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## Benevides wins; to be sworn in Tuesday

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Big Spring City Council will canvass the results of the Saturday night runoff between District 5 challengers during its Tuesday meeting, awarding the position to Raul Benevides, who won the election with 63 percent of the



Benevides

vote. Benevides and challenger J.D. Smith first met in the May 11 election — joined by fellow political hopeful Clint Collins — with Benevides taking

top honors with 44.21 percent (187 ballots) of the vote, while opponents Smith won 33.81 percent (143 ballots) and Clint Collins took 21.99 percent (93 ballots). However, because Benevides was unable to garner 50 percent or more of the vote, a runoff election for the seat

was called. Benevides came out ahead Saturday, taking 63 percent (193 ballots) of the vote, while Smith garnered 37 percent (111 ballots). According to Howard County election officials, there were 2,200 eligible voters in District 5, with just 14 percent weighing in on the

weekend contest. Benevides said the main concerns voters have expressed to him are very serious challenges for the city of Big Spring, especially in the coming years. "The voters I spoke with

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Andrew Welch, left, new interim director at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, greets a patient at the facility Friday. Welch, director of the Amarillo VAMC, assumed interim duties here June 2.**

## Big Spring like coming 'home'

### West Texas VA interim director from Midland

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 It's a homecoming of sorts for the interim director of the local VA medical center. Andrew "Andy" M. Welch, currently director of the Amarillo VA Health Care System, is pulling double duty of sorts for the next few months



Welch

— he has been named interim director of the West Texas VA Health Care System based in Big Spring, but will continue serving in Amarillo as well. In Big Spring, Welch succeeds Daniel Marsh, who resigned in late May to become director of the VA medical center in Oklahoma City. Welch assumed his interim duties here June 2. He was born in Mississippi, but grew up and graduated

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## A decade on, Southern Baptists adapt to new role

**TRAVIS LOLLER**  
 Associated Press  
 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A decade ago, the Southern Baptist Convention was riding high. The president of the United States was a conservative evangelical Christian who personally addressed the group's annual meetings, either by satellite or video, at least four times in two terms,

and SBC leaders were feeling their influence at the highest levels of government. Ten years later, as members prepare for their 2013 annual meeting in Houston on Tuesday, the nation's largest Protestant denomination finds itself in flux: It has less influence in government and a growing diversity that may be diminishing its role as a partisan political player. And some Southern Baptists are beginning to cry foul at what

**"The government is overstepping its bounds in breathtaking ways. The audacity of state challenges to religious freedom would have been unbelievable just a few years ago."**

—Russell Moore, president of SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

they see as discrimination by gays and liberals that violates their religious liberty. "For 100 years the Southern Baptists have been the dominating religious entity of the

South," said David W. Key Sr., director of Baptist Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and a Southern Baptist. "Now they are starting to feel reli-

gious victimhood. ... In many ways, Baptists introduced pluralism to America. Now they are feeling like victims of that pluralism." A resolution passed at last year's SBC meeting titled "On Protecting Religious Liberty" cites several issues of concern: They include the Obama administration's mandate requiring religiously affiliated institutions (but not

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## Gasoline prices inch downward a bit

**Special to the Herald**

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.35/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.64/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices

Sunday were 2.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has increased 6.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 7.8 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago. "While the national average has seen little change in the last week, prices in the Great Lakes have skyrocketed. In many cities in that region, new all time record high prices have been set," said

GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "In areas that have featured skyrocketing gasoline prices amidst stable oil prices, refineries continue to be beset with shutdowns, maintenance, and other problems that have hampered production of gasoline and other products, leading to much higher prices. While these situations are difficult for motorists to digest, relief is on the way and will likely arrive in a few weeks," DeHaan said.

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## Obituaries

## William Mac Statham



William Mac Statham, 65, of Big Spring died Friday, June 7, 2013. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born May 2, 1948, in Hobbs, N.M., to Cara and William Statham. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a licensed vocational nurse, working at the state hospital and nursing homes. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. At an early age, he was ordained a minister in the Pentecostal church and in later years, he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Cara Gill of Big Spring; three grandchildren, all of big Spring; two sisters, Linda Bordofsky and husband Calvin of Big Spring and Lois Fear of Haskell; and one brother, Carl Statham and wife Karen of El Paso.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Melody Statham; and infant brother, Tommy Statham.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Berry Cox

Berry Cox, 66, of Garden City died Friday, June 7, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Coby Abney officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryle Cox of Garden City; two sons, B. Shawn Cox and wife Joan Admirand of Austin and B. Tod Cox and wife Brenda of Spring; five grandchildren; and a sister, Kay Sowders of Midland.

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

## Curtis A. Luke

Curtis A. Luke, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 9, 2013, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Karen Battle Halfmann

Karen Battle Halfmann, 52, of St. Lawrence died Monday, June 10, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSE CASTRO, 42, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 23, of 1607 S. Main St., was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention, public intoxication and shoplifting - \$50 or less.
- TYLER JAMES SMITH, 28, of Sweetwater, Texas, was arrested Sunday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and public intoxication.
- ICZEK JOSEFF RIVERA, 26, of Sweetwater, Texas, was arrested Sunday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties, public intoxication and failure to identify.
- CARLOS ALEXANDER MALDANADO, 28, of Midway, Fla., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KORI NICOLE YANEZ, 22, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 405, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- MANUEL SOSA IV, 20, of 2510 Ent, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury and a warrant from another agency.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 36, of 1106 W. Third St. Apt. 11, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TYRE COLE WATTS, 28, of 5101 Fisher, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUSTIN CLAY COLE, 34, of 309 Colorado Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- ASHLEY MICHELLE PEARSON, 22, of 621 Cayler Dr., was arrested Sunday on a charge of no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- THOMAS ROY WHITE, 22, of 6601 E. Midway Rd., was arrested Sunday on charges of reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility - second offense.
- COLTON SHANE PURSELL, 22, of Cleveland, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BRANDON KLAUCK, 27, of Gatesville, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. 17th Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

## Sheriff




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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- MISTY D. CLAYTON, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft - more than \$50 and less than \$500 and evading arrest or detention.
- MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 35, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property with two or more previous convictions - less than \$1,500.
- SAMMY HERNANDEZ LIMON, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- JULIO DIAZ BALCAZAR, 30, was booked into the county detention center Friday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for duty on striking unattended vehicle.
- ASHLEY CASSAREZ LUNA, 28, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- KENNETH CLARK SMITH, 26, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- OFELIA GONZALEZ, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN DAVID GAY, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking material.
- MARTY EVANS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking materials and driving while license invalid.
- STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 29, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a Dawson County warrant for motion to revoke probation - failure to identify.
- ISAAC J. TARIN, 20, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.
- ANDREW STEVEN BAILON, 22, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of shoplifting - \$50 or less.
- BRANDON SHANE COX, 38, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 44, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CESAR VENEGAS FERNANDEZ, 17, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on Sterling County capias warrants for no liability insurance, no driver's license and minor in consumption of alcohol.
- RICHARD D. MCCUTCHAN, 45, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding.
- THEODORE E. RIOS, 43, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 49, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication with three or more prior convictions.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- TYRE COLE WATTS, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 23, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, public intoxication and theft - \$50 or less.
- JOSE CASTRO, 42, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FERNANDO ZUBIA, 47, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- ICZEK JOSEFF RIVERA, 26, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties, public intoxication and failure to identify.
- TYLER JAMES SMITH, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties and public intoxication.
- JUSTIN CLAY COLE, 34, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CARLOS ALEXANDER MALDANADO, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASHLEY MICHELLE PEARSON, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- THOMAS ROY WHITE, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- COLTON SHANE PURSWELL, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while

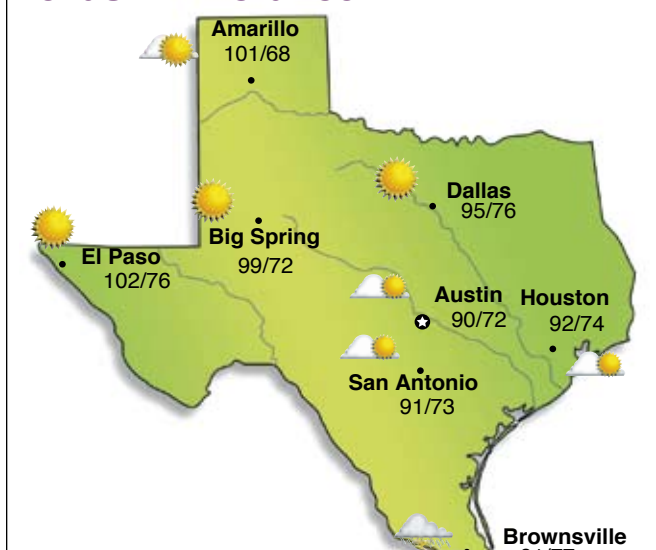
## Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 6/11	Wed 6/12	Thu 6/13
 <b>99/72</b> A mainly sunny sky. Near record high temperatures. High 99F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	 <b>103/72</b> Mainly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the low 70s.	 <b>102/72</b> Sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:53 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:54 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	73	sunny	Kingsville	92	76	t-storm
Amarillo	101	68	mst sunny	Livingston	93	71	mst sunny
Austin	90	72	pt sunny	Longview	95	74	sunny
Beaumont	91	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	68	sunny
Brownsville	91	77	t-storm	Lufkin	95	74	mst sunny
Brownwood	97	72	mst sunny	Midland	98	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	78	t-storm	Raymondville	91	75	t-storm
Corsicana	93	74	sunny	Rosenberg	92	74	pt sunny
Dallas	95	76	sunny	San Antonio	91	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	76	mst sunny	San Marcos	91	72	pt sunny
El Paso	102	76	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	69	sunny	Sweetwater	96	72	sunny
Gainesville	94	73	sunny	Tyler	94	75	sunny
Greenville	94	73	sunny	Weatherford	95	74	sunny
Houston	92	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	99	74	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	84	64	pt sunny
Boston	67	56	rain	New York	79	65	t-storm
Chicago	83	65	mst sunny	Phoenix	105	78	sunny
Dallas	95	76	sunny	San Francisco	61	52	cloudy
Denver	94	59	pt sunny	Seattle	62	50	pt sunny
Houston	92	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	95	75	mst sunny
Los Angeles	78	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	69	t-storm
Miami	87	76	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Tue 6/11	Wed 6/12	Thu 6/13
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

license invalid.

• MANUEL SOSA IV, 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation and a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

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# ▶ Odds & Ends

## Texas couple completes bucket list with Maine trip

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A Texas couple has fulfilled a lifelong dream by visiting Maine to watch the state Legislature at work. Seriously.

The Portland Press Herald reports 86-year-old Marcine Webb and his wife, 81-year-old Nita Lou Webb, were in Augusta last week to complete their quest to visit every state capitol. Maine's was the last one.

When House Speaker Mark Eves announced the reason for their visit, the state representatives stood and cheered.

The trip for the San Angelo, Texas, couple was a 65th wedding anniversary present from their children. They will reach the milestone in August.

They visited No. 49, Juneau, Alaska, five years ago, but then stopped traveling because of Marcine Webb's

poor health. He's been feeling better lately.

Nita Lou Webb says the people of Maine are "honest and caring."

## Man, wife dress as superheroes to patrol Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — A masked man and his wife who dress in superhero costumes say they're trying to fight crime by patrolling the streets of an Atlanta neighborhood.

The man, who calls himself the Crimson Fist, says he feels like a superhero when he dons his mask and patrols the streets with his wife, Meta Data.

He tells WAGA-TV that he prepares himself for the dangers of the streets, carries handcuffs and wears a "stun device" that wraps around his knuck-

les. He checks for car break-ins, cleans up litter and alerts police to suspicious activity in the Castleberry Hill neighborhood just south of downtown Atlanta.

Video aired by WAGA shows him and his wife on their rounds, checking cars and visiting with residents.

## Philippine town honors dog injured saving 2 girls

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Every dog has its day, but few canines get a motorcade on their return home.

Kabang, who lost half her face after jumping in front of a motorcycle to save the lives of two girls, received a rousing welcome Monday in Zamboanga, a city in the southern Philippines.

The mixed-breed came back from months-long treatment at the University of California, Davis, veterinary

hospital, paid for with \$27,000 in donations raised in the Philippines and abroad. She was reunited with her owner, Rudy Bunggal, and the girls she saved from the accident in December 2011 — the owner's daughter, Dina, and cousin Princess Diansing.

"She is not just my friend, she is like a part of our family," 13-year-old Dina Bunggal said. "I am very thankful to her, because without her, maybe I will not be alive today."

Kabang and Rudy Bunggal rode in the back of a pickup truck festooned with yellow balloons to the Municipal Hall, where Mayor Celso Lobregat bestowed the title "Pride of Zamboanga" on the dog.

Motorcycles and cars took part in the motorcade that drove Kabang through the port city. Residents snapped photos of the dog and kids petted her. At the mayor's office, Kabang was given a bag of treats.

## COUNCIL

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were concerned about water, infrastructure and trash pickup. Those were the three main topics on their minds," he said. "Trash services have been spotty, at best, and that has been very challenging for the city. The drivers are being snagged by the oil industry and we're going through the same pains Midland-Odessa has gone through. Those were their main concerns and, as city leaders, we have to address them."

Benavides will be sworn in during Tuesday night's meeting, while outgoing District 5 councilman and mayor pro-tem Craig Olsen will be presented with a token of appre-

ciation for his service.

Also during the meeting, the council will consider:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of Howard County trustee properties to the highest bidder.

- Final reading of an ordinance that will call for the City Fire Marshall to be assigned by the City Fire Chief instead of the City Manager and assigning the fire marshall all of the duties currently set forth by the International Fire Code. The council will also consider first reading of an ordinance calling for the creation of a new lieutenant position within the fire department to perform health inspections.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending the pay

scale for the fire department providing for certificate, education and assignment pay in accordance with Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Offenses," Article 1 entitled "General," by adding a new section in order to prohibit the introduction of certain contraband items into a private or public correctional institution. The ordinance defines contraband as any item not provided by or authorized by the operator of the correctional institution, or any item provided by or authorized by the operator of the correctional institution which has been altered to accommodate a use other than

the originally intended use.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article Five of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Food and Food Establishments" to change the definition of regulatory authority to include any certified health inspector employed by the city and to charge the City Manager with conducting administrative hearings related to food and food establishments.

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute community services contracts and other necessary documents with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for the Big Spring Senior Center.

The council is also expected to adjourn into an executive

session to deliberate the appointment and evaluation of the city manager. Longtime municipal employee Todd Darden has served as interim city manager for several months since Gary Fuqua announced he would be retiring from the position.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com)

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## WELCH

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from high school in Midland, so he is very familiar with Big Spring.

"It's a bit of a homecoming for me," he said. "I either

passed through Big Spring or stopped here many times. Big Spring is a place I'm very familiar with and it has a lot to offer. It's a good place to be."

He began his VA career in 1987 as a dietitian at the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center in San Antonio.

In 1990, he moved to the Ker-ville VA Medical Center as an administrative dietitian and, in 1993, was promoted to chief of the center's nutrition and food service.

He subsequently served in administrative posts for the Austin, San Antonio and

Gulf Coast VA Health Care Systems before assuming the director duties in Amarillo in May 2008.

Welch said it is unclear how long he will serve as interim director in Big Spring, but is prepared to be here for several months.

"The position is being advertised and they're currently gathering applications," he said. "I'll probably be here at least over the summer."

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## BAPTISTS

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houses of worship) to provide contraceptive coverage for their employees; government defense of gay marriage; and the acceptance of gay service members in the U.S. military.

Russell Moore, the incoming president of the Nashville-based SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, said he would be very surprised if there was not at least one resolution on religious liberty introduced at this year's annual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The government is overstepping its bounds in breathtaking ways," Moore said in an interview. "The audacity of state challenges to religious freedom would have been unbelievable just a few years ago. A warning about some of these threats would have been dismissed as slippery-slope scare tactics."

Recently, some Southern Baptists thought their worst fears were realized when military chaplains trying to access the Southern Baptist website came across a warning that it was unavailable due to "hostile

content." As it turned out, that referred to malicious software, not the ideological content.

"I think the reason why these incidents were taken seriously is because there are so many threats to religious liberty in the U.S. military right now," Moore said.

He cited a recent statement from the Department of Defense that troops and chaplains are free to engage in evangelism, but not proselytizing, a distinction Moore called "artificial and confusing."

"We need a clear definition (of proselytizing) that protects free-speech and free-expression rights," Moore said.

Probably no issue more starkly reflects the Southern Baptists' recent struggles than the growing mainstream acceptance of homosexuality.

"Ten years ago they were passing consti-

tutional amendments against gay marriage. Now they are watching states approve gay marriage and they have no control over it," Emory's Key said.

Even the Boy Scouts have voted to allow gay members, despite dire warnings from SBC leaders that such a move would be a disaster for an organization with numerous troops sponsored by Southern Baptist churches.

Jonathan Merritt, a faith and culture writer whose father is a former SBC president, remembers watching President George W. Bush address the convention and receive a standing ovation.

"It's very clear the Southern Baptist Convention has lost the cultural cachet it had even 10 years ago," he said.

Today, the U.S. presi-

dent is a liberal Christian whom many Southern Baptists opposed despite his opponent being Mormon, a religion many Southern Baptists don't consider to be Christian.

Merritt sees the SBC's declining role in divisive partisan politics as an opportunity to expand its focus to a broader array of issues, something that he says is already happening.

Richard Land, the outgoing President of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, felt so strongly against Obama, that he broke a long-standing personal pledge last year and endorsed Mitt Romney for president. But incoming President Moore, while politically conservative, is widely considered to be a less polarizing figure than Land.

Merritt noted that the SBC recently has taken more progressive stances on immigration and social justice issues like caring for the poor and vulnerable, includ-

ing orphans, and Moore has been part of that change.

Also, a recent push within the SBC to expand its ethnic membership has brought political diversity to Southern Baptist churches, Merritt said.

"For a long time the SBC has been a predominantly white denomination with a focus on issues of concern to predominantly white conservative evangelicals," he said. "The question now is whether the SBC will be able to speak to the diversity of issues important to the diver-

sity of people within the SBC."

Last year, the SBC for the first time elected an African-American president. The Rev. Fred Luter Jr. did not publicly announce whether he supported Romney or Obama, leaving open the possibility that the leader of a denomination often viewed as closely aligned with the Republican party could have voted for a Democrat.

"This is the first time in 30 years that we don't know who our president voted for," Key said.

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# Little League All-Stars selected

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

Big Spring Little League — the largest Little League organization per capita, according to local president, Robert Smith — has selected children of each age group to populate the rosters for the upcoming regional All-Star games.

“All these kids are deserving of this honor,” Smith said. “I feel they will represent Big Spring in the tournaments they will play in. Good luck and go get ‘em.”

Most years, Big Spring

only hosts one of the All-Star tournaments, but this season, three will be held within the confines of the city.

“We usually only have one, if we even have one,” Smith added. “We hope the community will come out and watch these kids play and show their support.”

All All-Star games will begin June 24, with the exception of 13-year olds, who will begin June 21.

**2013 Little League All-Stars**

**Ages 9-10:** Javarious Miramontes, Kaegan Schmeider, Zack Schneider, Ford, Brenner Gartman, Mitchell, Marc Prieto, Logan

Dillan Guzman, Gaige Hill, John Martinez, Joshua



Sandell, Anthony Sarmiento, Kyler Seymore, Brandon Valdez and Javarion Williams.

The 9-10 age group is managed by Isaac Miramontes and will play at Jim Parker Little League in Odessa.

**Age 11:** Trey Brockman, C.J. Enriquez, Jordan Enriquez, J.C. Escovedo, Brant Gartman, Christopher Ibanez, Jeramiah Johnson, Isaac Murillo, Noah Ontiveros, Jonathon Schmeider, Zack Schneider, Izaiha Valle and Joshua

Wood. The 11-year olds are coached by Corey Wood and will play at Northern Little League in Midland.

**Age 12:** Edward Aguilar, Brett Berringer, Jack Everrett, Jeremy Gonzalez, Kobe Gutierrez, Zach Holmes, Dylon Kligora, Cooper Miller, Jason Miramontes, Deonte Perez, Deryk Renteria, Bryson Van Vleet and Cade Wash.

The 12-year old All-Stars are coached by Chad Wash

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AP photo

**Miami's LeBron James stuffs a shot by San Antonio's Tiago Splitter during the second half of Game Two of the NBA Finals. The Heat evened the series at 2-2 after a 103-84 rout.**

## Heat beat Spurs 103-84, tie NBA Finals at 1-1

MIAMI (AP) — For two days, the thought was that LeBron James needed to do more for his teammates.

Turns out it was Mario Chalmers and mates who did something for James.

The supporting cast kept it close, and once the leading man joined in, the Miami Heat were back with a blowout in Game 2 of the NBA Finals.

Chalmers led the charge, James broke out to finish it with a flurry and the Heat used a 33-5 run to rout the San Antonio Spurs 103-84 on Sunday night and even the series at one game apiece.

James missed 10 of 13 shots through three quarters and the Heat trailed by a point late in the period before unleashing the lethal brand of basketball that led them to a franchise-record 66 wins this season.

“I already know what we have here,” James said. “Like I said, I don’t really read into it of what people want more of me or whatever the case may be. I will continue to find my shooters, if they’re open, and I will continue to try to put pressure on the defense. If I draw two, I’ll find my shooters. I have confidence they’re going to knock them down. They did that tonight.”

Eventually, so did James.

But it was Chalmers, who came into game with the goal of being a stopper and ended up being the guy who jump-started James.

“My main focus is to stop Tony Parker. That’s my job. That’s the key to the game, is not let him get going,” Chalmers said. “And if the offense keeps going for me, I’m going to take it as it comes.”

Chalmers finished with 19 points, and James had 17 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three blocks — the best on Tiago Splitter’s dunk attempt — while shooting only 7 of 17 from the field.

“Honestly, for me, when I was struggling offensively, my teammates continued to keep it in range,” James said. “And we even had a lead at one point, especially late in the second quarter when we made that run and I was struggling a little bit.”

“So I think Rio more than anybody kept us aggressive, him getting into the paint, him getting those and-ones and making a couple of 3s. It allowed me to sit back and wait for my time.”

The Heat made 10 of 19 3-pointers and got 13 points from Ray Allen, and 12 points and 10 rebounds from the previously slumping Chris Bosh.

Danny Green made all six shots, including five 3-pointers, and scored 17 points for the Spurs. They host Game 3 on Tuesday night.

Parker had 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting for the Spurs, who were so precise in their 92-88 victory in Game 1 but threw the ball all over the white-turfed court Sunday, committing 17 turnovers that led to 19 Miami points.

“In the second half they just run us over,” the Spurs’ Manu Ginobili said. “We didn’t move the ball at all. Their pressure really got us on our heels.”

Tim Duncan shot 3 of 13 and finished with nine points and 11 rebounds.

“We didn’t play well. We didn’t

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## Johnson dominates in win at Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson walked into the media center holding his daughter’s hand, his pregnant wife right behind them. Their second child is due in September, right around the time of the final race before the Chase field is set.

With an automatic berth in NASCAR’s playoffs secured, Johnson has permission to skip the race for the big birth.

“If Chani goes into labor early, I don’t have to worry about Richmond,” Johnson said.

A week after a late penalty denied his chance at a win, Johnson absolutely dominated Sunday at Pocono Raceway, leading 128 of 160 laps for his third victory of the season.

“Jimmie’s screwed on right now,” crew chief Chad Knaus said. “He’s as good or better as I’ve ever seen him.”

High praise for the five-time champion.

Even during his championship run, Johnson rarely cruised like he did on the

2½-mile triangle track. The Sprint Cup points leader, Johnson pulled away on both of the last two restarts over the final 10 laps to pull into Victory Lane at Pocono for the first time since he swept both races in 2004.

Johnson was never seriously challenged a week after his run at a possible win at Dover International Speedway was taken away by a penalty off a restart. NASCAR penalized him for jumping leader Juan Pablo Montoya off the restart with 19 laps left and he finished 17th.

It was a rare misstep for Johnson but he rebounded just fine at Pocono.

“It would have been very easy to come in here with a chip on your shoulder or a grudge,” Knaus said. “Jimmie is not that kind of guy.”

Johnson, though, briefly flirted with the idea of pulling some sort of restart stunt to send a message to NASCAR. He just

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## Beltre’s homer keys Rangers’ win over Jays

TORONTO (AP) — For a guy who never even got in the game during Saturday’s 18-inning marathon, Rangers closer Joe Nathan sure put in plenty of work, warming up nine times as the bullpen emptied around him.

Fortunately for Texas, Nathan still had enough energy left to escape a ninth-inning jam Sunday and wrap up a much-needed victory.

Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning, Nelson Cruz and David Murphy also connected and the Rangers rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4.

“To come back after a tough game yesterday and get a win here is huge,” said Nathan, who picked up his 19th save in 20 chances, helping the Rangers avoid a three-game sweep and their first four-game losing streak of the season.

Nathan said he might have been busier Saturday than teammate Ross Wolf, who worked 6 2-3 innings of relief.

“I think I may have thrown more pitches than he did,” the veteran closer joked.

Despite feeling worn down by that heavy workload of warmup tosses, Nathan insisted he still wanted to pitch Sunday.

“I told them I didn’t feel my best at the beginning of the day, but I was definitely good to go,” he said. “It actually surprised me how good I did feel when I got out there. This is the best I’ve felt all year. Like I’ve always said, adrenaline is a great drug.”

Beltre said he was impressed with Nathan’s resilience.

“He came back today and looked better than the first week of the season,” Beltre said. “He was throwing in the mid-90s (mph). He was terrific today. We needed

him big-time.”

Neal Cotts (2-0) worked one inning for the win, and Beltre hit an opposite-field shot to right off Neil Wagner for his 14th homer of the season as the Rangers recorded their biggest comeback of the year, avenging Saturday’s grueling 4-3 loss.

Wagner (1-1) had pitched 7 2-3 scoreless innings since being promoted from Triple-A Buffalo on May 29.

Cruz hit a solo homer in the fourth, his team-leading 15th. He finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs. Beltre went 2 for 4 with a walk, extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

“It was huge,” Beltre said of the victory, just the second for Texas on a six-game road trip. “We haven’t been playing well lately in every phase of the game.”

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## Sons of Clemens, Pettite and Biggio drafted on Day 3

NEW YORK (AP) — The sons of Roger Clemens, Craig Biggio and Andy Pettitte were among the players selected on the final day of the Major League Baseball draft Saturday.

Kacy Clemens, a Texas high school right-handed pitcher, was taken by the Houston Astros in the 35th round — 34

rounds later than his famous father went 30 years ago to Boston as the 19th overall pick.

Cavan Biggio, a Houston-area high school second baseman, went to Philadelphia in the 29th round. Josh Pettitte, a Texas high school pitcher, was taken in the 37th round by the Yankees — on the day his

father earned his 250th career victory.

Detroit outfielder Torii Hunter also saw his son, Torii Hunter Jr., a Texas high school outfielder, taken by the Tigers in the 36th round.

Colorado high school shortstop Brodie Weiss was a 22nd-round pick of the Rockies — the team his father Walt

manages.

Jamie Moyer’s son Dillon, a shortstop from UC San Diego, was selected by the Dodgers in the 38th round.

Vanderbilt outfielder Mike Yastrzemski, the grandson of Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski, was drafted in the 13th round by Baltimore.



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Homey Cancer Moon

We will be drawn to the places we feel most comfortable. The Cancer moon suggests that homebodies won't want to leave the house, preferring the safety of the familiar. But those who feel most like themselves at work or somewhere other than their residential address will be eager to get back to that place.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll take action, and you'll feel good after taking it. That's partly how you know it was the right thing to do. The other part has to do with the long-term consequences. Check back in five years.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're susceptible to loveliness, and you have a weakness for sweetness. You may feel you need a pick-me-up around 3 p.m., and a certain someone's smiling face will be even better than a strong cup of coffee.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Blaming one person is cowardly. Blaming everyone is meaningless. You'll take a lesser known road and

refuse to blame at all. You'll accept what is and deal with everything from there.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Someone who is your fan one week could be your foe the next. These are two sides of the same coin. That's why you prefer a balanced quality of attention to over-the-top sentiments.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There will be a conflict; this is for sure. Is it about what happened, or is it about what you think happened? You have a unique talent for rising above the situation to get a different and usually higher perspective.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like your messages from the universe to be inspired and fresh, and yet, today the cliched thing also happens to be the important thing. Age-old truths hold firm for a reason.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Where do you stand on doing things you know aren't the best? Just because they aren't the best doesn't make them the worst. You'll be negotiating the gray areas today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You're on a mission, and your cause is important. Someone you think is a soldier for your cause may prove to be a leader for it, too. Keep an open mind as to who is suited for the job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll feel on top of the world for parts of the day because it's obvious that people like you. Whether or not that should matter to you is another question for another day. Right now, enjoy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone can't be wrong about everything.

There's a kernel of truth in what your friends are telling you, and in time, you will mine it and find out the whole truth.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a chance for publicity. Should you stand up and be counted? Maybe. But only if you think you can handle the fallout. You feel bold now, don't you?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You have an ever-expanding capacity to delight others. That's probably because you keep looking for new ways to do so. Today this will involve

appreciating the humor and senselessness around you. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 10). Climbing to higher ground always makes you more conspicuous to those below. You'll take your role as a leader quite seriously, and you'll bring people to a worthy place.

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Famous Hand

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Both sides vulnerable.

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♥	A 5		
♦	6 5		
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♥	K J 10 8 7 6 4	♥	J 10 7 4 2
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<b>SOUTH</b>			
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♥	—		
♦	A Q 9 8 3		
♣	Q 5		

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South    West    North    East  
1 ♠      2 ♥      3 ♣      4 ♥  
4 ♠      Pass    4 NT    Pass  
5 ♠      Pass    5 NT    Pass  
6 ♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.  
This deal occurred in the final of the 2001 Bermuda Bowl. The event, held in Paris, was won by the United States, which made a remarkable comeback in the 128-deal match after trailing Norway by 79 International Match Points at the half. The U.S. victory was particularly notable because it marked the first time a woman — Rose Meltzer — had ever won the world open team title.  
The bidding shown took place when Lew Stansby and Chip Martel

were North-South for the U.S. Martel's five-heart response to four notrump indicated two key cards (two aces, or an ace and the king of trumps). His six-spade bid denied holding either minor-suit king, so Stansby settled for the small slam.  
Martel won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace, discarding a diamond, and then misguessed how to start the spades by cashing dummy's ace. This created a trump winner for West, and although it might seem that declarer was in danger of also losing an eventual diamond finesse to West's king, Martel actually had matters well under control.  
He next ruffed dummy's remaining heart, cashed the king of spades and then played the Q-K-A of clubs. If West ruffed, he would be forced to return a diamond into South's A-Q or else lead a heart, allowing declarer to discard a diamond from dummy while ruffing in his hand. If West did not ruff, he could later be thrown on lead with the spade queen to produce the same result. Either way, Martel was sure to make the slam.  
At the other table, the Norwegian North-South pair reached seven spades and finished down two after declarer also misguessed the spades and subsequently lost a finesse to the diamond king. The 1,630-point swing gave the U.S. a 17-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Percentages and probabilities.  
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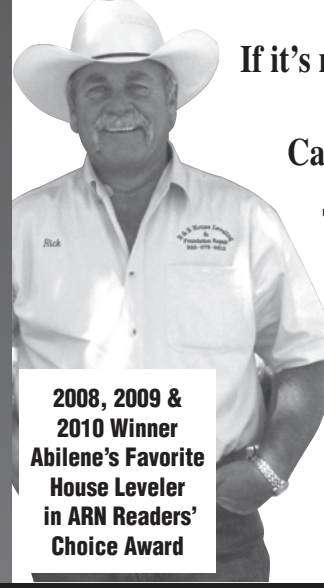
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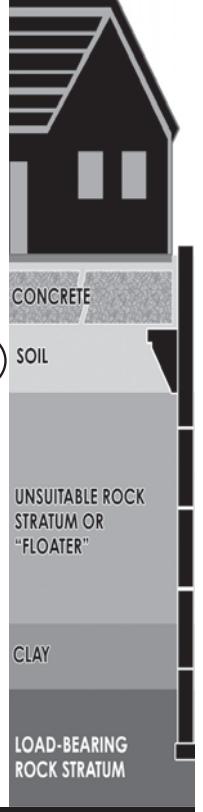
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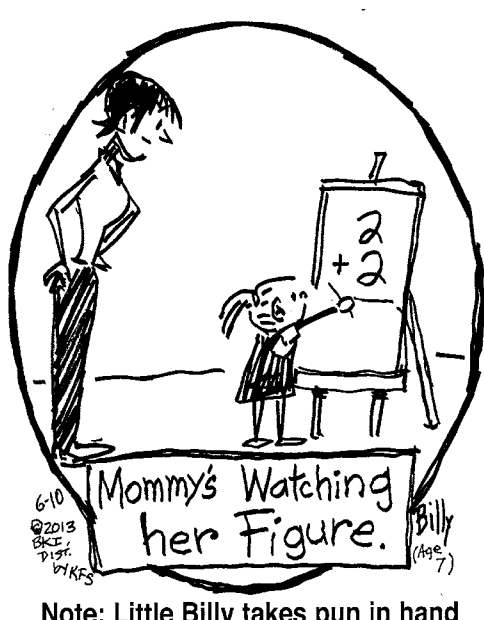
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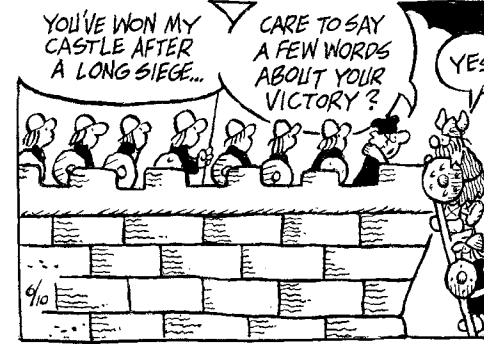
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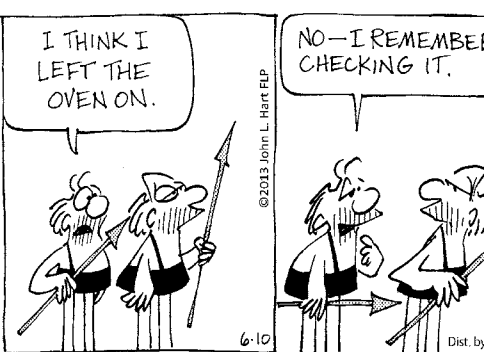
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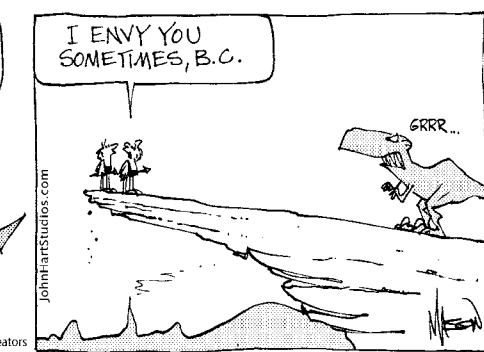
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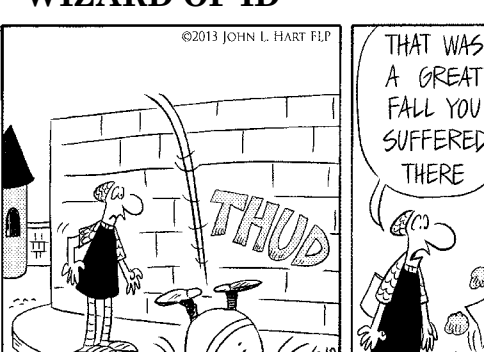
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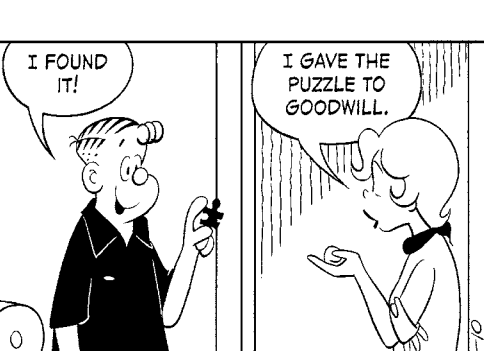
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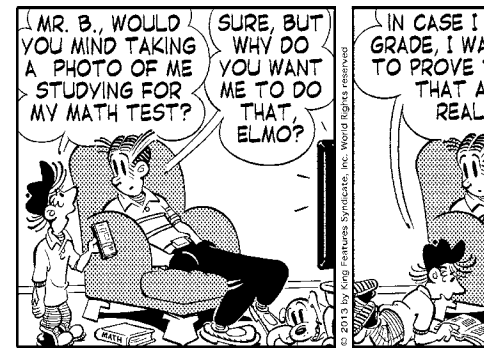
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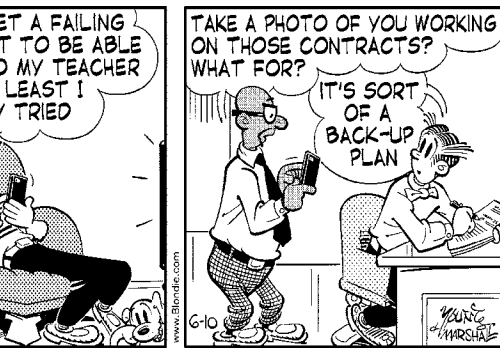
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This Date In History

embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.) In 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed into law the Budget and Accounting Act, which created the Bureau of the Budget and the General Accounting Office. In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minn. In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and William Griffith Wilson. In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy. In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice (LIH'-dyihnt-zeh), Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich. In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire. In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 10, the 161st day of 2013. There are 204 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 10, 1663, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender. The same day, Kennedy delivered a commencement address at American University in Washington, D.C., in which he declared, "If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can make the world safe for diversity." On this date: In 1692, the first official execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged. In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate troops routed Union soldiers in the Battle of Big Bethel in Virginia. In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out from the French

This Date In History

In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, R.I., at his retrial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow. In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, Calif. was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities. Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 92. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 88. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 80. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 74. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 72. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 72. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 62. © 2013 The Associated Press.

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**RANGERS**

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Adam Lind hit a three-run homer for the Blue Jays, who had won three straight. Pinch-hitter Maicer Izturis walked to begin the bottom of the ninth and advanced to second when Elvis Andrus bobbled Munenori Kawasaki's grounder to shortstop for an error. Both runners advanced on Melky Cabrera's sacrifice bunt before Jose Bautista struck out on three pitches, then was ejected for arguing with plate umpire Gary Darling. Bautista jawed with Darling, then tossed his bat, helmet and elbow pad on the field in protest before leaving. The ejection was his first of the season. Nathan closed it out by getting Edwin Encarnacion to pop out to second. "It was definitely nice to actually come in today and feel pretty good," Nathan said. "I was a little worried about it." The Blue Jays took a 4-0 lead with a two-out rally in the third. Cabrera walked, Bautista reached on an infield single when second baseman Jurickson Profar slipped, and Encarnacion hit an RBI single. Lind followed with a three-run drive to center, his sixth. Making his second start since missing 31 games with a right triceps injury, Josh Johnson allowed three runs and five hits in five innings for Toronto. He walked four and struck out four. "Ideally we were looking for more innings, but that didn't happen," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. Johnson didn't allow a hit until Cruz's two-out homer in the fourth. Murphy followed with a walk and scored on a double by Chris McGuiness, the first hit and RBI of his career. Johnson left the dugout after the fourth to have trainers examine a blister on his middle finger. He said the blister didn't affect his performance, adding that he doesn't expect it to keep him from making his next start.

**FINALS**

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shoot well. I know I played awfully," Duncan said. "Whatever it may be, they responded better than us. So hopefully we can look forward to this Game 3 and regain some of our composure." James insisted he wouldn't force himself to do more after he had a triple-double in Game 1 but never seized the opportunity to take control of the scoring as the game was slipping away from the Heat. He didn't need to. Not with Chalmers making big shots, the Heat's defense forcing the Spurs to look shaky all over the floor, and a barrage of second-half 3-pointers. James finally got some openings late, hanging from the rim an extra second not long after a sensational blocked shot freed him up for a fast break. The often-maligned Chalmers is frequently found in Heat highlights being yelled at by James or another Miami veteran. But he's as cocky as any of the superstars in Miami, and he has the big-moment plays to back up his bravado, from a tying shot for Kansas in the 2008 NCAA championship game to his 25 points in Game 4 of last year's finals. "You have to have guts to play with our guys. If you don't, you get swallowed up," Heat coach

Erik Spoelstra said. "The good thing about it is the other guys were fine with him making plays." The point guard sparked the Heat late in the third, after San Antonio had taken a 62-61 lead. He converted two three-point plays, Allen and Mike Miller nailed 3-pointers, and James made only his third field goal of the game during a 14-3 finishing spurt that sent Miami to the fourth with a 75-65 advantage. They opened the fourth with nine straight points to make it 84-65, and capped the run at 94-67 when James made a 3-pointer, erasing any chance of their first two-game losing streak in five months. "We were just a little bit more active today," Bosh said. "We really just made an emphasis to continue to try to corral them." The Spurs had only four turnovers in Game 1, tying an NBA Finals record low. But they surpassed that total in the first quarter, Parker committing two of their five after not coughing it up once in the opener, and the Spurs looked more like the sloppy Indiana Pacers from Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals than the Spurs of Game 1. The unrecognizable play continued, Parker firing passes on the pick-and-roll right into a Heat player's leg on multiple occasions and even getting yanked barely three minutes into the third quarter after his

**NASCAR**

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couldn't bring himself to try and get one over on Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. "I wanted to prove a point and show everyone what could happen in that restart zone," Johnson said. There was no need. The No. 48 Chevrolet was that dialed in. He pretty much only lost the lead because of pit stop cycles. After only one caution in the first 125 laps, they came in bunches over the last 35. Johnson held off Earnhardt with nine laps left and pulled away one more time with four to go. "He's one of the best drivers this sport has ever seen," Earnhardt said. "Chad Knaus is probably one of the smartest crew chiefs the sport has ever seen." Johnson also won the Daytona 500 and at Martinsville Speedway this season. His 63rd career Cup victory helped stretch his points lead to 51 over Carl Edwards. Johnson won from the pole after rain washed

out qualifying Friday. Odds are, Johnson won't really skip a race, especially with the due date in mid-September. But if he has that top seed locked up and is needed in a pinch, he'll put family first. "That's what I'm working so hard for," Johnson said. Greg Biffle was second and Earnhardt. Dover winner Tony Stewart was fourth, followed by fellow Stewart-Haas Racing driver Ryan Newman. "I really didn't have anything for Jimmie," Biffle said. "Jimmie was in a league of his own." Earnhardt would love a repeat of last season when he was in contention at Pocono before settling for eighth, then won the next week at Michigan International Speedway. He wasn't won since — and Michigan is on deck. "We want to get a win, man," Earnhardt said. "I can see it right there in front of me. I really thought we got close." Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano rounded out the top 10.

Stewart and Newman continued a three-week resurgence for SHR, though Danica Patrick was 29th. Stewart jumped three spots to 13th in the standings and still has the No. 1 wild-card spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The final race before the 12-driver field is set is Sept. 7. "It's not just one team, the whole organization is gaining momentum," Stewart said. Johnson had his ninth top-10 finish of 2013 and has now won at least three races in 11 of his

12 full-time seasons. His 128 laps led were the most of his career at Pocono — amazing since the race was shortened from 200 laps to 160 last season. Consider, in Johnson's first Pocono win in 2004, it was only the ninth of his career and he had yet to win a championship. For all his success, Johnson never takes it for granted. "There are no guarantees we'll win again, there really aren't," he said. "The sport moves so fast."

struggles continued. The Spurs responded with seven straight points without him to get back within one. But by the end of the period, it was Chalmers who was the best point guard on the floor. The Heat dropped Game 1 in last year's finals, and the first two to Dallas in 2006 before going on to win both titles. But those early deficits came on the road, so Dwyane Wade said Sunday's game was a "must-win game" for the Heat. They arrived to white shirts hanging on the seats that read "Larry loves Miami" with a picture of the Larry O'Brien trophy that goes to the NBA champion. Larry's not leaving, not if the Heat keep playing like this. They looked as good as ever in the final 15 minutes of their 100th game of the season, pouring it on and leaving Spurs coach Gregg Popovich often standing with his arms folded on the sideline, with no answers and no way of slowing down the Heat speedsters. San Antonio had its seven-game postseason winning streak snapped, as well as a six-game NBA Finals win streak that dated to the 2005 finals. Duncan, who started 0 of 5 in the opener before finishing with 20 points and 14 rebounds, began 1 for 5 in this one. But he never got untracked, though part of the problem was the Spurs' inability to get him the

ball enough because of their turnovers. Wade finished with 10 points and six assists. Miami committed just six turnovers.


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