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Pride to be on display at Coahoma

Freedom Parade is Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
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COAHOMA — Pride in country and community will be on display here Saturday. Coahoma's Freedom Parade, featuring floats, cars and tractors festooned in their red, white and blue best, will make its way down First Street beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade will start at the Coahoma High School football stadium and proceed south on First Street, east on the north service road, then north on Sixth Street before ending at the city park.

Judging for this year's event will be held at the stadium parking lot, so organizers urge people to have their entries in place and ready for display by 9:20 a.m.

"In previous years, folks participating in the parade needed to leave directly following the parade for plans with family members, which sometimes made judging difficult," Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace said. "We're hoping by doing the judging beforehand we'll be able to eliminate those problems and move things along more quickly."

Parade marshals will be Clois Snell, Ovis James, Ralph Matteson and Dennis Green-



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Norma Jean Wynn will be honored as Coahoma's Citizen of the Year following the community's Freedom Parade on Saturday.

field. The celebration won't end with the parade, however, as food, games and music will be featured at the city park later in the day.

The highlight of the park celebration will be a performance by Gene Snow and the Texas Eagle Dirt Band. Coahoma native Snow and his band are Christian/country musicians who will perform

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

In what probably qualifies as a freak of Mother Nature of late, Howard County got rainy Thursday. The storms were good for farmers for the most part, and watered lawns in Big Spring, but the high winds also caused damage around the community. Several residents reported fallen trees.

Ready to run?

Moonlight series continues tonight at state park

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Don't miss out on your chance to enjoy a full moon run this month.

Tonight is the second event in the four-series Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run. Registration will be taking place from 10 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. and the race will start at 11:55 p.m.

"We want to make sure everyone who wants to participate can, but we want to make sure everyone understands there will be no admittance to the park after 11:30 p.m.," State Park Manager Ron Alton said.

The run is open to all ages and sponsor Alton USA encourages families to get out and enjoy the time together. Registration is \$20 per person for each run, \$35 for two runs and \$45 for three. A \$5 discount will be given for those who wear their Moonlight Run shirt

to tonight's run through the fourth run, for those paying for each individual race.

Participation for the first moonlight run of the year, held June 8, was around 35. According to Alton, those included not only Big Spring residents, but some from surrounding communities, including Midland and Odessa.

"The first race actually drew the participation of a fair amount of families," Alton said. "We are hoping this time around we are able to eclipse the 35 participants from the first race and draw in a few more."

"As everyone knows, the state wants to see activity at the park so participation in the events is crucial," he added.

The presence of a second full moon in the month of August allows for four races this year compared to three last year. The other races will be held Aug. 3 and Aug. 31.

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Caution: Beat the heat

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the Crossroads area continues to bake under the hot West Texas sun, many area residents will find themselves venturing outdoors despite



the heat, a prospect which could turn dangerous without a serious element of caution, state officials warn.

Emily Palmer, spokesperson for DSHS, said the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

"Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June," said Palmer. "Staying in an air-conditioned area, either

at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms."

Palmer said the symptoms of heat-related illnesses are no joking matter, and could lead to serious health problems — even death.

"Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizzi-

ness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches," said Palmer. "People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation."

"To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning. If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat

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You have to hand it to the chief justice. He saved the health care bill and with it, perhaps, the Supreme Court's reputation as something other than the third branch of a government that is hopelessly divided along party lines.

And he did it in a way that sticks it to the administration by calling it a tax and allowing Mitt Romney (when he's not defending the similar "tax" he passed in Massachusetts) to attack President Obama as another tax-and-spend liberal.

Had the case gone the other way, the court would've found itself squarely in the middle of a presidential campaign because of a decision that would've been deemed pure partisan politics. The idea of striking down what many view (for better or worse) as the signal accomplishment of the president in the middle of a campaign, with the five Republican appointees outvoting the four Democratic appointees, brings back memories of Bush v. Gore, a low point for the legitimacy of the Supreme Court. Chief Justice John Roberts' vote might've been more political than those cast by the other eight, but if it was (as I suspect), it was also better politics for the court.

Thanks to the chief justice, the Supreme Court's role in the health care debate is over. The justices go off for their summer break having left health care reform exactly where it should

be: in the hands of voters, legislators and especially this administration, as a political issue and not a constitutional one.

Now it's up to Obama to do his own politics as well as the chief justice has.

Listening to the president's speech reacting to the decision, what struck me most is how badly this administration has done on their part of the politics of health care. It was one of the first times I've heard the president carefully, succinctly and convincingly explain everything that is good about the bill.

"Obamacare" has taken on a life of its own as a symbol of big government and bureaucracy that is almost totally divorced from the much-needed and popular reforms that are at the heart of the bill.

The president and his team did an amazing job in getting the act through Congress after decades of Democrats trying and failing. The solicitor general's office managed to succeed, with a huge assist from the chief justice, in saving the act. Now it's up to the president to sell it.

It's an old joke in politics that when your numbers are really bad, you don't tell the candidate that no one likes him. You tell him he has a communications problem.

When it comes to health care, Obama, the great communicator, has a major communications problem. For real.

Polls show that Americans in fact want health care reform. Plenty of us know what it's like to try to buy insurance for an individual, especially for those who have had some illness along the way. Some years ago, I tried to buy insurance for my nanny/



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Obamacare or Republicare?

With the drama unfolding following a landmark Supreme Court decision to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), a.k.a., Obamacare; I quickly noticed this issue is dominated by misconceptions, speculation and personal bias. I consider myself to be fairly educated on current events and I always have an opinion, so I decided to research the ramifications of such a monumental piece of legislation.

The biggest complaint opponents of the bill have expressed is the individual mandate — a component of the bill which requires Americans meeting certain financial criteria to carry health insurance if they aren't currently enrolled in a plan.

I have watched as disingenuous information flooded social media sites I frequent.

I have to say, the hyperbole would be amusing if it didn't taint the discussion that so many political gurus surfing the internet are eager to have.

For instance, did you know that you can get locked up in a maximum security penitentiary with murderers and thieves for not carrying health insurance? Or that passing this watered-down, Republican bill will quickly transform the nation into a modern day Nazi society? Have you read the part explaining how illegal aliens will have free health coverage now?

You haven't? Probably because they are patently false allegations.

You won't go to jail, we won't all sprout Hitler moustaches and it was Reagan that signed into law a bill stating any illegal alien or indigent person who needs immediate health care can't be refused at an emergency room.

The real problem, according to a litany of armchair scholars, is that forcing someone to buy a product is unconstitutional.

Consider this quote: "Neither the federal government nor any state requires all households to protect themselves from the potentially catastrophic costs of a serious accident or illness ... Society does feel a moral obligation to insure that its citizens do not suffer from the unavailability of health care. But on the

other hand, each household has the obligation, to the extent it is able, to avoid placing demands on society by protecting itself ... A mandate on households certainly would force those with adequate means to obtain insurance protection."

Whoa. Mandates? "Forced" to obtain insurance protection? Who in the world would want to force Americans to buy health coverage? What kind of Marxist rhetoric is this?

That must be an excerpt from one of Obama's stump speeches, you may be thinking.

Actually, it is a statement issued from the ultraconservative Heritage Foundation, a right wing think tank responsible for hatching many G.O.P. Policies enacted over the previous decades. Including one of the original versions of the PPACA.

Here is another quote: "With regards to the mandate — the individual responsibility program — I was very pleased. The personal responsibility principle is essential for bringing health care costs down for everyone."

Okay, that one must be Obama, right? Nope. That was Mitt Romney a couple years back extolling the virtues of personal responsibility via an individual mandate.

Obamacare, in fact, is just a modified version of the legislative template that the Heritage Foundation, Romney and a slew of other conservative think tanks and politicians have pushed for for more than 20 years.

If one is to honestly evaluate the bill, one thing that has to be disregarded is the notion it is some sinister, liberal plot to eliminate free-market influence in the health care arena. To the contrary, it has been presented by the right repeatedly as a viable alternative to socialized health care.

After all, who ultimately wins when we are forced to buy private insurance? The private sector, obviously.

Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney — who perhaps epitomizes free market ideals better than any candidate in history with his track record as a corporate shark — agreed with the gist of the bill — as well as the individual mandate — so strongly that a similar bill was imposed in Massachusetts, spearheaded by Romney himself during his stint as governor. We now know this as "Romneycare" — which is extremely reflective of Obama-care.

housekeeper/dear friend. She got rejected by almost everyone because she was 50 years old and had gastritis. Gastritis? Thankfully, Kaiser said yes, and years later, when she did face serious illness, she got great care.

I don't know how many times she has said to me that having insurance saved her life. I know too many stories of terrible things happening to people who waited weeks for tests at county hospitals to have any doubt that she is right.

One thing the people attacking the mandate never mention is that you can't have coverage for pre-existing conditions if you don't have a mandate. Another thing they don't mention is that many of our kids would be uninsured if they couldn't stay on their parents' policies. They also stay away from the prescription benefits for seniors, or well-baby care, or required coverage of mammograms. No, they just go on about government pushing its way into our lives and then, as the applause and cheering mount, pledge to repeal Obamacare.

It's not their job to point out what's right about the bill, how it will help almost everybody in significant ways. That's the president's job. You know he would have done it if the court had gone the other way. He was ready to tell us about everything we were losing. Now, he just needs to spend that energy and vigor telling us about everything we have — and will gain.

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Let's forget about the controversial mandate for a moment and evaluate what the PPACA actually changes, shall we?

First, it reigns in the all-powerful insurance companies a bit. It will now be illegal to deny coverage to, or jack up the rates on people who have pre-existing conditions. Said companies are no longer allowed to place caps, or lifetime limits on enrollees. There are also guidelines that will be set to limit the fluctuations of costs for those subscribing to a coverage plan. (Eliminating the concern that everyone's health care costs will suddenly skyrocket.)

Children may remain on their parents' insurance until they are 26, eliminating a large gap many Americans in that demographic once created. The FDA now has more power to approve generic drugs making medication more affordable. Programs emphasizing a healthier lifestyle, much-needed preventive care and other common sense approaches will be instituted to help offset the growing trend of uninsured people who wait until their situation is dire — not to mention costly — to finally address medical issues.

Proponents of the bill have said repeatedly that the legislation will not lean on the middle class, nor would the average Americans' taxes be raised outright. (We have heard that before though, eh?)

This is true. Kind of. Nobody's federal income taxes will be raised as result of Obamacare. But, like any other government program, the money has to come from somewhere. And if it bill ends up being a costly bureaucratic behemoth, we the people will surely end up carrying the albatross around necks.

That's the way it has become in this country. The natural order. We can't upset the wealthiest among us — not when they are so darn close to creating all those mythical jobs our ancestors talk about. We wouldn't want to miss out on our next meal of trickle down wealth from the tables of the affluent.

And we certainly shouldn't question our leaders. They must know something we don't know — they have had government run health care for decades.

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Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church will meet Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Michael Willard continues the series "A Dynamic Fellowship."
Last week, on our title "Fellowship That Matters," we discussed four points taken from Philippians 2:1-4, which states that for an effective fellowship we need: (1) to be like-minded, (2) to have the same love, (3) to be of one accord, (4) to be of one mind... think unity. This week our title will be "Restoring a Broken Fellowship."
We meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship.
CCC offers nursery and children church for mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 E.12th St. For office hours or more information, contact our office at 264-0015 or visit us on the web www.cccbigspring.org

Coahoma First Presbyterian Church

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Tom Koger.
The lectionary is II Samuel 5:1-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

College Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church

The pastor of Charles River Church, Josh Wyatt, spoke to members about their work in Boston as the congregation voted to become partners in spreading the gospel in the inner city. Praying for their ministry is a vital part in our Acts 1:8 mission statement. Also, our youth are in Canada seeking to evangelize the unsaved, and members are wearing bracelets as reminders to pray for their safety and guidance by the Holy Spirit.
Sunday evening involved serving the community at laundromats, restaurants and firehouses. This Sunday will be our social emphasis with several Sunday school classes meeting for fellowship in the dining hall and family life center. Come at 6 p.m. to join us in this activity.
Sunday worship time is at 10:50 a.m.
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Spring Creek Fellowship

"Bug Zone" Vacation Bible School was so much fun. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that made everything run smoothly. Thank you to the parents that allowed us to get to know your children and find out just how amazing and precious they are!
Thank you to all who supported the Spring Creek Fellowship youth fundraiser at the "Mr. W" Fireworks store. This fundraiser was a great success and everyone had fun meeting all the people who came into the store.
Sunday is our monthly youth fundraiser brisket dinner after worship. Donations go toward youth camp and events. To go plates are available. Place your order before worship service and it will be ready to go when you are.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"October Baby" will be our movie for family movie night Saturday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Nursery is available for age 4 and younger. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available for the movie. Donations accepted and go toward youth camp and events. Visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for information about any of our events.

Girls Bible study meets at 5 p.m. for girls ages 13-19 and is led by Rachel Jo Eckert.

"Between the Lines" women's ministry meets the third Friday of the month. The next meeting is at 6 p.m. July 20. Call the church office for more details.

Spring Creek prayer ministry is at 1:45 p.m. Thursdays at the church. Childcare for 4 year olds and under is available.

Sunday school classes/Connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible study and youth and children's activities are at 6 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

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First United Methodist Church

The Children's Day Out (CDO) celebrated our nation's birthday with an All American picnic Monday in Garrett Hall. Kids With A Purpose (KWAP) visited the Veterans Administration hospital and many of the veterans who

served our country in past years July 2. The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) celebrated with hot dogs, hamburgers, bingo and ice cream July 4. While many classes and other groups in the church participated in various Independence celebrations.

The birth of our nation and its many freedoms will again be observed in both of our services of worship this Sunday. Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching at both services; his sermon will be "Splish, Splash, it's more than a bath" with scripture text from Genesis 17:1-14 and John 3: 1-8.

We will have nine guest musicians from the University of North Texas playing and singing in both services. The music will be patriotic in nature and the services will focus on honoring our veterans and celebrating the freedoms that God has granted us in the U.S.A. During the second service our bell choir will play A Patriotic Medley and our chancel choir will sing Let There Be Peace on Earth as well as God Bless America.

The junior high kids will be leaving Monday for ROTC (Reaching Others Thru Christ). They will be joining groups from other Methodist churches in Canyon for several days of building wheel chair ramps for those in need.

There will be an all-church bridal shower Saturday, July 21, honoring Heather Barr and Randall Capshaw. Our congratulations to this young couple who has been such a vital part of our worship the past two years.

Disciple Bible Study #1 is coming back this fall. If you are interested in taking this course, contact Pastor Ivins at the church office.

Remember, this is the year for Lord's Acre, coming on October 13. Molly and Maury Smith are heading

up the event and will be calling soon for new and interesting ideas. Later in October there will be a Ladies Fall Brunch and guest speaker. Individuals will be hosting and decorating tables for eight. For more information, contact Becky Woodall.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry Streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad Street. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. The worship service is at 10:50 a.m. July 8, the Rev. Dwayne Park Wheat will deliver the message while the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh is on vacation.

Volunteers are needed at Isaiah 58 to unload the truck Monday mornings and assist clients. Client hours are Monday from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Call 268-9530 or the church office to help or for more information.

Samaritan Counseling is available Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at www.fcbsbig-spring.org.

North Birdwell Lane

United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading the service and Jacquie Mauch leading the music. There will be no evening service during the summer months.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will continue their study in unit two: Justice Enacted with Bill Lovelace leading the discussion on "David Embodies God's Justice" taken from Second Samuel 22:1-23:7 and First Chronicles 18:14.

A short meeting will take place Sunday morning to discuss details of an upcoming mission project and making our food pantry more accessible to those in need.

Continue to be aware of the fire danger in our community and continue to pray for the many firefighters and those who have lost their homes and businesses in the many fires, but also remember those in the northeast who are suffering from high heat with no electricity.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241 for church business or for use of the local food pantry.

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@com.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

The installation service for our new Pastor Lannon Martin will be held Sunday, July 15 at 3 p.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will deliver the sermon entitled "Called and empowered by God."

Dolline Budke will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Ezekial 2: 1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 and Mark 6: 1-13.

College Baptist Church

A group of 26 people will be leaving. See CHURCH, Page 7A

A gift from God

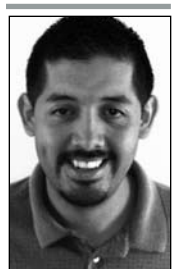
We have seen over several lessons that money can be extremely dangerous. Yet I did not want to give the wrong impression regarding its wonderfulness.

James in his letter would say, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow" (1:17). Included in "every good thing given" would be money but you might be wondering how can that be after noting that money is the root of all kinds of evil. I think we can all agree that the problem is not in the item itself but in how people use the item (think about guns for another example).

So let us consider the good that money can do based on scripture. In Romans 12 Paul discusses the different gifts that Christians possess. He notes that these are given to us through grace (a free gift). Not only that the church is made up of many members and we all do not have

the same function. On top of that we are all individually members one of another which teaches us that we are called to use our gifts to help each other out. Included in the lists of gifts (recorded for us from 6-8) is giving which would obviously include our money considering that each first day of the week we are instructed to give of our financial means (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). If the Philippian church had no money they would not have been able to send aid to Paul (Philippians 4:10-20). On top of that how would the church function as a whole if nobody had any money? During the first century Paul went around gathering up money to help the poor brethren in the Jerusalem area (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) but if everybody was poor that would not have been possible. So money is a gift from God and if properly used it can absolutely glorify the God we serve.

Kenneth Garcia is minister for the Birdwell Lane church of Christ. He can be contacted directly by email at TheLordschild33@yahoo.com and if you can title any email "QUESTIONS FOR KENNY." Thanks and have a blessed day.



KENNETH GARCIA

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First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, which usually meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library, did not meet July 4. The Boy Scouts meet Monday, June 11, at 6 p.m. in the entrance room of the fellowship hall.

Sunday school classes are meeting during the summer: elementary classes will concentrate on computer lessons and DVDs in the computer or theater rooms, with the youth assisting.

Covenant class will study "God's Call to Justice," a survey of the Old Testament which follows the theme of justice as it pertains to God's ongoing relationship with Israel and all people.

The Discovery Class is following a DVD study of Isaiah by Dr. Mickey Efrid, Presbyterian minister and former professor at Duke University Divinity School.

Sunday we will start worship at 10:50 a.m.

Vicki McLean is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments.

Liturgist for July is Danny Kennemur. Ushers for the month are Robert Bennett, Sally and Andy Grisham and Nancy Koger.

The lectionary is II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM. at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpchs.org.

Wrestling with gorillas

I have never wrestled with a gorilla – at least not a 500-pound one that walked on its hind legs. However, I have tussled with a few gorilla-strength problems that left me exhausted and threatened to destroy my sanity.

Apparently, actor Robert Strauss encountered a few gorillas of some sort along his way to fame. A popular quote-of-the-day feed credits Strauss with having said, "Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you are tired – you quit when the gorilla is tired."

Having struggled with a few metaphorical primates in the course of my lifetime, I have to agree with Strauss. Sometimes we just have to stay in the ring until the monkey decides to climb off our backs. No matter how hard we try to pin our gorillas to the mat, they don't give up easily.

Sometimes the gorillas that we have to fight in order to be successful come in various forms and sizes. Their names are Grief, Fear, Anxiety, Stress, Anger and Discouragement.

They have cousins called Illness, Disappointment, Failure and Depression. They seem to congregate to curtail creativity, enthusiasm and determination.

In a fast-paced world that often resembles a jungle, gorillas swing at us from all directions. They attack our time, re-

sources and plans. They bombard us with obstacles, doubts and excuses.

They leave us feeling tired, frustrated and defeated.

In the Bible, we find a story about a man named Jacob who wrestled with someone more powerful than any gorilla. Jacob wrestled with God in the form of a man.

According to the Scripture, the entanglement lasted all night. Jacob refused to surrender until he had God's blessing, and God injured Jacob's hip, leaving him with a permanent limp.

After the confrontation, God said to Jacob: "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed" (Genesis 32:28 NASB).

Jacob's wrestle with God was a turning point in his life because he realized for the first time that blessings come only from God. His limp, a disguised gift, was a reminder of his dependence on God.

While most of us will never have a face-to-face encounter with God, perhaps we should learn to view the gorillas we have to wrestle as God's agents to make us depend on Him for success and blessings.

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BONNIE WHEAT

Reader's Corner

Heroes aren't supposed to cry, but sometimes when they are alone and no one is watching they cry.

For the things that they saw and had to do in those far away places that they were sent to — to defend the U.S.A.

They did their duty and are called heroes. But the price of being a hero is a high one.

For their hearts and souls will never be the same for war is an ugly thing it leaves the scars in places you can't see And in the end no one really wins Ask a hero and they can tell you

that there are no true winners in a war And that's why our heroes cry sometimes

Lana Anguiano

Going to the ends of the Earth

I grew up in a small town in Texas and did not travel more than a hundred miles from home before high school. My first trip to a "foreign country" was across the Red River into Oklahoma. But, when I was 18, God called me into the ministry and that changed everything. I knew when I accepted that call that Christians were to bear witness of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. I had no idea that God meant for me to go there.



BILL TINSLEY

He first took me to regions of the United States that I had only read about: to the boundless beauty of the Northwest, the plains of Indiana, the urban centers and rocky coasts of the Northeast. I even lived in Minnesota for eight years where I learned how to survive brutal winters and celebrate summers. I discovered the immense pleasure of sweet corn, though I never learned to eat lutefisk.

I was introduced to poverty in Matamoros, Mexico that seemed to pale beside the favelas of Brazil. I visited orphanages in Guatemala and saw volcanoes with lush forests. While conducting church planting conferences in Australia, I toured Sydney's Botany Bay, woke to the sound of a laughing kookaburra outside Melbourne and napped on the grass at King's Park in Perth, then witnessed the crashing surf at Auckland, New Zealand. In Moscow, I stood outside the Kremlin and toured Lenin's tomb after working on a partnership with Siberian Christians. We met with Christians from around

the world in Prague and visited Bethlehem Chapel where John Hus preached in 1402. In Egypt, I stood in awe at the foot of the same pyramids that were once seen by Abraham and explored the catacombs of Alexandria where Christians took refuge in the first centuries. I met with NGOs in Aceh, Indonesia after the 2004 tsunami and woke each morning to the Islamic call to prayer. This summer I am in Nuremberg, Germany serving as pastor of a new English speaking church with more than a dozen nationalities represented.

Along the way I learned that God loves different cultures and different people.

He loves the red, brown, yellow, black and white. He loves long hair and short. He loves the sound of different music and different languages. Like His creation with all of its multifaceted mysteries, he loves the diversity within the human race.

I learned that when I am in a different culture I see myself differently, and I see God in ways I would have never seen Him.

I learned that there is no greater adventure than to follow Him to the ends of the earth to share the message that He has revealed Himself in His Son, Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. I am filled with awe, wonder and amazement at the journey that started, for me, with a very small step in a small town in Texas.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠ 974 ♥ 10 ♦ Q76 ♣ AKJ873

1. Your partner opens One Notrump, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

2. Your partner opens One Spade, and you respond Two Clubs. Partner rebids Two Spades. What would you bid now?

3. Your right-hand opponent opens Three Hearts, and, after two passes, your partner doubles. What would you bid now?

4. Your partner opens One Spade, and you respond Two Clubs. Partner rebids Two Notrump. What would you bid now?

1. Three notrump. You can't guarantee three notrump, but the odds heavily favor making it. Partner is extremely likely to have at least one heart stopper, so nine tricks in notrump, with the help of your club suit, are very probable.

Five clubs could be a better contract, but there's no practical way of investigating that possibility without giving up on the notrump game. You could bid three clubs over two hearts, but most players treat this bid as non-forcing, and that might end the auc-

tion. 2. Four spades. True, you have only 10 high-card points, but game is nevertheless probable after partner rebids spades, showing extra length in the suit. Your singleton heart has enormous value. It would be overly cautious to bid only three spades, as partner is unlikely to lose four tricks.

3. Five clubs. To bid only four clubs would not come anywhere close to doing your hand justice, since you could make the same bid with four or five small clubs and a worthless hand. The jump to five clubs represents your values fairly accurately. If partner passes, you'll probably make just five; if he raises to six clubs, you'll probably make that also.

4. Three spades. You could take a stab at three notrump, but, considering your 6-3-3-1 distribution, the hand will almost surely play better in spades.

The three-spade bid (forcing) asks partner to choose between spades and notrump, depending on his hand. Since you are in no position to judge what is best, you should let partner make the final decision. If he has something like: ♠ Q8532 ♥ AQ5 ♦ KJ4 ♣ Q6, three notrump is by far the best contract.

Tomorrow: An endplay of a different kind.

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News in brief

Diplomats press Syrian leader Assad as defection of top general shows crack in inner circle

PARIS (AP) — The United States and its international partners called Friday for global sanctions against Bashar Assad's regime, seeking to step up the pressure after the defection of a top general dealt a blow to the Syrian leader. Washington urged countries around the world to pressure Russia and China into forcing Assad to leave power.

A Western official told The Associated Press that Syrian Brig. Gen. Manaf Tlass had abandoned Assad's regime. Tlass was a member of the elite Republican Guards and a son of a former defense minister. The official wasn't authorized to divulge the information and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tlass' whereabouts are unclear. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and other opposition websites claimed he had fled to Turkey. It is arguably the highest profile departure from the Assad regime in 16 months of brutal government crackdowns and civil war.

In Paris, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton joined senior officials from about 100 other countries to win wider support for a Syrian transition plan unveiled last week by U.N. mediator Kofi Annan. Joined by America's allies, she called for "real and immediate consequences for non-compliance, including sanctions," against the Assad regime.

But with neither Moscow nor Beijing in attendance, much remained dependent on persuading the two reluctant U.N. veto-wielding powers to force Assad into abiding by a cease-fire and the transition strategy. Clinton urged governments around the world to direct their pressure toward Russia and China, as well.

U.S. hiring in June likely picked up, but not enough to lower the unemployment rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiring likely picked up slightly in June after sputtering in April and May. But the gains aren't expected to be enough to lower the unemployment rate.

Analysts forecast that the economy gained only 90,000 jobs last month, according to a survey by FactSet. It would mark a third straight month of weak job growth. The unemployment rate is expected to remain at 8.2 percent.

The Labor Department will report on June hiring and unemployment at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time Friday.

Some economists grew more optimistic on Thursday after a pair of reports signaled improvement in the job market last month. The government said fewer people applied for unemployment benefits for the second straight week. And payroll provider ADP said businesses added 176,000 jobs last month, up from its reported gain of 136,000 jobs in May.

Goldman Sachs responded to the better data by raising its forecast to a gain of 125,000 jobs last month, up from its initial prediction of 75,000.

New jobs numbers loom over Obama's Ohio bus trip, could set battle lines for summer campaign

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — Campaigning by bus through swing state Ohio, President Barack Obama cast his re-election bid as a bet on the American worker Thursday, even as he braced for a Friday unemployment report that will help set battle lines for the hot summer to come.

The monthly unemployment numbers could alter or harden voters' views of Obama's core re-election

argument that he pulled the U.S. back from recession while Republican Mitt Romney embraces policies that led to an economic near-collapse. A weak report could undermine Obama's position, while improvement could help the president — though concerns about jobs are sure to be a major issue through Election Day.

Obama tellingly chose to start his summer of on-the-road campaigning in two political battleground states that have a rosier economic outlook than some parts of the nation. Both Ohio and Pennsylvania had unemployment rates of 7.3 percent in May, well below the national average of 8.2 percent.

"This is how summer is supposed to feel," Obama said, wiping sweat from his face he campaigned under scorching sun for four more years in office.

His trip through northern Ohio gave him a post-July 4 splash of Americana: Main streets and U.S. flags, cornfields and fruit stands, community soccer sign-ups and American Legion halls, small children climbing on fathers' shoulders to see the president's bus go by. Obama was greeted kindly wherever he went and bounded through his day, high-fiving the kids and hugging grandmothers.

Argentina's dictators guilty of stealing babies from prisoners; but many others remain free

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The conviction of two former dictators for the systematic stealing of babies from political prisoners 30 years ago is a big step in Argentina's effort to punish that era's human rights abuses, though certainly not the last.

Following Thursday's convictions of Rafael Videla and Reynaldo Bignone, at least 17 other major cases are before judges or are nearing trial.

Among them is a "mega-trial" involving the Navy Mechanics School, which became a feared torture center as the 1976-1983 military junta kidnapped and killed 13,000 opponents while trying to annihilate an armed leftist uprising. That case involves 65 defendants, nearly 900 victims, more than 100 witnesses and about 60,000 pages of evidence.

A "Never Again" commission formed shortly after Argentina's democracy was restored in 1983 documented thousands of crimes against humanity during the military regime, but hardly any of the violators were prosecuted until the late Nestor Kirchner was elected president 20 years later.

Justice Minister Julio Alak said Thursday that Kirchner's wife and successor, President Cristina Fernandez, deserves credit for making the human rights cases a cornerstone of government.

House Agriculture Committee unveils its farm bill, calls for bigger cuts to food stamp program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Agriculture Committee on Thursday unveiled its approach for a long-term farm and food bill that would reduce spending by \$3.5 billion a year, almost half of that coming from cuts in the federal food stamp program.

The legislative draft envisions reducing current food stamp spending projections by \$1.6 billion a year, four times the amount of cuts incorporated in the five-year, half-trillion-dollar farm bill passed by the Senate last month.

Food stamps, formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, look to be the most contentious issue when the Agriculture Committee begins voting on the bill Wednesday and when the full House begins debating it in the future.

Conservatives in the Republican-led House are certain to demand greater cuts in the food stamps

program, which makes up about 80 percent of the nearly \$100 billion a year in spending under the farm bill. Senate Democrats are equally certain to resist more cuts in a program that now helps feed 46 million people, 1 out of every 7 Americans.

"Underfunding this critically important program when families temporarily rely on it to put food on the table in a tough economy is irresponsible and inhumane," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., a food stamp advocate in the House. The Agriculture Committee said its bill would strengthen the program's integrity while better targeting assistance to those in need of it.

Presbyterians reject divestment measure over Israeli policy in Palestinian territories

By a razor-thin margin, the largest Presbyterian group in the United States rejected a proposal Thursday to divest from three companies that do business with Israel. Pro-Palestinian advocates vowed to try again.

The Presbyterian General Assembly voted 333-331, with two abstentions, to reject the divestment plan. A second vote instead affirmed a policy of investment in support of peace in Israel and the Palestinian territories. That proposal passed by a much wider margin, 369-290 with eight abstentions.

The votes came after days of discussion and more than two hours of floor debate at the meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Pittsburgh. The policymaking body will meet again on Friday, but there is little chance the divestment plan could be revived.

Divestment advocates said the targeted companies — Caterpillar Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Motorola — profit from the occupation by providing bulldozers, surveillance technology and other products to the Israeli military.

Major Jewish groups from across the political spectrum had lobbied furiously against the measure, including the liberal-leaning pro-Israel groups Americans for Peace Now and J Street. The American Jewish Committee, a public policy group, said the proposal demonized Israel and threatened Christian-Jewish relations.

Pena Nieto takes another step toward restoring PRI to power with Mexico's official vote count

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico took a big step toward resolving its contested presidential election with the official confirmation of the victory by Enrique Pena Nieto, the candidate seeking to return the former autocratic ruling party to power after a 12-year hiatus.

The count by the country's electoral authority will almost certainly become the target of legal challenges by leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who alleges Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, engaged in vote-buying that illegally tilted millions of votes.

The accusations began surfacing in June, but sharpened early this week as thousands of people rushed to grocery stores on the outskirts of Mexico City to redeem pre-paid gift cards worth about 100 pesos (\$7.50). Many said they got the cards from supporters of PRI prior to Sunday's elections.

Investigators trying to determine what caused yacht to capsize

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. (AP) — Investigators are trying to learn more about the crucial seconds before a yacht capsized off Long Island, killing three children and leaving 24 others scrambling for their lives.

The July Fourth accident has left more questions than answers in the search for a definitive cause. Investigators are counting on gaining knowledge from survivors and the boat itself once it is brought up from 60 feet below the surface of Long Island Sound.

Efforts to raise the boat might begin as early as Friday.

Authorities said several possibilities might have combined to doom the vessel known as Candi 1 as it was being positioned so passengers could watch fireworks.

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Rangers swept out of Chicago after 2-1 loss



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AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Texas Rangers came to town with the best record in the majors and left U.S. Cellular Field the victims of a three-game sweep.

Texas was routed 19-2 in the opener and then couldn't find a way to solve Chicago White Sox rookie Jose Quintana in the series finale, dropping a 2-1 decision Thursday in searing heat.

The loss was the fourth straight for the two-time AL champions, matching their longest skid of the season.

"We're in first place in the West. That's where we are," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "That's what this series told us. We lost three ball-games, but we're in first place in the West."

Washington wasn't distressed by his team's performance in the next-to-last series before he manages the AL in Tuesday's All-Star game in Kansas City.

"It's always disappointing when you pitch well and don't put enough runs on the board," he said. "Certainly not gonna shake our board, but we know that we're a very good club. For three games against the Chicago White Sox, we didn't do very much. ... Other than that first game, I thought we played pretty good baseball."

Quintana allowed only two hits in eight innings, outpitching All-Star Matt Harrison in a game that saw temperatures reach 102.

Harrison (11-4) pitched well, allowing only eight hits and two runs, including a go-ahead solo homer to Kevin Youkilis in the sixth. He finished with a complete game.

It was the first homer Harrison had allowed since June 3 and Thursday was his sixth start since that outing against the Angels. Harrison (11-4) gave up eight hits and two runs with two walks and five

AP photo

Pitching Coach Mike Maddux (second from left) talks to pitcher Matt Harrison (left) along with shortstop Elvis Andrus and catcher Yorvit Torrealba during the fourth inning of the Rangers' 2-1 loss against the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

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Astros drop 8th straight with 2-0 loss to Pirates

WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Carlos Lee is long gone. And for the moment, so is the Houston Astros' offense.

Bud Norris tossed seven solid innings Thursday night, but the Astros struggled against Jeff Karstens and fell 2-0 at Pittsburgh for their eighth consecutive loss.

"It's a tough road trip for us," said Norris, who dropped his fifth consecutive decision. "We're excited to go home. We've got three games before the (All-Star) break. It's a tough little stretch here but we've got to keep playing hard, keep battling and see what we can do."

The Astros couldn't do anything against Karstens (2-2), who kept them off balance all night. Houston managed just four hits — all of them singles — and didn't get a runner to third base until there were two outs

in the ninth inning.

"There's no doubt we want to reverse what's going on," manager Brad Mills said.

Garrett Jones and Casey McGehee each drove in a run for Pittsburgh, which has won eight of nine to vault into first in the NL Central. Joel Hanrahan pitched the ninth for his 22nd save, completing Pittsburgh's first four-game home sweep of the Astros since 1979.

Norris (5-6) allowed both runs and five hits, struck out six and walked three, but remained winless since May 21.

"He was able to work out of a lot of jams," Mills said. "He battled through it when he had runners in scoring position, that was good to see."

While the Astros are struggling,

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Rangers' Darvish, Cardinals' Freese receive fan favorite nods

CHICAGO (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish was hit by a line drive during one All-Star game in Japan. He's hoping to avoid that mishap on Tuesday.

Darvish and St. Louis Cardinals third baseman David Freese are headed to the Midsummer Classic after fans voted them into next week's showcase in Kansas City.

"I feel very good," Darvish said Thursday through an interpreter. "I know the way that I got selected was a vote by the fans, so I appreciate all the fans who voted for me. I'm looking forward to it."

Darvish is the eighth AL team manager by Texas' Ron Washington. He beat out four other pitchers: Chicago's Jake Peavy, Baltimore's Jason Hammel, Kansas City's Jonathan Broxton and the Angels' Ernesto Frieri.

"It just wasn't meant to be," said Peavy, who was supported by an aggressive marketing campaign by the White Sox. "Obviously we knew it's hard to outvote a country."

Freese emerged from

an NL field that included Atlanta outfielder Michael Bourn, Nationals rookie outfielder Bryce Harper and Arizona second baseman Aaron Hill.

"I'm happy, I'm thrilled," Freese said before St. Louis hosted the Rockies on Thursday night. "Thank you Cardinal Nation. Unbelievable support from friends, family and Cardinals fans."

Freese, the World Series and NL MVP last fall, joins teammates Carlos Beltran, Rafael Furcal, Yadier Molina and Lance Lynn on the NL roster. Freese began the day with a .285 batting average, 13 homers and 50 RBIs.

"You stack up his numbers and he's deserving," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said. "He made it happen."

Darvish has made a smooth adjustment to the major leagues after the Rangers committed more than \$107 million to bring him to the U.S. The 25-year-old right-hander got a guaranteed \$56 million, six-year contract and Texas also paid a record \$51.7 million posting bid to his

team in Japan.

Darvish responded by going 6-1 with a 2.60 ERA in his first eight starts. The rookie le-



AP photo

Yu Darvish

eled off a bit but is 10-5 with a 3.59 ERA for the only team in the majors with 50 wins.

And now he's into his first major league All-Star game.

"I don't know where I stand amongst the team, I think I just want to stay quiet and stay out of the way of the players, not be a burden to them," he said. "I'll have (Rangers teammate) Matt Harrison act as my older brother, I'll just hide behind him all day."

U.S., Cuba resume series after 16 years

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Associated Press

HAVANA — A team of college stars representing the United States faced off with a veteran Cuban national squad in Havana, reviving a series between two baseball-crazy nations 16 years after it was called off at a nadir in relations.

Players and fans stood respectfully in the city's storied Latin American Stadium on Thursday night as the Cuban and then the U.S. national anthems played on loudspeakers — the latter a rarity in the Communist-run island nation.

"This is awesome. I've never been out of the country before, so this is my first time," said USA outfielder Johnny Fields, a 20-year-old sophomore who won a College World Series title less than two weeks ago with the University of Arizona. "We've

heard all the hype about how great the stadium is, and Cuba is at baseball, and it's already shown since we got here. ... We're fired up to be here."

The last time Cuba and the U.S. played a series like this outside of tournament play was 1996, which even among 53 years of bad blood stood out as a particularly bad year for U.S.-Cuban relations: That February, Cuba shot down two small planes piloted by an anti-Castro exile group that Havana accused of entering its airspace to drop leaflets. Later, President Clinton signed the Helms-Burton Act, which dramatically hardened the U.S. trade embargo.

USA Baseball President Mike Gaski said there was no single event that prompted the series to be suspended and decisions on things such as funding, timing

and scheduling have kept play from resuming before now. But he acknowledged that political concerns complicated matters, and said it took years of building relationships to bring about this weekend's games.

"It wasn't for lack of trying on both people's parts. And there were probably political pressures that went on above our pay grades. ... I wasn't privy to those conversations," Gaski said. "There's always been an anxiety about defections, and maybe everybody's at a better place right now."

The plan is for the Cubans to pay a reciprocal visit next summer, though that's not etched in stone.

"The most important thing is to maintain this matchup, both in Cuba and in the United States. I would love to

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Parker cleared for Olympic action

PARIS (AP) — Spurs guard Tony Parker can play for European runner-up France in the Olympic Games after France's doctor says he has recovered from an eye injury.

Parker scratched his left cornea during a nightclub melee in New York last month.

"The two ophthalmologists (from the Spurs) confirmed the opinion of the French doctor who operated on Tony Parker, and the two Swiss specialists who also examined the player last Thursday, and indicated that he can resume playing," the French Basketball Federation said on Friday, adding that Spurs coach Gregg Pop-

ovich also gave his blessing.

Parker is joining the French squad in Orleans and he could play in a tuneup against the Olympics.

France's first game at the Olympics is against the United States on July 29.

"It is great news and a relief for the whole France team," coach Vincent Collet said. "I spoke with Tony on the phone and he sounded very happy — and also relieved — about this development. It was a difficult and alarming situation for everyone."

Parker was included on the team's 12-man Olympic roster as he waited to see whether his injury would heal.

Serena to face Radwanska in Wimbledon final

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AP Sports Writer
WIMBLEDON, England — Instead of counting Serena Williams out at Wimbledon, it was much easier to count her aces.

About a month after losing in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in her career, Williams hit a tournament-record 24 aces Thursday to reach her seventh Wimbledon final.

"I honestly didn't feel great on my serve today. I really didn't," Williams said after beating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 7-6 (6) on Centre Court. "I thought my serve was off, and apparently clearly it wasn't, so maybe I should be off a little more."

Williams has won 13 Grand Slam titles, with the last one coming at

the All England Club two years ago. Shortly after that victory, Williams cut her feet on glass at a restaurant, leading to a series of health problems, including being hospitalized for clots in her lungs.

"I have so much appreciation for every moment on the court," Williams said. "I really take pride in playing, especially playing such big, amazing tournaments like this."

In Saturday's final, Williams will face Agnieszka Radwanska. The third-seeded Radwanska beat Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-4 in the other semifinal to become the first Polish player to reach a Grand Slam final since 1939.

"I'm just going to try to mix it up," said Radwanska, who cut short her news conference because of a coughing fit.

"Of course, every match is different, so I'll see after tomorrow how it's going to be."

On Friday in the men's semifinals, defending champion Novak Djokovic will face six-time winner Roger Federer, while Andy Murray will take on Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Williams and older sister Venus have been ever-present at Wimbledon since the turn of the century, with one or both reaching the final in 11 of the past 13 tournaments. Between them, they have won nine titles at the All England Club.

On Thursday, the 30-year-old Serena Williams looked more like the champion of yesterday than the player who exited in the first round of the French Open five weeks ago.

She controlled play

against Azarenka in the first set with her service game, winning 20 of the 24 points she started. She then went up an early break in the second set before Azarenka responded to make it 3-3.

They held the rest of the way, and Williams picked up her final three aces in the tiebreaker — the last one on match point.

"I got a little tight in the second set. I couldn't relax," Williams said. "I was, like, looking too far in the future and she came back. But I'm glad I was able to get through."

Williams set the previous Wimbledon record of 23 aces in a three-set victory over Zheng Jie in the third round of this year's tournament.

"I don't see anybody else serving like this on the tour," Azarenka

said. "I was just trying to get the ball back as many times as I could, but it wasn't enough today."

A few hours later, the Williams sisters reached the semifinals in doubles — putting them two matches from their fifth Wimbledon title.

Earlier on Centre Court, Radwanska won with her steady play, winning five straight games to close out the first set after going down a break early. She'll need more of that to have a chance against Williams in the final.

"She's been consistent this year, more consistent than I have," Williams said of Radwanska.

"That already tells me from the beginning I really need to go out there and be ready to hit a lot of shots and be ready to

play hard."

Radwanska can take over the No. 1 ranking if she beats Williams on Saturday. If not, Azarenka, who won the Australian Open, will take over the top spot from Maria Sharapova.

But just reaching a major final, the first of her career, is an achievement for both Radwanska and Poland.

The last Polish player to reach a major final was Jadwiga Jedrzejowska. But she lost in the final of the 1939 French Championships, two years after runner-up finishes at Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships.

"I'm just very happy that I can be the second one here in Wimbledon, being in the final. She lost in three sets that year," said Radwanska. "But I will try now and we will see."

Reports: Kidd to join Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks found their point guard to team with Jeremy Lin — or perhaps even replace him.

Jason Kidd is leaving the Dallas Mavericks to sign with the Knicks, according to multiple reports. He could rotate in with Lin, or inherit the point guard role full time if the Knicks reverse course and decline to match an offer the Houston Rockets made to Lin, a restricted free agent whom they have said they intend to keep.

Kidd's decision was a surprise in a dizzying stretch of point guard news. It was believed he would return to the Mavericks, especially after they missed out

on Deron Williams. But ESPN.com reported Thursday that anonymous sources said that Kidd had decided instead to join the Knicks for a three-year deal worth about \$9 million.

The Knicks have been seeking veteran point guard help but lost out on Steve Nash a day earlier when Phoenix traded him to the Lakers.

The 39-year-old Kidd helped the Mavs to the 2011 NBA title and also ranks among the top five all-time in assists, steals, triple-doubles and 3-pointers. Even though he's slowed down from his perennial All-Star days, he could provide the veteran leadership the Knicks need and per-

haps be the player who can maximize the production of the Carmelo Anthony-Amare Stoudemire tandem.

Kidd had some of his best years in New Jersey, leading the Nets to a pair of NBA Finals, and still has children there.

The Nets dominated the rivalry with the Knicks back then, and now Kidd will be on the other side of it as the Nets move into their new home in Brooklyn.

His loss continues a difficult summer for the Mavericks, who needed a point guard after Williams chose to stay with the Nets but have now watched Nash and Kidd get away.

The Knicks have said they plan to re-sign Lin.

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the Pirates are rolling behind an offense that has been among the hottest in the National League over the last six weeks.

There were no such fireworks on Thursday, but Karstens looked sharp after spending nearly two months on the disabled list earlier this season with shoulder inflammation and a hip flexor.

Deftly mixing his fastball with a curveball that followed orders, Karstens kept the Astros off balance all night. The right-hander threw 62 of his 89 pitches for strikes and looked an awful lot like the pitcher who spent the first half of the 2011 season among the NL leaders in ERA.

He tailed off as he piled up the innings last season and his problematic shoulder raised eyebrows this year. He got knocked around by Philadelphia in his return on June 17 but followed that up with seven efficient innings in 99-degree heat against St. Louis last Saturday.

It was more of the same against the Astros. Hard-hit balls were scarce as Houston was shut out for the eighth time this season.

"It's just one of those things you try

to bear down and make pitch after pitch," Karstens said. "We were able to throw strikes when we had to."

The Pirates needed Karstens to be sharp after squandering a couple of opportunities to break the game open against Norris.

Jones and McGehee led off the second with back-to-back doubles to get the Pirates on the board but McGehee was stranded at third. The Pirates loaded the bases an inning later but could only muster Jones' sacrifice fly.

Another rally in the fifth was stopped short when Drew Sutton was picked off second, the kind of baserunning miscue that's been rare lately for baseball's biggest surprise.

Pittsburgh is 10 games over .500 for the first time since 1992, the last time it made the playoffs. Nearly two decades of losing have followed, but optimism is continuing to grow.

"We're confident, not cocky," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "But we've worked hard to get to this spot. We're making our way."

Houston, meanwhile, can't wait to get home after a dreadful 0-7 road trip. Chris Johnson got the start at first in place of Lee and went 0 for 4. Third baseman Matt Dominguez, one of two players the Astros acquired for Lee, went hitless in two at-bats but was clean in the field.

Conn. family selling Gehrig home run ball

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The 84-year-old baseball has been sitting in Elizabeth Gott's drawer for years, but now she's hoping it will pay off her son's medical school debt.

New York Yankees slugger Lou Gehrig smashed the ball into the bleachers for a home run during the 1928 World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. Gehrig hit the homer off Hall of Fame pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander while teammate Babe Ruth was on base and called it his most significant homerun at the time, according to a newspaper account.

Hunt Auctions plans to sell the ball Tuesday at the All-Star FanFest in Kansas City, Mo., and predicts it could

fetch \$100,000 to \$200,000. Online bidding has already begun, with the top bid at about \$37,000 as of Thursday.

Gott, a 57-year-old Stamford resident, said she's selling the ball on behalf of her 30-year-old son, Michael.

"I'm just sort of floored by the whole thing," she said. "It has a lot of history. It's a lot about America. To think that it's possible the team that we rooted for could actually help my son pay off some of his medical school debt, any amount would be fine."

Michael Gott, who is in his last year of residency, said he was surprised at the potential value of the ball. He said his medical school debt was nearly \$200,000.

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go play there," said Victor Mesa, the former star outfielder who's now managing Cuba's national team.

There have been a number of Little League exchanges between the countries, and in 1999, the Baltimore Orioles became the first MLB team to play in Cuba since 1959.

The U.S. squad of 22 players and five coaches arrived in Havana with barely enough time to check into their hotel Friday before it was time to head to the ballpark, where batting practice was interrupted by a downpour typical of the Caribbean summer. Groundskeepers managed to rake the field into playable condition, and the game started about 90 minutes late. In the sparsely filled stands, a few people waved American flags surrounded by horn-blowing Cuba fans.

The U.S. won the opener 4-3 on Michael Conforto's grand slam and Jonathan Crawford's 6 1-3 innings of strong pitching.

The series is a warmup for both squads ahead of the upcoming Harlem Baseball Week in the Netherlands. For the U.S. collegians, all but two of

whom are freshmen or sophomores, it's also a chance to see how they perform against tougher competition.

"In the past, the big stars from the United States played against us. Barry Bonds. Mark McGwire. Frank Thomas," Mesa said. "We are a measuring stick for the major leagues. We are an elite team with pitchers who could pitch at any level, so if one of these boys stands out against us, he has the talent to play in the majors."

If baseball is America's national pastime, it's equally an obsession in Cuba. Stickball games are a daily sight in crowded Havana streets, and it seems everyone here knows the English words "ball," "strike," "inning" and "home run" — pronounced "hon-ron."

The U.S. and Cuba are perennial favorites at competitions such as the World Baseball Classic, and both sides express respect for what they consider a tough rival.

"Whenever we've gone to a tournament, both USA Baseball and Cuba, I know we both look to see which bracket each other's in," said University of Tennessee coach Dave Serrano, manager of the USA squad. "For them to start this rivalry back up is like the Red Sox and the Yankees — it's supposed to be part of baseball."

RANGERS

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strikeouts in eight innings. He had won his previous seven decisions.

"More humidity here, so it was pretty miserable out there. Trying to have as quick of innings as possible, except for the one," Harrison said. "I was able to get us back in the dugout pretty quick and get the guys out of the heat. It was a really quick game. I'm sure nobody wanted to be out there, but we have to do it, so you might as well make the best of it, I guess."

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on the two-out RBI single by Adrian Beltre when his

liner struck Quintana near the left hip and ricocheted past Youkilis at first. Ian Kinsler, who had walked and moved to second on a grounder, scored on the play.

Chicago got it back in the bottom half as a walk and two singles loaded the bases before Alexei Ramirez hit an RBI grounder that Beltre made a nice play on while diving to his left. Dayan Viciedo then walked to re-load the bases before Harrison fanned Tyler Flowers.

Youkilis hit his sixth homer of the season and second since joining the White Sox in a trade from Boston last month. This one went to right field.

"The home run, I thought I made a pretty good pitch. I busted him

in, came back away. It was a little bit up, but it was off the plate. He went out and got it," Harrison said.

"Sinker. It was away. It might have been a little bit above the knees, but it was a good pitch."

Quintana stayed cool, as he has since being called up from the minors after pitching most of the first two months at Double-A. He's 3-0 in his last five starts and has dropped his ERA to 2.04.

"He has a great feel on the mound, great stuff. He's more mature than you would think," Chicago manager Robin Ventura said. "We're lucky in the situation we're in with Johnny going down; he was there to pick it up and pitch the way he has."

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Venus and Jupiter get
close in Gemini,
augmenting our
conversations and giving
the pretty words greater
impact. This alignment
won't be completed
exactly, but it's close
enough to make things
interesting now. Beauty
has greater influence.
Talk isn't cheap. In
fact, it's expensive.
The words you long to
hear really mean
something under these
skies.

ARIES (March 21-
April 19). "When it
comes to giving, some
people stop at nothing,"
said the comedian
Georgie Jessel. Your sign
mate had a point. There
are those who can't bring
themselves to contribute,
but you'll make up for
their stinginess.

TAURUS (April 20-
May 20). Everything
good comes from your
decision to be the change
you want to see in the
world. All that you want
to receive from others
will be sourced from
your own example.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You may feel a little
overwhelmed today, and
it's OK to say no. Just be
upfront with others. This
evening, a relationship
that seemed to be on the
rocks will surprise you.

CANCER (June 22-
July 22). You carry a
torch for someone, and
the flames will be
noticed in the warmth
you radiate. Your
passion is irresistible.
The one you think about
will feel it, and the rest
of the world will, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
The old saying "if it ain't
broke, don't fix it" may
be grammatically
incorrect, but it still
holds true. Trying to
improve a situation is
dangerous; you could
make it worse instead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). You'll keep a cool
head in the onslaught of
demands. You'll put out
one fire after another.
It's no wonder people
turn to you. Embrace
your inner leader, and
rally your troops; they're
ready to follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). You'll do for others

what you wish someone
had done for you. You'll
spread your love around.
You'll give attention to
the ones who are trying
hard and not only to the
stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You'll wear your
mood rather obviously.
Doom and gloom may go
together, but you're not
interested in this kind of
wardrobe option.
Instead, you'll throw on
a scarf or a tie that's
bright with optimism
and cheer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Hearts are
heavy around you, but
they'll become lighter
with a little patience and
empathy. Listen to
others, and they will
return the favor when
the heavy heart is your
own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). If you have to
go to great lengths to
prove your worth to
someone, consider that
this person may not be
an excellent match for
you. Ideally, you would
be with people who value
you "as is."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Your home is
more than a place to rest
and nourish your body.
It's also a castle for your
spirit. You'll focus on
creating a peaceful
environment there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Your friendships are
important to you. Instead
of being the side dish to
other kinds of
relationships, they will
become the main course
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this month. You'll have
stellar ideas as you work
toward what's good for
your family and
community. You'll be
fired up to make money,
and an important deal
comes together by the
end of August.
November brings a
happy twist to your
personal life. December
is romantic. Libra and
Sagittarius people adore
you. Your lucky
numbers are: 3, 10, 2, 4
and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:
ARIES: You'll laugh at yourself,
loosen up and have fun
with someone who is
easy to be around.
TAURUS: You take

charge and make
arrangements to absorb
some beauty and culture.
GEMINI: Positive words,
feedback and
appreciation will help
another person to be his
or her best around you.
CANCER: You are
incredibly helpful, and
that correlates with your
level of happiness. **LEO:**
You'll be the icebreaker
of every party. Stay on
the lookout for an upbeat
joke or a silly bit of
humor that you can use
to warm people up.
VIRGO: You encourage
the discouraged and help
the helpless. You need
someone who will take
care of you, too! **LIBRA:**
Your environment is a
part of your life that you
can control, and you'll
enjoy doing so with
someone who has a
similar aesthetic or at
least appreciates yours.
SCORPIO: Taking care of
small details brings
enormous satisfaction.
SAGITTARIUS: Good
things happen when you
just say yes.
CAPRICORN: A line can
be a path to follow or
something you do not
cross. Understanding the
difference is the key to
getting along.
AQUARIUS: You'll revel
in the attention of
someone super-sweet.
PISCES: There's a right
way and a wrong way to
date. Both will be fun.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Pisces
moon and the Cancer
sun are two water sign
influences that flow
together as easily as the
river flows into the
ocean. This weekend
they feel nearly absorbed
by each other and will
operate as one, falling
into natural rhythms
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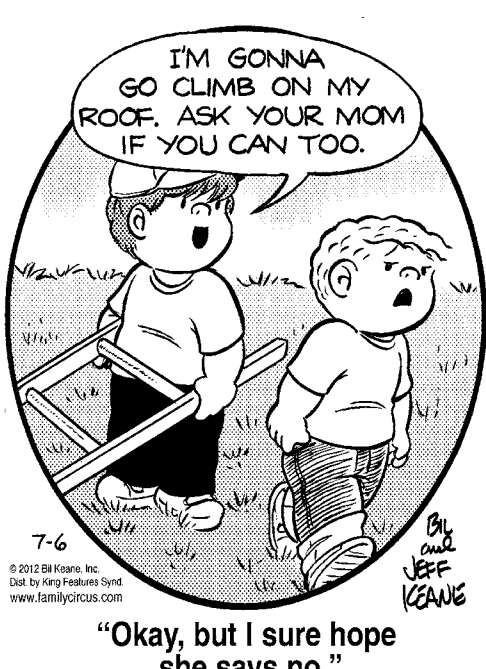
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5:PM	News	Casa	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	King	Yohanán	Charlie Rose	King	Flying Wild Alaska	Ridge, Everett McGill	Movie: Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back	The Mentalist	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas	Ship, Second Round.	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Un Refugio para el Amor (SS)	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer rado	News	Seinfeld	Israel	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Flying Wild Alaska		Movie: The Empire Strikes Back	The Mentalist		Good		NASCAR
7:PM	Shark Tank		House	Undercover Boss	Una Maid en	Commun	Payne	Door-Wisdom	Wash. Need	Nikita	Flying Wild Alaska	Movie: Deliverance, Ned Beatty	Movie: A Time to Kill, Matthew McConaughey (DVS)		ANT Farm		NFL Live	NASCAR
8:PM	(:01) 20/20	Abismo de Pasión	Bones	CSI: NY	Corazón Valiente	Dateline NBC	Payne	Best of Light of the Southwest	Islamic Art: Mirror	Supernatural	Deadliest Catch		Movie: Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back		Phineas		SportsCenter Spec.	
9:PM		La Que No	Simpsons	Blue Bloods	Relaciones Peli		Payne			Cops	Flying Wild Alaska	(:15) Movie: The Matrix Revolutions, Carrie-Anne Moss			Tron		Baseball Tonight	
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Upd	Charlie Rose		'Til Death	Deadliest Catch		Movie: Law Abiding Citizen		Good		SportsCenter	
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Hasta-Dinero	Law Order: CI	Ferguson	Decisiones (SS)	Jimmy Fallon	Office	World		70s Show	Flying Wild Alaska	(12:15) Movie: The Reaping			Wendy Williams		SportsCenter	
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"THE FUNNEST PART OF GOIN' FISHING IS DIGGIN' FOR WORMS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

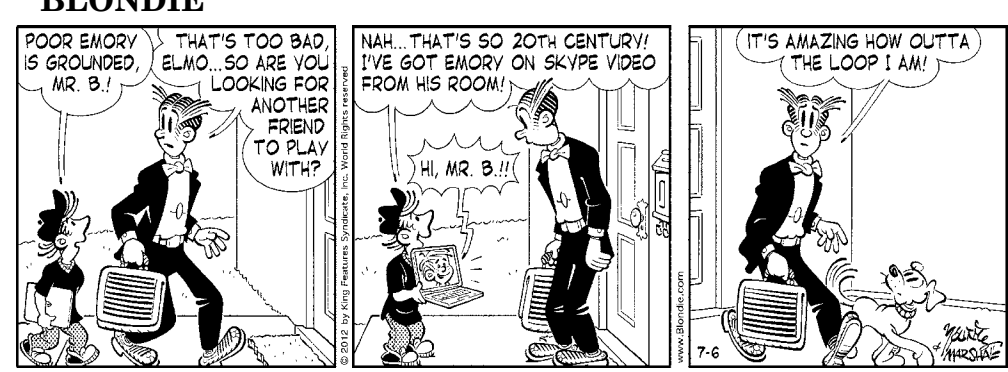


"Okay, but I sure hope she says no."

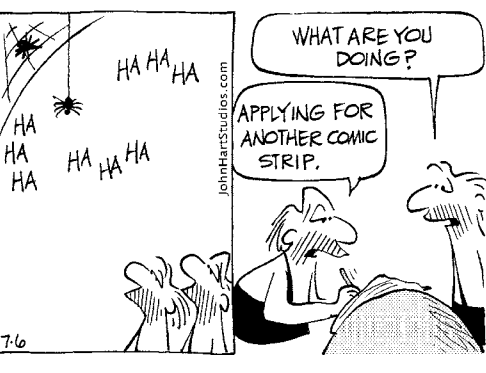
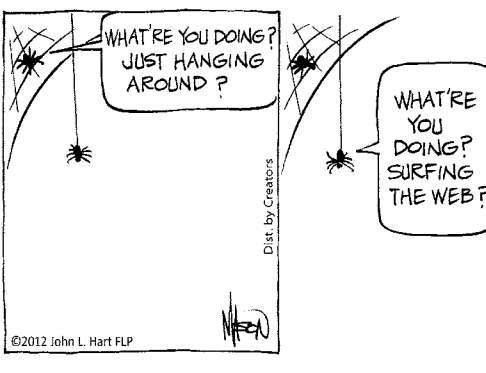
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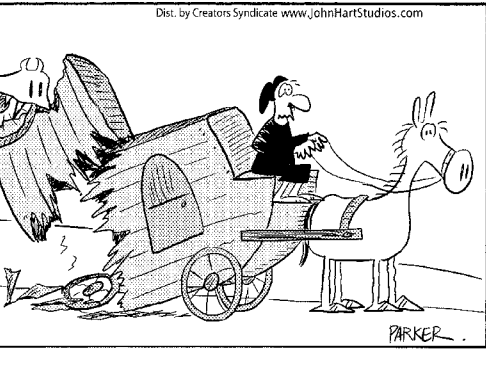
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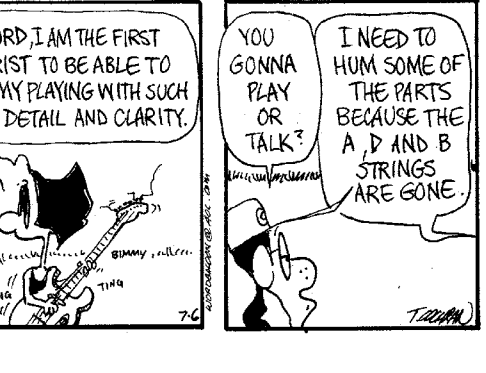
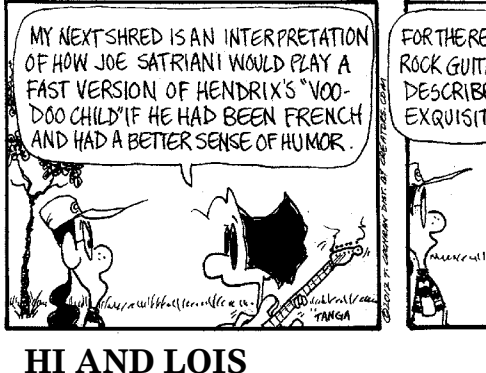
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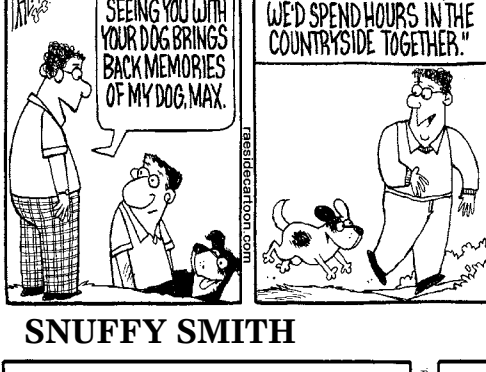
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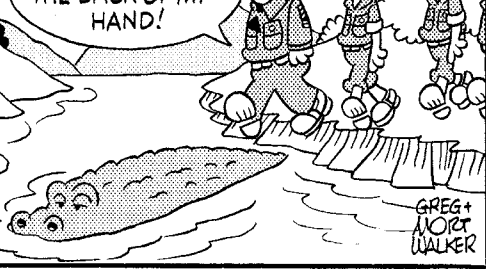
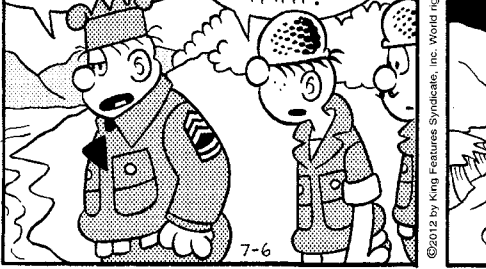
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 6, the 188th day of 2012. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1962, Nobel Prize-winning American author William Faulkner, one of the giants of Southern literature, died in Byhalia, Miss., at age 64.

On this date:

- In 1535, St. Thomas More was executed in England for high treason.
- In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.
- In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.
- In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba (AH'-kah-buh) from the Turks.
- In 1933, the first All-Star

baseball game was played at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2.

In 1942, Anne Frank, her parents and sister entered a "secret annex" in an Amsterdam building where they were later joined by four other people; they hid from Nazi occupiers for two years before being betrayed and arrested.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1967, war erupted as Nigeria sent troops into the secessionist state of Biafra.

In 1971, jazz trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong died in New York at age 69.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires

destroyed a drilling platform.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 91. Actor William Schallert is 90. Singer-actress Della Reese is 81. The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso, is 77. Actor Ned Beatty is 75. Singer Gene Chandler is 72. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 72. Actor Burt Ward is 67. Former President George W. Bush is 66. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 66. Actress Shelley Hack is 65. Actress Nathalie Baye is 64. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 61. Actress Allyce Beasley is 61. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 60. Actor Grant Goodeve is 60. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 59.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ASSET	GLIB	FREE
PUNNY	EENY	YARN

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Camper's rental
 - 5 Nautical direction
 - 10 Peak near Tokyo
 - 14 Big do
 - 15 City on the Red River
 - 16 Exploitative person
 - 17 Sales log, part 1
 - 20 Farm machine
 - 21 Mostly Ghostly author
 - 22 Burgundy buddy
 - 23 Home of Morning Edition
 - 26 Car wash item
 - 27 Morn's counterpart
 - 30 Sales log, part 2
 - 34 Oxford alternative
 - 35 Princeton mascot
 - 36 Decree
 - 39 Echolocation device
 - 42 Minus
 - 43 Mark of excellence
 - 45 Criticize
 - 47 Sales log, part 3
 - 53 Bowl highlights
 - 54 Claire, WI
 - 55 Indeed
 - 56 Mia in Pulp Fiction
 - 57 Italian scooter
 - 59 Charged
 - 61 Sales log, part 4
 - 66 Surf sound
 - 67 Respected figure
 - 68 Wash out
 - 69 "Goodness!"
- DOWN
- 1 Seafood spot
 - 2 Typical chalet shape
 - 3 Gambol
 - 4 Big bag
 - 5 "Just as I thought!"
 - 6 Succeed, with "out"
 - 7 Tilt stack
 - 8 Lecterns
 - 9 Renaissance master
 - 10 Be angry
 - 11 Basic cable network
 - 12 Jacuzzi feature
 - 13 Annoyed state
 - 18 "Rubber Duckie" singer
 - 19 Heavy bar
 - 24 USMC recruits
 - 25 City at the foot of the Sierra Nevada
 - 27 Precipice
 - 28 Funnel shapes
 - 29 Gets off the track
 - 31 Enjoy thoroughly
 - 32 Munich merci
 - 33 German romantic poet
 - 36 Ruth
 - 37 Walkman successor
 - 38 Charity
 - 40 Show Boat captain
 - 41 Old school method
 - 44 Power-saving mode
 - 46 Cautious
 - 48 Time for an egg roll
 - 49 Elvis' birthplace
 - 50 Summer cruise port
 - 51 Some sultan subjects
 - 52 Hostile encounter
 - 57 Quite
 - 58 Dubs in
 - 60 Two-band
 - 61 Hand holder
 - 62 Less than forthright
 - 63 Rotary device
 - 64 Mile High Center architect
 - 65 Portray

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