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**Up, up and on top.** Opening of the historic Hotel Settles took another step Monday with the erection of a four-ton sign atop the building. The former hotel, built in the 1930s, is expected to reopen to the public later this year and will feature meeting rooms, a grill, outdoor pool, spa and much more.



## Settles nearer to completion

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It was like a candle being placed atop a cake — although, in this case, the candle weighed more than four tons and the cake was 15 stories tall.

For more than three years, workers have been busy renovating the Settles Hotel, but most of that work has been hidden from public view. Monday, however, came the most visible signal yet that the historic hotel will return to the land of the living after

being shuttered for the better part of three decades.

Using a giant crane, a 9,000-pound sign with "Hotel Settles" emblazoned in huge red letters was hoisted to the top of the hotel, letting everyone within eyesight know the hotel will soon

emerge from its long hibernation.

The event was of interest to even the most neutral passer-by, but to long-time renovation advocates, it was almost awe-inspiring.

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## BSHS Band Director Harris decides he'll remain here

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Not so fast now ... Days after tentatively agreeing to take the reins of the Odessa Permian High School band program, Big Spring High School Band Director Rocky Harris has decided to remain at his current position.

Harris, who has overseen the BSHS band program for the past 17 years, had tenta-



Harris

tively agreed to take the Permian post last week, but reversed his decision Monday. "I just felt it wouldn't be in the best interest of my family to take the Permian job," Harris said. "There were a variety of reasons. First, Big

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## Officials: Don't you go popping off carelessly

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

While the upcoming Fourth of July holiday may be the first time in six years the Crossroads area hasn't been under some sort of fireworks ban, fire officials are urging residents to use caution if their Independence Day celebration will include them.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, the risk index prior to fireworks going on sale wasn't high enough to merit a ban in the Crossroads area, something which hasn't happened in the West



Sullivan



Condray

Texas area in more than five years.


"Last year we were under a total fireworks ban, and the years before that we had bans on rockets and fanned fireworks," Sullivan said.

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## TRICYCLING FOR A CAUSE

Rainbow Christian Pre-school students took off on their bicycles, tricycles, scooters and Big Wheels for Monday's Trike-a-thon — an annual event the school holds to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Obituaries

Bennie Maurine Pittman

Bennie Maurine Pittman, 58, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 24, 2012, in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 18, 1954, in Fort Morgan, Colo., and married Gale Pittman.

Maurine was a senior vice president of the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for 18 years. Maurine was a member of the Kiwanis Club.

She is survived by her husband, Gale Pittman of Big Spring; her daughter, Desire Freshour and husband David of Big Spring; three grandchildren; her sister, Carolyn Chapman of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ben H. Wiggington Jr.; and her mother, Iris Wiggington.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Twice Blessed House Foundation, 2732 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Texas 75226.

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

Eugene Coleman

Eugene Coleman, 68, of Midland passed away Sunday, June 24, 2012. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Joe Russo officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Coleman; daughter, Heather Bothe; and sons, Blaine Coleman and Craig Coleman.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Police blotter

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

- DUNCAN STUBBS SMYLY, 54, of Richmond, Va., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
• GILBERT RAMIREZ PUGA, 39, of 1009 E. 15th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
• DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA SR., 24, of 1907 S. Main St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for criminal mischief.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa.
• THEFT was reported: In the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street. In the 700 block of E. 11th Place.
• ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of E. 15th Street.
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR., 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for criminal mischief.
• PETER MANUAL CANDELARIA, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500 and judgment/sentence revocation of probation for possession of a dangerous drug.
• ZABRINA LOZANO, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a probation warrant.
• GILBERT RAMIREZ PUGA JR., 39, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information.
• MICHAEL ANGELO DORADO, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check - more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts).
• CHARLIE LEON RHODES, 24, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bribery, failure to identify - giving false information and accident involving damage to a vehicle.

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Big Spring High School's officials have changed the campus' summer hours because of ongoing construction. The new hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, call the school at 264-3641.

Chorus rehearsals for Pops in the Park will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday June 26 at First United Methodist Church. Those interested are asked to attend all four rehearsals. Anyone can participate. Rehearsals are held in the chorus rehearsal room, upstairs. Enter in the alleyway north door. Pops in the Park will be held July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Watercolor Horizons Art Show Exhibition at UTPB opens June 29, during the reception that evening and will continue until July 30. Anyone interested in submitting work may receive a prospectus from Petra Eubanks, show chair, 432-366-1757, pceubanks@juno.com. All entries must be submitted between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at The Visual Arts Building At UTPB, Odessa.

Donate blood! A bloodmobile will be available at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30. A sign up sheet is located in the Sears store inside the mall. For more information, contact Stacie Proctor at 432-267-1127.

An immunization clinic for school children will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the DSHS Big Spring Health Clinic, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B. Children age 2 months to 18 years, CHIP, Medicaid or uninsured only. \$5 per visit, per family. Call 432-263-9775 for an appointment.

An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSBS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in 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.

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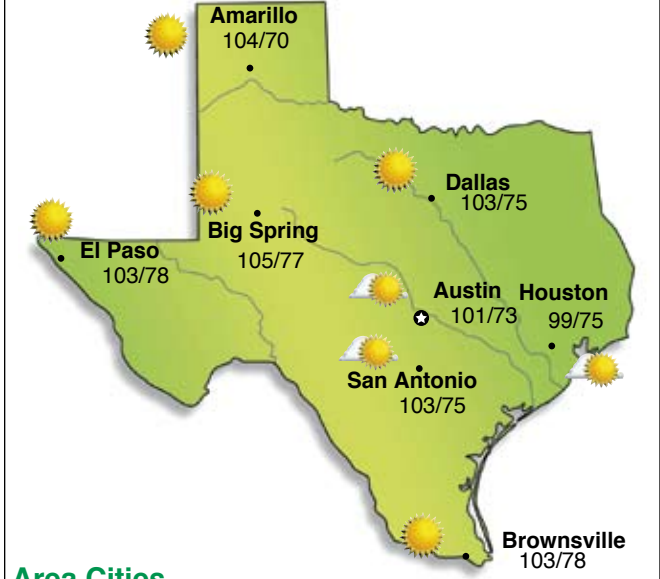
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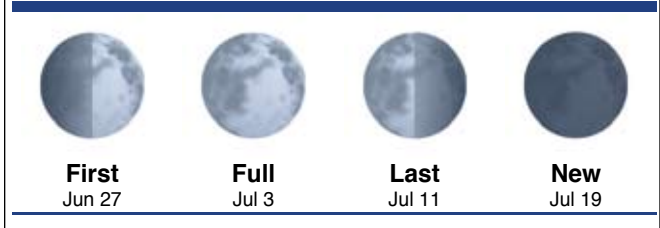
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UV Index

Table showing UV Index for Thu 6/28, Fri 6/29, Sat 6/30, Sun 7/1, Mon 7/2. All days show an index of 11 (Extreme).

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.

The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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# News in brief

## News from Washington this week could drive fall elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you pay attention to election 2012 at all this summer, make it this week. Decisions out of Washington are sure to have an impact on the major issues driving the presidential and congressional elections: Jobs. How much is in your wallet. Health insurance, immigration, campaign finance and more.

Lawmakers face deadlines on legislation determining the interest rate students pay for loans, overhaul of the federal transportation program, and money for the system that provides insurance for homes and businesses in flood-risk areas. The Supreme Court, meanwhile, is rendering judgment Thursday on the health care overhaul law, President Barack Obama's signature legislative achievement.

"I saw some story about (how) this is the week that could make or break Barack Obama. I don't buy it," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Health committee, who personally invested considerable time into passage of the health care law. "It's an important week, sure."

In opinion polls, voters put the economy at the top of their list of concerns along with unemployment, which stands at 8.2 percent. They worry about federal spending at a time of record-breaking deficits, how to pay for their health care, and immigration policy. And in interview after interview, respondents say they are extremely concerned about their personal finances.

## Supreme Court's campaign money case could spur move for more deregulation of outside spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Corporations and labor unions have been emboldened this election season to spend unlimited sums of cash. The Supreme

Court is telling them to go full speed ahead.

The high court on Monday reaffirmed its controversial Citizens United decision from 2010, following a challenge to a Montana law that prohibited corporate spending in elections. But the decision in the Montana case probably will mean a push for more campaign-finance deregulation.

In the middle of a presidential race already brimming with cash from "super" political committees, the decision leaves no ambiguity that the practice can continue — benefiting the campaigns of President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney the most. Super PACs so far have spent tens of millions of dollars on the presidential election.

The ruling was a victory for those who support few restrictions, saying the First Amendment affords them the right to spend as much as they want to support or defeat a candidate. Reformers vowed to press on, hoping to craft new laws to curb what they call the corrupting influence of money in politics.

## Arizona immigration court ruling leaves more questions on role

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona's police chiefs and county sheriffs hoped a U.S. Supreme Court ruling would settle their long-running debate on what role, if any, they should play in immigration enforcement. Instead, the justices' decision to uphold the state's "show me your papers" statute has left them with more questions than answers.

How long must officers wait for federal authorities to respond when they encounter someone illegal, especially given President Barack Obama's new policy to only deport dangerous criminals and repeat offenders? If they release a person too soon, are they exposing themselves to a lawsuit from residents who accuse them of failing to enforce the law?

How do they avoid being sued for racial profiling?

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he anticipated no change in how he does his job but that comes from someone who was accused of racially profiling Latinos in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department.

"We're going to get sued if we do. We're going to get sued if we don't. That's a terrible position to put law enforcement officers in," said Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, whose territory covers much of southern Arizona and who has long argued against his state's requirement that local law enforcement be forced to ask about the legal status of anyone suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

The justices on Monday unanimously approved the Arizona law's most-discussed provision requiring police to check the immigration status of those they stop for other reasons. But it struck down provisions allowing local police to arrest people for federal immigration violations. They also warned against detaining people for any prolonged period merely for not having proper immigration papers.

## Feds: Career programs at dozens of for-profits could eventually lose federal student aid

Former students in career-training programs at dozens of for-profit institutions have had so much trouble paying off their loans that the schools could lose access to federal student aid if they don't improve, new data from the U.S. Department of Education finds.

The Education Department reported that at 193 programs at 93 schools, students were unable to meet any of three measures under the agency's new "gainful employment" rule. The new regulations, announced by the Obama administration last year, are aimed at making sure students in career-training programs at for-profit, nonprofit and public institutions are able to get a job and pay off their student loans when they graduate.

## HARRIS

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Spring has been good to me and my family. Then, with the inflated housing market (in Odessa) and other factors, I just decided it

would be best to stay where I am."

Harris said he was approached by Ector County Independent School District officials about the Permian vacancy about three weeks ago.

"I felt like ... I should take a look at it," he

said. "After the initial discussions, I thought it would be good move for me to make, but it just didn't work out."

Harris' decision to stay in charge of the Steer Band was greeted with enthusiasm by his boss at BSHS.

"We're just ecstatic," BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said. "He's been a big part of the Pride Drive for years ... and we were extremely saddened when we thought we'd lose him, but we're very excited he's decided to stay."

Harris said he will now turn his attention to the coming school year.

"I'm looking forward to continuing on here," he said. "We're expecting some wonderful things in the coming year. It's been good for

me here, and I'm looking forward to that continuing."

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## SETTLES

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"This is history," said Bobby McDonald, one of several residents who fought for years to save the hotel from demolition.

"It was exciting to see that sign go back on top of the building and to know the hotel is coming back to life," said Debbie Wegman, director of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors' Bureau. "I loved it."

The Settles, built in

1930, is perhaps Big Spring's most visible landmark and for decades served as a hub of activity for the community. By the 1970s, however, the hotel had deteriorated badly and was shuttered early the following decade.

A string of subsequent

owners promised to bring the hotel back to its former glory, but it was not until the brother team of Brint and Kris Ryan purchased the building that promises turned into action.

The Ryans' Settles Hotel Development Co. will spend about \$25 million

refurbishing the hotel before it finally reopens later this year. Plans call for its use, not only as a stop for weary travelers, but for conventions, business meetings and social gatherings.

"It's going to be an exciting opportunity to draw groups here for

meetings and conventions," Wegman said. "Having all that in such an historic building just makes it even better."

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## FIREWORKS

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"However, this year the index rating simply wasn't high enough for us to be able to pass either. This will be the first time in six years we've had an Independence Day where there wasn't a fireworks or burn ban in effect."

While the lack of a fireworks ban will have many fans of the bright and beautiful holiday treats smiling, Sullivan and Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray are urging residents to use extreme caution if they plan to set off fireworks this holiday.

"Because the index is lower, that simply means the fires caused by the fireworks won't be the huge, rolling types of fires we've been seeing in New Mexico, Colorado and Idaho as of late. It doesn't mean there won't be fires," Sullivan said. "I fully expect our firefighters will be responding to plenty of fires during the Fourth of July holiday, they simply won't be as big as the fires in

the past."

Sullivan said it's important for residents to know where they can — and can't — legally set off their fireworks.

"It's a bit confusing, but setting off fireworks in the roadway isn't actually illegal. However, if you do and get caught, you're going to get a ticket — not for shooting fireworks, but instead a \$200 ticket for littering," Sullivan said. "That's something we've been trying to get corrected for years. If you get caught shooting your fireworks in a roadway, however, don't expect the officer or deputy to have a sense of humor about it."

Condray said there should be no confusion regarding where it's legal to set off fireworks in the Big Spring city limits.

"It's never legal to set off fireworks in the city limits, regardless of bans," Condray said. "It is against the law to discharge fireworks in the city limits. If you're going to light fireworks you need to find a place in the county that you

have access to and have permission, especially if it is on private property."

Sullivan said he hopes area residents are able to enjoy the Independence Day holiday — and fireworks, if they choose — however, a failure to be responsible when it comes to other people's property and safety isn't likely to elicit any kind of pity from him or law enforcement officials.

"Regardless of whether there's a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires this July 4 holiday," said Sullivan firmly. "If your mistake results in the loss of someone else's property, you're looking at a charge of reckless endangerment and a \$500 fine. And if you start a fire and that fire injures a firefighter or anyone else, you're

going to be looking at felony arson charges.

"The stuff out there will still burn, make no mistake about that. It's just not as bad as it's been in the past, but we're still very concerned about the fireworks and what kind of damage they could do. We don't have a lot of patience when it comes to this, and the boneheads who make these kinds of dumb mistakes are going to pay for them.

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# The war against the nation's battered and confused addicts

**R**odney King's best statement isn't what he's famous for. Twenty years ago, the African-American suffered a sadistic beating at the hands of white Los Angeles police, an event caught on tape. When the officers were acquitted of brutality charges, rioting convulsed largely black South Central Los Angeles. The pandemonium cost 53 lives and destroyed 600 buildings. In the middle of it all, King, who died this month at 47, remarked with immortal simplicity: "Can we all get along?"

In his book, "The Riot Within," King wrote (perhaps with input from his co-author), "I no longer blame them (lawyers and politicians) for taking a battered and confused addict and trying to make him into a symbol for civil rights." King knew exactly what was up. He was a drugged or drunk black ex-con tortured by racist police officers whom he had just led on a high-speed hour-long chase.

Recipe for pain. But to what extent did the war on drugs accelerate the downward spiral of King and others like him? Suppose drugs were legal. King could have been open about his addiction. Perhaps he could have gotten treatment for it. If

the ban on drugs hadn't driven the price of narcotics so high, perhaps his jobs could have covered his "needs."

Your writer was once mugged at knifepoint by a glassy-eyed addict desperate for a drug that, had it been legal, could have been bought for the price of celery. Instead, he traumatized the city for \$35 and probably cost the city of New York over \$1,000 pursuing a case that was never closed, like many thousands of others. King reminded me of him.

King had possibilities. He held jobs. He married the mothers of his children. He tried to kick his habits. He was not particularly violent, even during the grocery store robbery that put him in jail.

And he was basically humane, delivering the "Can we all get along?" comment with genuine distress. In the book, he expresses agony at seeing a tape of Reginald Denny, a white truck driver, dragged out of his vehicle during the riots and beaten mercilessly by a mob — and his pride at the heroism of Bobby Green Jr., an African-American who rescued Denny and drove him to the hospital.

The intention isn't to nominate King for sainthood, but to note that he was a forgiving man with good qualities and fine perception. His life could have gone differently, especially if being an addict weren't itself criminal.

Other victims of the prohibition against drugs are the

estimated 50,000 Mexicans murdered at the hands of the cartels. New Yorker writer Patrick Radden Keefe recently described the drug gangs' sophistication in transporting their wares to the streets of Los Angeles and other U.S. cities. They use fishing boats, 747s and submarines. They've catapaulted bales of marijuana over high-tech fences in Arizona and have constructed more than 100 tunnels under the border. To avoid smuggling costs, they've taken over public land in the U.S. to grow marijuana. Mexican farmers with AK-47s were found guarding their crops in the North Woods of Wisconsin.

If the war on drugs were over, the murderous drug business would be over. Americans would save about \$50 billion a year prosecuting a war in which every dealer's arrest means more profits for a competitor. Addicts could find treatment without admitting criminality. Or they could get their fix without hitting strangers over the head or ripping copper pipes out of old buildings. High-schoolers caught smoking pot wouldn't have their lives ruined by a criminal record. And a "battered and confused addict" might have some chance at a decent life.

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# Time for administration to stop exploiting this particular race

**O**ne advantage of defeating Barack Obama in November, apart from saving the country from financial ruin and the rest, is that conservatives will presumably be able to criticize liberal policies again without automatically being accused of racism.

These charges aren't just emanating from the fringe groups; they're not just being uttered by radical leftist bloggers or Occupy Wall Street zealots. They are no longer the exclusive province of race hustlers whose professional careers depend on stirring up animosity among racial groups.

In August 2011, the level of polarization seemed to reach a fever pitch, when Congressional Black Caucus Whip Andre Carson said, "Some of them in Congress right now with this tea party movement would love to see you and me ... hanging on a tree."

Just a week or so ago, no less a mainstream media figure than former ABC White House correspondent Sam Donaldson wrote, "Many on the political right believe this president ought not to be there — they oppose him not for his policies and political view but for who he is, an African American!"

This is truly despicable. Imputing such false charges of racism, either out of profound ignorance or in a cynical effort to chill critically important political debate, is terribly destructive to our social fabric. But it goes on — unabated.

Indeed, Carson's and Donaldson's deplorable statements are a three-year-old culmination of three years of divisive, racially charged rhetoric and policies from this administration.

Before he was inaugurated, President Obama promised that he would usher in a new period of bipartisan, post-racial politics, and many people believed him. But instead of inspiring a

new climate of harmony, Obama has fostered an unprecedented atmosphere of divisiveness and polarization in this country.

From the beginning, Obama has engaged in identity politics, pitting groups of people against one another, from race to gender to economic status to sexual preference.

Early on, Attorney General Eric Holder lectured Americans for being cowards on race. President Obama himself, at one point, allowed as how some of his detractors have a subterranean agenda related to race.

In his radio addresses during the 2010 congressional campaigns, Obama, the uniter, appealed in explicitly racial terms to blacks and Latinos, telling them Democrats were their friends and Republicans were their enemies. First lady Michelle Obama also couched her pitch for Democratic congressional candidates in terms of what it would mean for black Americans, who were still suffering discrimination and facing disproportionate problems — as if it were some sort of GOP-spawned race-based conspiracy.

What she didn't say, of course, was that it was under her husband's policies that black unemployment had reached new highs.

Obama has portrayed Republicans and conservatives as people who want a small America, who don't care about the poor or minorities, who have a problem with people who aren't like them (read: race), who want dirtier air and dirtier water, and who applaud when people lose their health insurance coverage.

In a formal report to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Obama administration told the world that America was engaging in discrimination against minorities and the LGBT community. It even submitted Arizona's immigration law to this anti-American body for review.

Beyond the toxic rhetoric, Obama has brought race into his policy mix, as well. His administration suggested that racism (racial profiling) was behind Arizona's and other states' im-

migration laws. It has depicted those who oppose amnesty and who support border enforcement as nativists and outright racists. His Justice Department dismissed a voter intimidation case against New Black Panther Party members because of an unwritten administration policy forbidding the prosecution of such cases when the alleged perpetrators are minorities and the alleged victims are white. During the GM and Chrysler restructuring, the administration reportedly allowed disproportionate numbers of minority and female owners to retain their dealerships.

Similarly, the Obama administration has brazenly attacked states that have passed voter ID laws, cravenly suggesting that demanding that voters prove their identity as a condition to voting is a thinly concealed effort to prevent minorities from voting — as if minorities are incapable of producing identification. Republicans don't want to prevent any properly qualified and registered voters from voting, but they don't want them — or their dead friends — to vote multiple times.

Even in the most recent administration scandal, "Fast and Furious," Holder suggested that his political opponents are after him over the gun-walking scandal as a way of getting at President Obama through him because they are both African-Americans.

Contrary to Donaldson's incendiary charges, Republicans oppose Obama's policies because they are destructive, not because of his race — a charge as absurd as it is vicious.

It is time these disgraceful tactics end.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Rather than floundering, Lord, may we take steps to walk with You.

Amen



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## Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

## Guy Fieri's Cooking with kids Birthday Bash!

**LET'S DO THIS!**  
Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!



Appetizers at a birthday party go together like birthday cake and candles! Work with your parents to make these crunchy pretzel chicken tenders – they're chicken tenders with a twist!

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### GUY SAYS:

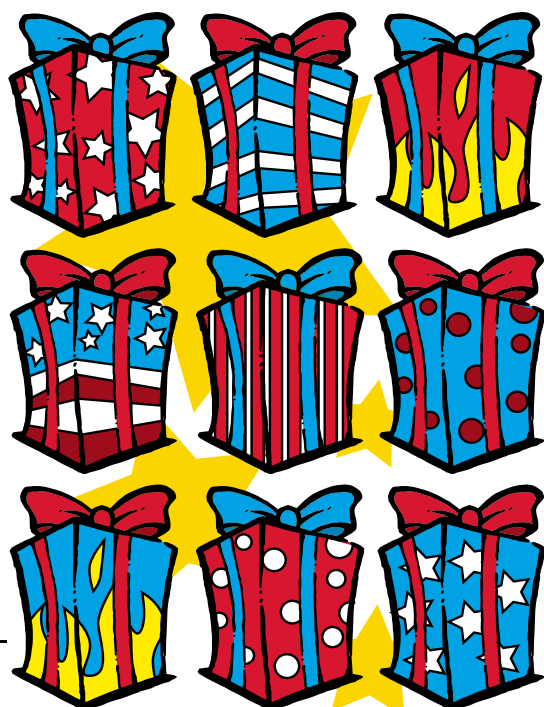
Awesome hors d'oeuvres make party guests instantly feel welcome. And making them yourself is especially cool!

"Happy Birthday To You" is the most recognized song in the English language, according to The Guinness Book of World Records. It was written back in 1893 by sisters Patty and Mildred Hill.

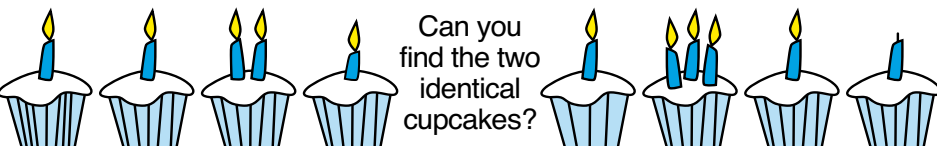
### Present Puzzler

One of these presents is for Guy. Use the clues to decide which one.

- Guy digs flames, but not on his presents.
- His present has stripes, but not skinny ones.
- Guy doesn't do polka dots.
- He likes stars.



**Standards Link:** Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Can you find the two identical cupcakes?

## Birthday Party to Fight Hunger

For her 9th birthday, Katherine Tichy didn't ask for video games or other toys. Instead, she asked the 18 friends she invited to her birthday party to make a donation to her favorite charity.

"My birthday is near Christmas, so I thought it was a good idea for my friends to donate, instead of buying me presents," she said.



The result was a collection of \$425 for Heifer International – a nonprofit organization that works to end hunger and poverty around the world.

"I felt really good that someone else would be getting something," she said.

How many stars can you find on this page? Race a friend!

**Standards Link:** Life Skills: Students establish and achieve personal goals.

**Kids:** Send us a picture or video showing your family making Guy's Pretzel Chicken Tenders. It might be posted on Guy Fieri's Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org). Send to: kidscook@kidscoop.com

## Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's tonight's topic:  
Everyone can make a difference each day. **At breakfast discuss:** What good can I do today?  
**At dinner discuss:** What good did I do today?

## Double Double Word Search

**BIRTHDAY CHICKEN** ★ Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- PRETZEL
- CANDLES
- CRUMBS
- FLAKES
- TWIST
- PARTY
- FIERI
- SPICE
- BASIL
- BASH
- CAKE
- GUY

Y	F	T	U	C	Y	M	E	L	B
C	L	H	W	U	A	S	G	I	I
S	A	E	G	I	B	K	R	S	C
E	K	P	Z	M	S	T	E	A	K
L	E	A	U	T	H	T	R	B	E
D	S	R	B	D	E	N	D	T	E
N	C	T	A	N	I	R	E	I	F
A	D	Y	S	E	C	I	P	S	E
C	R	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	S

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

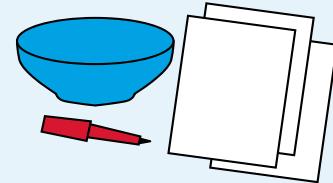
## Utensil Charades

Here's a great game to play at your next birthday party.

Before your guests arrive:

**STUFF YOU'LL NEED:**

- Sheets of paper
- Pen or pencil
- A large bowl



1. Think of lots of types of cooking utensils and write the name of a different utensil on each piece of paper. Some suggestions:

- whisk
- spatula
- cheese grater
- wooden spoon
- egg slicer
- measuring spoon

2. Put all the papers in the large bowl.

### When your guests arrive:

**Step 1:** Have each child pick a piece of paper. If the child doesn't recognize the utensil they've picked, take them into the kitchen and show it to them, and explain what it's used for.

**Step 2:** The child has 30 seconds to give the other children clues that will help them guess the utensil. They can use words, motions or drawings to help them.

**Step 3:** The first guest to guess correctly is next to describe a utensil. If no one guesses correctly, get the utensil out to show everyone.

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

## What a Character!

Kids' energy comes from ...



... eating right and getting plenty of sleep.

## Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word PARTY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

P	A	R	T	Y
			Y	
		Y		
Y				
Y				

## Why do we put candles on top of a birthday cake?



Use the code to discover the punch line!  
A = 8 | C = 33 | E = 17 | I = 16 | M = 22 | O = 30 | R = 4 | T = 24 | V = 21  
B = 19 | D = 2 | H = 29 | L = 11 | N = 14 | P = 26 | S = 15 | U = 5 | W = 28

16	24	16	15	24	30	30	29	8	4	2	24	30	26	5	24
24	29	17	22	30	14	24	29	17	19	30	24	24	30	22	

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit [www.cwkfoundation.org](http://www.cwkfoundation.org)

## Write On!

### My Best Birthday Present

Write about the best birthday gift you've ever received. What was it about this gift that made it so special?

# Made homeless by the oil boom

Staring back at us from inside the carrier were four dark, black eyes. Side by side, the American kestrels awaited the next confusing episode in their young lives.

As Art placed their container in the back of our vehicle for delivery to Lubbock, we wondered how long it would be before the next youngster was rescued or discovered. The taller of our two had been found in one of the units at our local refinery. A roustabout in the oil patch had snatched the smaller and younger bird.

During the previous month, three nestling kestrels had been taken from a pump jack near Odessa. Activity in the oil fields was disturbing wildlife that had once considered abandoned structures as nest sites. Every time a caller said, "pump jack," it was déjà vu all

over again. Western kingbirds, American kestrels, barn owls, and other species had relished the sturdiness of the structures and seeming isolation of the locations. The "boom" was changing their avian lifestyle.

Both females, our two passengers resembled their mother in markings and coloration. While dull, the rusty hue of their wings, back, and tail were accented with blackish bars. Their breasts and bellies had the typical buff that was streaked downward with cinnamon or brown.

The older one's throat and chin were a more dominant white than that of the younger bird. Sporting two black, vertical stripes on their cheeks, each had the dark facial markings of their parents.

At South Plains, the kestrels were placed in an aviary. Its previous residents had been the trio we delivered in May. Since the facility allowed the kestrels to release themselves when ready, the three raptors had sought what adventures



Courtesy photo

The smallest of our country's falcons, these American kestrels will develop a wingspan of nearly 24 inches. Weighing a mere four ounces, the raptors have the ability to hover or glide on their narrow, pointed wings. Seen perched on telephone poles, and fence posts, they will hunt for large insects, lizards, mice and sparrows.

awaited them beyond the safety and daily feedings promised by their enclosure.

The two females had been successful, while the male came back and decided to reside in the aviary a while longer. Fortunately, he was still there to welcome our two apprehensive new comers.

In a short while, the guests were discovering the spaciousness of the room, and the platters of mice.

Soon, the females

were seen enjoying a shallow pan of water for bathing.

Perched near the top of a screened wall that allows a view of the grounds beyond, their host conveyed to them his agility at mastering the roosts. Having a role model, our two could quickly gain the muscle tone and strength needed to achieve the same heights.

Recognizing and killing their prey would be essential. They

would have to use their needle-sharp talons to pierce and hold grasshoppers and mice. Shredding their catch with their toothed bills, the kestrels would grow accustomed to what would become a daily routine.

To workmen who had found these birds of prey, the kestrel was considered a rescue. For us, it was a challenge to nurture our temporary guests and provide them a successful release back to

the wild. In the natural world, it was a disruption of a life cycle.

An admonition from Albert Einstein, perhaps, was the most appropriate from all aspects regarding the young kestrels. "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."

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## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

9	3			7		1	5	
6	1			2	5			8
				1		2		
	7				4	3	6	
		1	3		9	8		
	4	5	2				9	
			8		6			
1				5	9			4
7	5		4				8	1

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

## Some signs of the times

We have all visited places where

signs have been posted to either motivate us or discourage something. Let me share a few that I have seen.

- Never regret a single day for all are essential to life.
- Keep going... Happiness keeps you Sweet, Trials keep you Strong, Sorrows keep you Human, Failures keep you Humble, and Success keeps You Glowing.
- The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.
- We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.

• The more you ask how far you have to go, the longer the journey seems.

- Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.
- Beware of the man who does not talk and the dog that does not bark.
- It is easy to be brave from a great distance.
- They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind.
- All that we are is the

result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we become.

- Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect.
- There is some work that will never be done if you don't do it.
- There is someone who would miss you if you were gone.
- There is a place that you alone can fill.
- Then there are the bad ones that you can't keep from chuckling about:
- As of tomorrow, our employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards.

Pictures will be taken next Wednesday, and employees will receive their cards in two weeks. (Does this mean vacation starts tomorrow?)

- What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter in the future. (I would think it would be difficult to be specific about the unknown!)
- E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business. (Interesting, isn't it?)
- This project is so important we should never let things that are more important interfere with it. (So there are things that are more important, huh?)
- Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule. (Schedule is more important!)
- No one will believe you solved this problem in one day! We've been working on it for months. Now go act busy for a few weeks and I'll let you know when it's time to tell them. (I think Yogi would have enjoyed these!)

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Standard Procedure

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠KQ6  
♥9542  
♦AK874  
♣J

**WEST**  
♠8542  
♥KQJ83  
♦106  
♣K7

**EAST**  
♠3  
♥1076  
♦QJ93  
♣A10964

**SOUTH**  
♠AJ1097  
♥A  
♦52  
♣Q8532

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♣ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four hearts to your ace. How would you continue?

When the deal occurred, South led a low club at trick two, setting the stage for a crossruff. West put up the king and tried to stop declarer from scoring his trumps separately by shifting to the deuce of spades, taken

by South with the seven. Despite the trump return, declarer could still count 10 tricks five spades in his hand, two club ruffs in dummy, the A-K of diamonds and the heart already won. So he trumped a club, trumped a heart and trumped another club as West discarded the six of diamonds. From here on, declarer was fighting a losing battle. Regardless of how he proceeded, he could not score two diamond tricks, since West could trump the second diamond lead. So South finished down one, losing three clubs and a trump. Declarer was certainly correct in deciding to crossruff, but faulty technique cost him his contract. He violated a basic rule which stipulates that before embarking on a crossruff, declarer should first cash his side-suit winners. Otherwise, the defenders might be able to discard in the side suits while the crossruff is in progress and then trump declarer's winners later on. Observe that if South had simply cashed the A-K of diamonds after winning West's spade return at trick three and then proceeded as before, 10 tricks would have been his for the taking.

Tomorrow: Sylvia strikes a telling blow.

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- Oct. 19 — \*\*Snyder, 7:30 p.m. (T)
- Oct. 26 — \*\*Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. (H)
- Nov. 2 — \*\*Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. (H)
- Nov. 9 — \*\*Monahans, 7:30 p.m. (T)

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Another stretch of Big Spring Steer football is right around the corner. BSHS's revised 2012 schedule appears at left. After a disappointing 0-10 record last year, the Steers are ready for a turnaround season.

## Tigers touch up rookie Grimm in Rangers' loss

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The first time was much better for Texas Rangers rookie Justin Grimm.

Nine days after his impressive winning major league debut, and never pitching above Double-A before that, Grimm allowed six runs and eight hits while facing only 12 batters in an 8-2 loss to the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

"My breaking ball wasn't good. ... I didn't have that control, I'm said. 'I'll take this one on my shoulders. It's a humbling game. I know it's not going to be the last time.'"

Struggling slugger Josh Hamilton hit his first homer his last 12 games for Texas, a two-run shot in the seventh. His 23rd homer pushed his majors-best RBI total to 66.

Hamilton was coming off a three-game series against Colorado when he was 1 for 12 with eight strikeouts. He was 0 for 2 with a walk Monday before his 409-foot blast in the seventh over the Texas bullpen in right-center off reliever Brayan Villarreal.

Tigers starter Rick Porcello (5-5) struck out seven and walked three in six-plus innings for only his second

win his last nine starts.

"He really was commanding his sinker," Rangers first baseman Michael Young said. "He got that big lead and he wanted to throw strikes."

Porcello was gone before time Hamilton homered, pulled after walking Leonys Martin to start the seventh. That led to the only run charged to Porcello.

When the Rangers had to create a spot in their rotation last week to add three-time All-Star Roy Oswalt to the mix, they opted to move Scott Feldman to the bullpen rather than send the 23-year-old Grimm back to the minors.

Grimm won his June 16 debut against Houston, when he struck out seven — five in a row at one point — with no walks. He allowed six hits in six innings.

Nothing good happened for him against the Tigers in a rematch of last year's AL championship series.

"I still had the same plan I wanted to go out and execute," Grimm said. "I didn't throw pitches in the right location. I got them up."

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## University presidents to weigh in on proposed playoff system

RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — The only things standing in the way of a major college football playoff are 12 university presidents.

They figure to be more of a speed bump than a road block.

The BCS commissioners will present their four-team playoff proposal to the presidential oversight committee Tuesday in Washington.

The committee is headed by Virginia Tech's Charles W. Steger and includes one university leader from each of the 11 major football conferences, as well as independent Notre Dame.

Whether approval will come quickly or the presidents will take some time to mull over the proposal, maybe toss it back for tweaks, is unknown. The commissioners have been careful not to get too far out in front of the presidents when publicly talking about a playoff.

But it is safe to say the men who have spent hours upon hours hashing this out over the last six months believe their bosses will approve of their work.

"I'm confident as we brief (the presidents) over the next week or so, give them an understanding of the evolution of the ideas — what's been

put off to the side, why it's been put off to the side, how we were able to manage the things that seemed to be irreconcilable for a long time — that they will give our advice appropriate weight," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said after last week's meetings in Chicago.

"Could there be a present with a bow on it and everything wrapped up (Tuesday)?" Delany said. "It could happen, if you're real optimistic. But I would think we'll probably need to spend some more time together, and probably resolve some outstanding issues."

The Big Ten presidents and their cohorts in the Pac-12 haven't been as quick to embrace the idea of a playoff. A model called the plus-one, which is basically the BCS but with participants for the No. 1 vs. No. 2 championship game determined after the bowls are played instead of before, was deemed preferable to a playoff by those leagues.

Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman, who is a member of the oversight committee, has said he still prefers the status quo to a playoff and that he will need convincing to sign off on the commissioners' plan.

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## Arizona wins CWS after 4-1 defeat of defending champion Gamecocks

ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — South Carolina's pitching couldn't carry a struggling offense any longer, bringing an end to the Gamecocks' bid to win a third straight national championship.

Brandon Dixon's tie-breaking double started a three-run ninth inning for Arizona, and the Wildcats won their first national title since 1986 with a 4-1 victory Monday night.

James Farris and Mathew Troupe limited the Gamecocks (49-20) to three hits a night after Konner Wade yielded six hits in a complete game to open the best-of-three College World Series finals.

South Carolina batted .181 (33 of 182) over its last six games at the CWS after opening with a 7-3 win over Florida.

"We battled as hard as we could, but they did a little bit

better than we did," Gamecocks coach Ray Tanner said. "Though we're disappointed tonight, I'm not disappointed in my players. We battled awful hard. We made a run, got to the postseason and got back out here. We got in the losers' bracket and got back to the finals."

Dixon, who entered as a defensive replacement for Arizona (48-17) in the sixth inning, sent a grounder down the third-base line past LB Dantzer's outstretched glove for his first hit of the CWS.

Tyler Webb relieved Matt Price (5-5), and Trent Gilbert drove in his second and third runs of the game with a two-out single that broke open the game.

South Carolina had been trying to become the first team since the Southern California dynasty of the early 1970s to win three national titles in a row.

Right fielder Adam Matthews

said he never envisioned the run the Gamecocks made.

"Obviously, that's the goal of every college baseball team," he said.

"When you're recruited to a big program like the University of South Carolina, it's an honor. And you get there and your goal is to get to Omaha — and farther, to win the national championship.

"To do that twice and be in a position this year to do it again, it's been unbelievable. It's been a lot of fun. We had a great run."

Arizona's Andy Lopez, who won a national championship at Pepperdine in 1992, became the second coach to win a Division I baseball title at two different schools.

Augie Garrido was the first, winning three at Cal State Fullerton and two at Texas.

Roth set a CWS record with his eighth career start in Omaha.

## Astros fall to Padres 8-7 in extra innings

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros had plenty of chances to grab a big lead early in Monday night's game against the San Diego Padres.

Three of them, in fact, but the Astros left the bases loaded in three straight innings and eventually lost 8-7 to San Diego.

"That was a tough one because we had those opportunities to score, but it just didn't come through for us," manager Brad Mills said. "The second, third, fourth innings we had the bases loaded, and we only got the one run ... That was tough. We were just one big hit away."

Trailing 4-3 in the second, the Astros loaded

the bases with two outs, but Carlos Lee flew out to center to end the inning.

Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez bounced out with the bases loaded and two down in the third.

Houston pushed across two runs in the fourth to tie it at 5.

Chris Johnson singled in Brian Bixler and J.D. Martinez had a bases-loaded walk on four pitches.

But Jordan Schafer struck out looking to end the inning.

"When you get those opportunities, I don't know if guys try to do too much," Mills said.

"We had some good quality at-bats those three innings with the bases loaded."





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HOLIDAY MATHIS

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

and us, to declare what's real.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're observant and curious about interactions regardless of whether or not they involve you. In fact, you best interpret how others are feeling by the way they look when they are not interacting with you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your powers of reason will be put to excellent use. You'll calm someone with logic — maybe yourself. You'll solve a problem or prove a postulate, putting everyone at ease.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Wealth is transient. Some have built riches over a lifetime only to see the next generation dwindle the funds down to nothing. Realizing the temporal nature of riches, you'll spend yours in a way that makes you happy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Others know your beauty because they can stand back and take in the entire picture of you — or at least the picture from their angle. You're too close to observe yourself, so believe their compliments.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's nothing wrong with being silly. In fact, you'll create something so right by connecting with another person in a shared bit of inanity. The human condition can be quite absurd, indeed!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not the only one allowed to write on the blank page of your life. Sometimes people take their own pen and start scribbling. You will take those lines and make something beautiful out of them.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll revisit a scenario from last week. This is not a rerun in which the lines are predictable and the outcome is the same. This is more of a do-over. The outcome is up to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll do your best work while sleeping. Your mind's poetry will weave associations as beautiful as they are nonsensical. Keep a notebook and pen next to the bed, and jot down your impressions immediately upon waking.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who do not readily say "thank you" are perhaps not as mindful of your contribution as they might be. You're much more likely to give to those who know how to receive graciously.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Style and technique figure into your success in a big way today, so don't be afraid to spend the bulk of your time making things exactly what you want them to be.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a strong need for an audience, and you'll attract a decent one. What they lack in numbers they'll have in heart. People want to be involved with you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are so giving and open-minded now that the necessity of personal boundaries may not occur to you. Draw some anyway. Later, you'll be glad you did.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(June 26). You'll right something from your past and start anew in July. You like being rich in experiences, but you also want to be rich in money. You'll put your education to good use in August — especially what you learned in the school of life — and start earning by October. Transportation upgrades are a thrill in January. Pisces and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 24, 1, 26 and 39.

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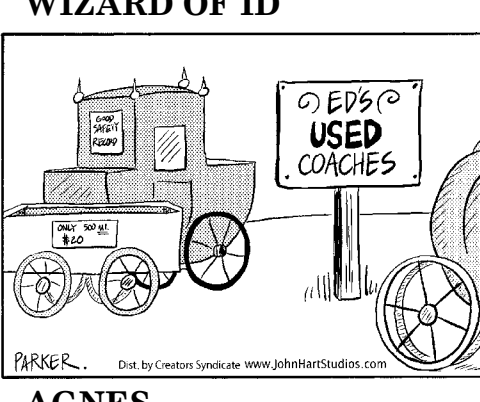
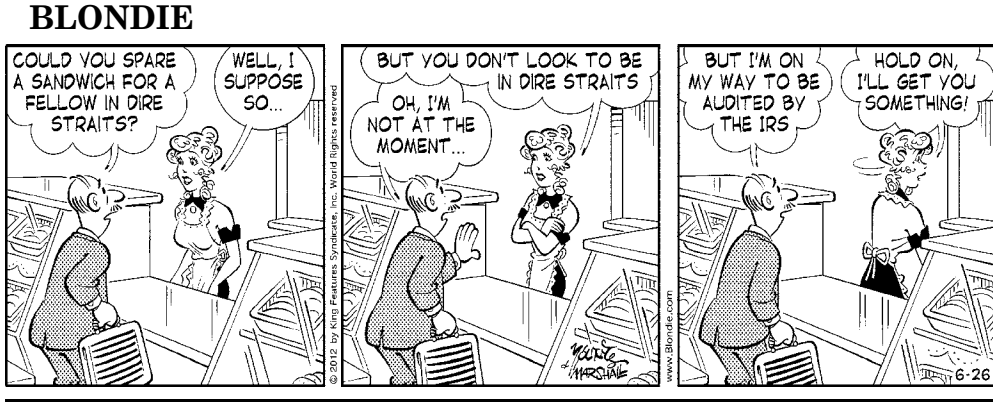
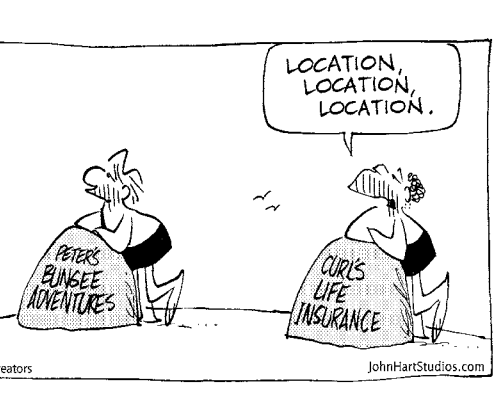
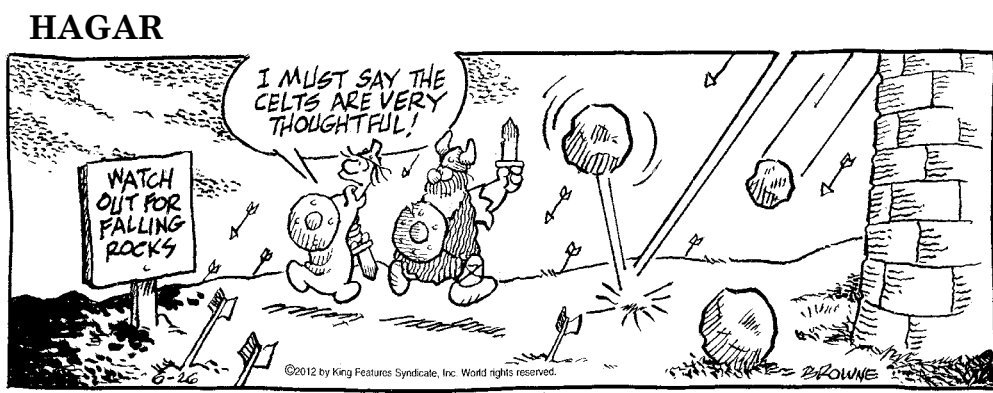
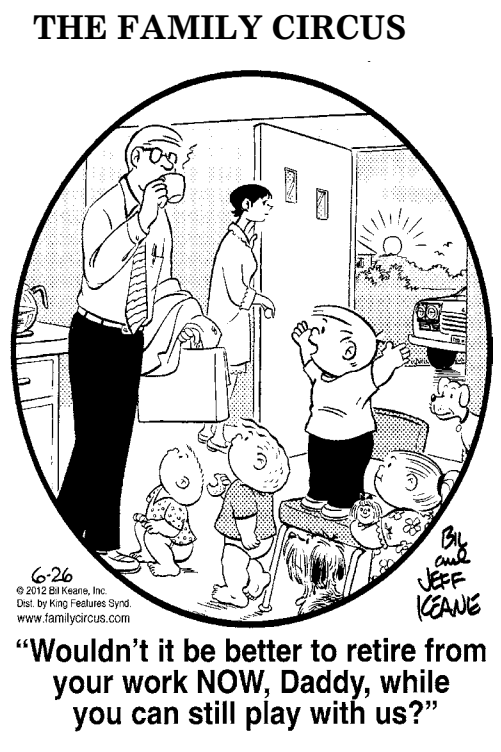
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<b>8:PM</b>	2012 NBA Finals: Heat at Thunder	Abismo de Pasión	MasterChef	NCIS: Los Angeles	Corazón Valiente	America's/ Talent	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Frontline	The L.A. Complex	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Excutive Decision, John Leguizamo	Ways Die	Rizzoli & Isles	Movie: The Brothers, Bill Bellamy	Phineas	NFL Live	SportsCenter
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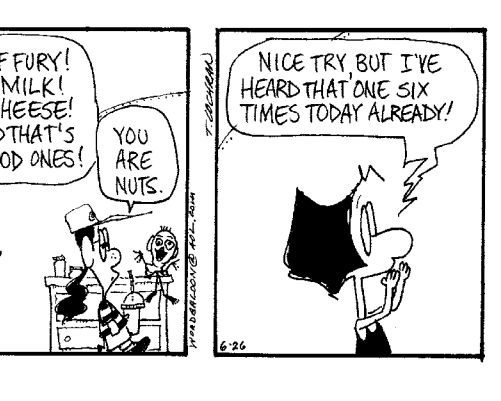
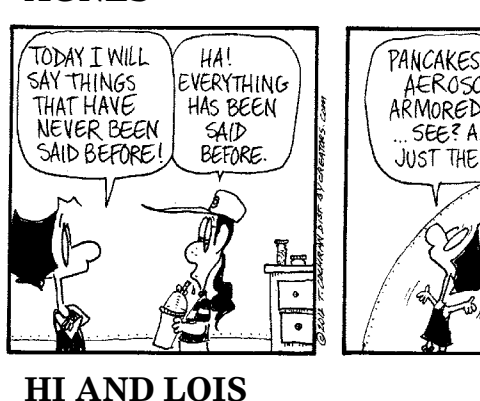


### This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 178th day of 2012. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On June 26, 1912, Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 9 in D major premiered in Vienna more than a year after the composer's death; Bruno Walter conducted the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
- On this date: In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).
- In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, N.J.'s Boardwalk was opened to the public.
- In 1911, John J. McDermott became the first American-born golfer to win the U.S. Open, played in Chicago.
- In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.
- In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.
- In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.
- In 1950, President Harry S. Truman authorized the Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean conflict.
- In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he famously declared, "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).
- In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.
- In 1987, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. announced his retirement, leaving a vacancy that was filled by Anthony M. Kennedy.
- In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during a demonstration at an air show in Mulhouse (muh-LOOZ'), France.
- In 1990, President George H.W. Bush went back on his "no-new-taxes" campaign pledge, conceding that tax increases would have to be included in any deficit-reduction package worked out with congressional negotiators.



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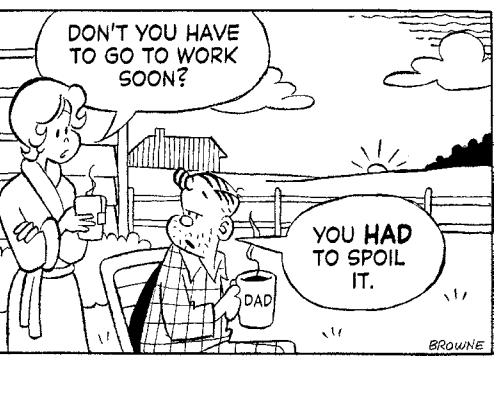
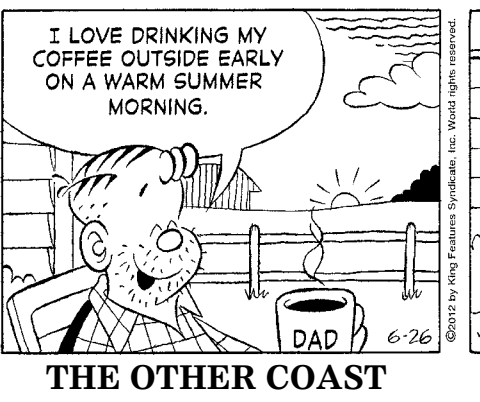
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Piles
- 6 Goatee site
- 10 Chop into cubes
- 14 Eight-person band
- 15 Camel-back feature
- 16 Worker safety org.
- 17 Gone With the Wind family name
- 18 \_\_\_ about (roughly)
- 19 Storage rental
- 20 Baloney
- 22 Dwelling place
- 23 Wide belt
- 24 Aquarium water purifier
- 25 "Do I have a volunteer?"
- 29 Angry
- 30 Grownup girl
- 31 Where a golf round starts
- 35 Something in an env.
- 36 Backbone
- 38 Military force
- 39 One who doesn't pay debts
- 41 Water-park slide
- 42 List ending abbr.
- 43 Auto engine starters
- 45 Capital of Lebanon
- 48 "Cellophane" office supply
- 49 Tears apart
- 50 Baloney
- 55 Square footage
- 56 Fossil fuel
- 57 "Me too"

**DOWN**

- 58 Nurses drink
- 59 Tiresome one
- 60 "\_\_\_ directed" (medicine warning)
- 61 Cain and Abel's brother
- 62 Pampering places
- 63 Mountaintops
- 9 Car Talk network
- 10 Baloney
- 11 "Failure \_\_\_ an option"
- 12 Scold mildly
- 13 Restaurant patron
- 21 Ill-mannered man
- 22 Broadcasts
- 24 Golfer's shout
- 25 Dumbfounded
- 26 \_\_\_ of the above
- 27 Gym site, for short
- 28 Baloney
- 29 Do something wrong
- 31 Look good on
- 32 Factual
- 33 Television award
- 34 Peepers
- 36 Chair or bench
- 37 Friend
- 40 A/C measures
- 41 Makes available, as space
- 43 Heavy ropes
- 44 Police alert, for short
- 45 Copper-zinc alloy
- 46 Spine-tingling
- 47 Clumsy
- 48 Miss America's crown
- 50 Sticky substance
- 51 Valentine flower
- 52 Notion
- 53 Moistened thoroughly
- 54 Make snake sounds
- 56 60 Minutes network



**Answer to previous puzzle**

VISA	ADAPT	ATMS
EDEN	DEMON	TAIL
SEED	UNAPT	ONCE
TANTALIZE	ENDED	
HITME	FLEE	
TATERS	ROADMAP	
IRAN	BOOAT	BSA
MEN	STARTLE	ITS
ENG	POLES	SKIT
SALTINE	ADHERE	
EONS	CANOE	
BAWLS	TANGERINE	
ARID	PERIL	BDAY
CITY	TEASE	ELSE
HAHA	ANTES	TEAS

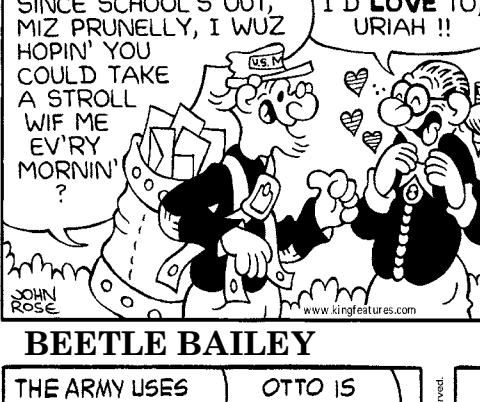


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OTTO IS MY OFFICE ASSISTANT

HOW FAST DOES HE TYPE?



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## PLAYOFF

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But he also usually qualifies his comments on changes to the college football postseason the way he did to The Washington Post last week: "Clearly, that all the commissioners reached a consensus of some sort is a big step," he told the newspaper. "I think the presidents would be reluctant to overrule the people that actually work in the area unless there was good reason to do so."

The plan to be presented would go into effect during the 2014 season. Under the proposal, national semifinals would be played on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. The sites for those games will rotate among the four current BCS games — Rose, Sugar, Orange and Fiesta — and possibly another bowl or two.

The national championship game would be played about 10 days later at another neutral site.

The title game site would be bid on the way the NFL handles where the Super Bowl is played. Any city that can pay the multi-million dollar tab and accommodate a huge

event could potentially host college football's championship game, including those that don't currently host bowl games.

The plan also calls for college football's final four to be determined by a selection committee, though who will be on that committee and how big it will be is to be determined.

The commissioners are also working on parameters and guidelines to give the proposed selection committee that they hope will eliminate some of the subjectivity that hampers the current system.

The commissioners want strength of schedule emphasized and to give conference champions some preference. They are also working on power rankings, similar to the RPI used by the NCAA basketball tournament selection committee.

The commissioners will have about four hours Tuesday to make their case. While they would like to have this wrapped up sooner rather than later, there is really no hard deadline.

The new format needs to be finalized by the time television contract negotiations begin in the fall. The current deal ends after the 2013 season.

## Griffin III target of extortion by ex-BU basketball player

DALLAS (AP) — A former Baylor basketball player is facing a federal extortion charge for allegedly threatening to release "derogatory information" about Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III unless he was paid.

Richard Khamir Hurd, 25, was arraigned Monday in federal court in Waco. His bond was set at \$25,000.

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Griffin, the Baylor quarterback who was the No. 2 overall draft choice of

the Washington Redskins, was the target of the alleged extortion attempt. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because authorities had not disclosed the fact.

Griffin was at an NFL rookie symposium Monday in Ohio, where players were not made available to reporters.

Court documents say that last week, Hurd contacted a representative from a St. Louis agency, threatening to publicize derogatory information about a client unless he was paid a "substantial

sum" of money. The representative is identified in documents only by the initials B.D.

According to court documents, Hurd met at a Waco business Friday with someone who agreed to handle the transaction. After signing a non-disclosure agreement, handing over the information and receiving a check, Hurd was arrested by an undercover FBI agent, documents said.

Griffin's Heisman Trophy, the first in the history of the world's largest Baptist university,

came after he led the Bears to only their second 10-win season in 112 years. In his three-year career, Griffin set or tied 54 school records.

Washington traded three first-round picks and a second-round pick to the St. Louis Rams to move into the No. 2 slot to draft Griffin.

The past year also saw Baylor win the NCAA women's basketball championship with a 40-0 record and reach the round of 16 for the second time in three years in the men's tournament.

## Sandusky's image replaced on Penn State mural

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The depiction of Jerry Sandusky on a well-known mural across the street from the Penn State campus has been replaced by an image of a poet and activist draped with a blue ribbon — a symbol for awareness of child sexual abuse.

It was artist Michael Pilato's latest step in erasing the image of the disgraced former assistant football coach following Sandusky's conviction last week on 45 counts at his child sex abuse trial.

Sandusky was removed from the mural days after his arrest in November. But Pilato returned to the work on Sunday, painting in Dora McQuaid, a Penn State graduate who is a poet and an advocate for do-

mestic and sexual violence victims and issues. The blue ribbon was added on Monday.

Also replacing Sandusky were two red handprints — one belonging to Ann Van Kuren, one of the 12 jurors who convicted Sandusky, and the other belonging to a sexual abuse victim.

Meanwhile, as Sandusky insisted through a lawyer Monday that he was not guilty, Van Kuren said she hoped the verdict would help his accusers heal.

Van Kuren said the jury found the testimony of the eight victims who took the witness stand compelling, and they weighed the accounts and evidence diligently before finding Sandusky guilty.

## RANGERS

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Austin Jackson led off the game with a double and Quintin Berry followed with a bunt fielded by Grimm. But when the pitcher turned to throw, first base was uncovered because first baseman Michael Young charged in and second baseman Ian Kinsler didn't get there.

"It was a misjudgment," manager Ron Washington said of how Young played the ball. "In that situation with a runner on second base, if the ball goes the other way you have to bust back

to the bag."

Miguel Cabrera followed with a two-run double. Delmon Young's run-scoring single and Jhonny Peralta an RBI double before he scored on Ramon Santiago's single that made it 5-0.

Berry drew a leadoff walk to start the second, and Grimm was gone after Cabrera singled. Fielder greeted reliever Michael Kirkman with a sacrifice fly.

Grimm threw 52 pitches, 40 of them in a top half of the first inning that took 23 minutes to play.

"Obviously, he got hit around by a pretty good-hitting team. He threw the ball out over the plate and they hit it," Washington

said. "As of now, he's preparing for his next start. If that changes I'll let you know."

Prince Fielder, the husky first baseman who signed a \$214 million, nine-year deal with the Tigers last winter after having some talks with Texas, even had a nifty 3-5-6-3 defensive play.

After Mike Napoli's leadoff double in the fifth, Fielder made a backhanded stop on Martin's grounder. Fielder ran toward Napoli, who had stopped between second and third bases, and eventually threw the ball to third baseman Cabrera. After a relay to shortstop Peralta, he threw back to Fielder to make the tag near third base.

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