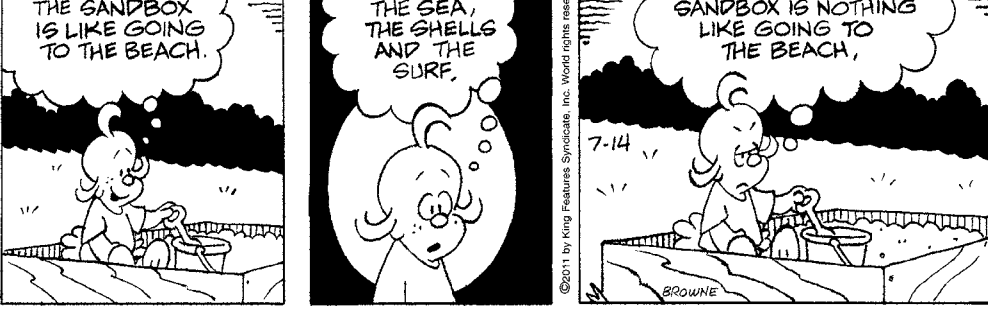
"HOW CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE HORNETS' NEST ON THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE?"
"I CAN TRY OUT MY HOMEMADE BUG KILLER."
"I REALLY GOTTA LABEL MY PRODUCTS."

AGNES



"TODAY, I INTRODUCE A NEW PATH TO WHOLE MENTAL WELLNESS... AGREEMENT THERAPY."
"IT IS BASED ON THE CONCEPT THAT NO MATTER WHAT I THINK, I SHUT UP AND AGREE WITH THE LOUD-MOUTHED IDIOT I'M TALKING WITH AT THE TIME."
"THAT'S STUPID."
"AGREED. HEY!"

HI AND LOIS



"PLAYING IN THE SANDBOX IS LIKE GOING TO THE BEACH."
"WITHOUT THE SEA, THE SHELLS AND THE SURF."
"PLAYING IN THE SANDBOX IS NOTHING LIKE GOING TO THE BEACH."

THE OTHER COAST



"I SEE ONE OF MY HIGH-SCHOOL CLASSMATES JUST LANDED A ROLE IN A NEW TV SITCOM. WE WERE IN DRAMA CLUB TOGETHER."
"HE ALWAYS GOT BETTER PARTS THAN ME- LIKE PLAYING A TREE."
"WHAT'S WORSE THAN PLAYING A TREE?"
"PLAYING A TREE STUMP."

SNUFFY SMITH



"HOW'S EXTRA SUMMER READING PROJECT GOIN', JUGHAID?"
"NOT SO GOOD, AUNT LOWEEZY !! IT'S TOO HOT TO READ !!"
"TH' DANG WORDS KEEP SLIDIN' OFF TH' PAGE !!"

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"MIND IF I CHANGE THE CHANNEL?"
"I CAN'T STAND THAT SHOW!"

BLONDIE



"DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID, ALEXANDER?"
"SURE."
"OKAY, REPEAT WHAT I JUST SAID."
"DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID, ALEXANDER?"
"NO, BEFORE THAT."
"BLAH, BLAH, BLAH..."

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 14, the 195th day of 2011. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On July 14, 1911, Harry N. Atwood became the first pilot to land an airplane (a Wright Model B biplane) on the grounds of the White House after flying in from Boston; it was greeted by President William Howard Taft.
- On this date: In 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.
- In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Millard Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.)
- In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.
- In 1902, the original, centuries-old Campanile di San Marco in Venice, Italy, collapsed. (The bell tower was rebuilt within a decade.)
- In 1913, Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Neb.
- In 1921, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were convicted in Dedham, Mass., of murdering a shoe company paymaster and his guard. (Sacco and Vanzetti were executed six years later.)
- In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.
- In 1960, British researcher Jane Goodall arrived at the Gombe (GAHM'-bay) Stream Reserve in the Tanganyika Territory (in present-day Tanzania) to begin her famous study of chimpanzees in the wild.
- In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.
- In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dale Robertson is 88. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 85. Actress Nancy Olson is 83. Actress Polly Bergen is 81. Former football player and actor Rosey Grier is 79. Actor Vincent Pastore is 65. Former music company executive Tommy Mottola (muh-TOH'-luh) is 62. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 59. Actor Jerry Houser is 59. Actor-director Eric Laneville is 59. Actor Stan Shaw is 59. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 53. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 51. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 51. Actress Jane Lynch (TV: "Glee") is 51. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 50.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Theater fare
 - 6 Oyster dish
 - 10 Bank fixture
 - 14 Art-supply store buy
 - 15 Showed up
 - 16 Person on a poster, perhaps
 - 17 Popular pets
 - 20 Afternoon socials
 - 21 *Pinafore*
 - 22 Emulate a couch potato
 - 23 Wine and dine
 - 24 Lines on city maps
 - 27 Take by force
 - 30 Frame of mind
 - 31 Match as a bet
 - 32 Use a microwave
 - 33 Spilled the beans
 - 34 "Get out of here!"
 - 35 Popular pets
 - 38 Clumsy ones
 - 39 Sandwich breads
 - 40 Sand hill
 - 41 *eye* steak
 - 42 GOP rivals
 - 43 Bakery products
 - 44 Curtain fabric
 - 46 Be nosy
 - 47 Top-rated
 - 48 Briny expanse
 - 49 Manuscript marking
 - 53 Popular pets
 - 57 M*A*S*H star
 - 58 Broil or roast
 - 59 Greek letter
- DOWN**
- 60 Feel nostalgia for
 - 61 Lambs' moms
 - 62 Skinflint
 - 1 Red-ink entry
 - 2 Nearly unobtainable
 - 3 Where most people live
 - 4 Big Apple baseballers
 - 5 *Baba*
 - 6 Dolt
 - 7 Bar bills
 - 8 Aussie bird
 - 9 Financially comfortable
 - 10 Approach furtively
 - 11 Romeo or Juliet
 - 12 Frequent London forecast
 - 13 Golf pro Ernie
 - 18 Search for bargains
 - 19 Certain Parliament member
 - 23 Small songbird
 - 24 Recital pieces
 - 25 Harasses
 - 26 Establish, with "up"
 - 27 Not equitable
 - 28 Wave riders
 - 29 Luau instruments
 - 30 Pouts
 - 33 Seasoning in stuffing
 - 34 Cast aspersions on
 - 36 Confident belief
 - 37 *Saving Private Ryan* setting
 - 38 Poetic sphere
 - 42 Comic actor Carvey
 - 43 Fairway feature
 - 45 Deep sleeps
 - 46 Quick looks
 - 48 Loafer or pump
 - 49 Prefix for sweet
 - 50 Arduous journey
 - 51 Competitive advantage
 - 52 Bygone Russian ruler
 - 53 Leg, so to speak
 - 54 Inventor Whitney
 - 55 Plant seeds
 - 56 Short plane trip

Answer to previous puzzle

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This date in baseball

1969 — Cincinnati's Lee May hit four home runs in a doubleheader split with the Atlanta Braves. May had two home runs and drove in five runs in both games as the Reds lost the opener 9-8 but came back to win the second game 10-4.

1969 — Rod Carew stole home off Chicago's Gerry Nyman in the Minnesota Twins' 6-2 victory. It was Carew's seventh steal of home for the year and tied Pete Reiser's 1946 major league mark.

1973 — Nolan Ryan of the California Angels struck out 17 batters and threw his second

no-hitter of the year, beating Detroit 6-0.

1980 — Johnny Bench broke Yogi Berra's record for home runs by a catcher as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Montreal Expos 12-7. Bench hit his 314th homer as a catcher off David Palmer. Bench had 33 home runs while playing other positions.

1990 — Chicago's Bobby Thigpen became quickest to reach 30 saves in a season as the White Sox beat New York 8-5.

1997 — The San Francisco Giants scored 13 runs to set a modern NL record for runs in a seventh inning en route

to a 16-2 rout of the San Diego Padres. The Giants set the NL record for the most runs in a seventh inning since 1900.

1999 — After 22½ years in the dreary Kingdome, Seattle finally played a home game outdoors, moving into a \$517.6 million ballpark with a retractable roof. Jose Mesa wasted a ninth-inning lead by walking four batters and the Mariners lost 3-2 to the San Diego Padres in Safeco Field's opener.

2003 — Anaheim's Garret Anderson went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and a double in the All-Star game. Hank Blalock of Texas hit a go-ahead, two-run homer as a pinch-hitter in the eighth off Los Angeles' Eric Gagne.

2005 — Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro became the 26th player to reach 3,000 hits.

CUP

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Sunday now."

"These wins, we can't do it alone. We know a whole nation is cheering us on," Wambach said.

"We believe in ourselves and we're in the final. I couldn't be happier."

A little relieved, too. Though not quite as flashy as Brazil, France plays with a flair and creativity that is impressive to behold.

Louisa Nencib runs France's offense, and rarely were her passes or ideas off the mark. Les Bleues were so cohesive that the midfield became a no man's land for the Americans; any ball that dared enter was soon in France's hands.

France was so dominant that, despite Lauren Cheney scoring in the ninth minute, the U.S. seemed to be playing from behind for most of the game.

"We didn't play well today," U.S. coach Pia

Sundhage said.

"However, we find a way to win and that's a credit to the players' hearts.

"That's what makes it so wonderful to be coach of this team."

Sundhage finally replaced Carli Lloyd with sparkplug Megan Rapinoe in the 65th minute, shifting Cheney inside and letting Rapinoe run wild on the flanks.

Just like that, the Americans had regained control.

"We didn't want to do that whole 30 minutes of overtime and (penalty kick) thing again," Rapinoe said.

The Americans were able to push forward and began threatening French goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz.

Finally, in the 79th, Cheney won a corner kick.

"I told (Cheney) at halftime, 'Put the ball to the back post, and we're going to get a goal,'" Wambach said.

Cheney delivered the ball perfectly to the far post.

Just as Wambach had predicted, the 5-foot-11 forward soared over the scrum and pushed the ball past Sapowicz.

"I knew Abby was going to beat her," Cheney said, referring to the French defender who practically mugged Wambach to try and contain her.

Asked how, Cheney said, "Because she's Abby Wambach."

It was Wambach's third goal of the tournament and 12th of her career, tying fellow American Michelle Akers.

Akers is currently ranked third on the all-time World Cup scoring list.

And the Americans weren't done yet.

Rapinoe found a streaking Alex Morgan, who outraced four defenders.

She collected the ball and then threw Sapowicz off with a sweet stutter-step.

The goal wide open, Morgan buried the ball to put the game out of reach.

"The priority is not to accept another goal," France coach Bruno Bini said through a translator.

"When that happens, you've had it. We conceded another goal and that was it for us."

Despite the loss, the World Cup was a resounding success for the French.

In addition to their first semifinal appearance, they qualified for the London Olympics, where the Americans will be two-time defending champions.

That, however, is next summer.

The Americans have another title to claim first.

"We've achieved part of our goal. We're in the final," Wambach said. "We want to complete it. We want to be world champs."

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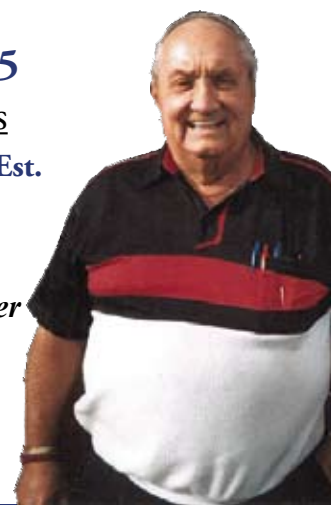
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