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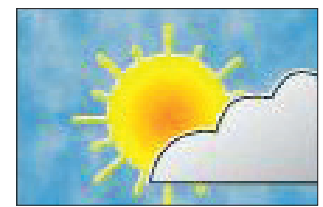
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## Seliger to head redistricting committee

**Special to the Herald**  
 AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced appointments to the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting Wednesday and named State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, its chairman.  
 "Redistricting is too important an issue for the Senate to

wait until the legislative session to begin addressing. By appointing this committee now, members will be able to travel the state before session begins in January and hear from Texans on how best to



Seliger

draw our political lines for the next decade," Dewhurst said. "Once session convenes, the Texas Senate will then be in a strong position to draw maps that will fairly represent the population of Texas."  
 Other members named to the committee on redistricting include: Vice Chair Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston;

Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas; Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler; Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls; Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston; Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston; Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas; Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands; and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

The committee will conduct hearings across the state to gather input from the public regarding the redrawing of legislative, congressional and State Board of Education district lines based on population data from the 2010 Census.  
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## PTSD outreach available

Support group meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the VA Medical Center.

By **VALERIE AVERY**  
 Special to the Herald

A new support group providing advice and companionship for people living with post traumatic stress disorder will meet every Thursday at the VA Medical Center.

West Texas Centers for MHMR in partnership with the West Texas VA Health System will be utilizing "Bring Everyone In the Zone," a program designed to assist people living with PTSD.  
 "We found that there is a need to provide this care for veterans, survivors of traumatic events, or family members of someone who is living with PTSD," said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

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**"We are pleased that this will be a strong avenue for many of our veterans and others affected by PTSD who have received care, but still struggle, and for those who have not sought any type of care."**



Smith



Coahoma residents and others take part in the community's annual Freedom Parade, which gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday. At the same time, residents in the Highland addition of Big Spring will participate in the annual Highland South Parade.

## Parades of choice

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

One day, two parades. People who like their patriotism on parade will love Saturday, as both the citizens of Coahoma and the children of Highland South will participate in annual events sure to attract large crowds.

The Coahoma Freedom Parade, which recognizes and honors local veterans, will begin at 10 a.m. The parade will head south from the football stadium on First Street to Broadway, east to Sixth then south to the community center, organizers said.

Four veterans — Bo Bohannon, Jack Buchanan, Ronnie Reid and Charles Parrish — will serve as grand marshals of the parade.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade is more than welcome, said Quail Dobbs, who has helped organizer the event for the past several years.

"Basically, if you want to participate, all you have to do is show up," he said. "We're going to have a lot of tractors and antique cars and floats and other entries. We never really know we'll have until the morning of the parade."  
 Following the parade, prizes will



Dobbs

## Coahoma to honor veterans Saturday

**Herald Staff Report**

COAHOMA — Four Coahoma natives who served their country in the military will be honored during the community's annual Freedom Day Parade scheduled for Saturday.

Jack W. Buchanan, Charles Ray Parrish, Ronnie Reid and Bo Bohannon will serve as grand marshals during the annual event, which begins at 10 a.m.

Following the parade, the four men will be honored during a brief ceremony at the Coahoma Community Center.

Buchanan joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 in 1944. He went through

boot camp at the San Diego Naval Training Center and was a seaman guard for three months. He then served on the aircraft carrier USS Nassau and several destroyers, including the USS Raymond and the USS Silverstein. He was discharged in July 1946 as a Carpenter's Mate 3rd Class.

A month later, he served another tour as a member of the Navy Reserve.

He attended Texas Tech University from 1946-50 and earned a degree in agriculture. While at Tech, he met Mildred Wilson and they married in 1952. They have three

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awarded to the best entries and the four grand marshals will be honored during a brief ceremony at the community center, followed by a barbecue luncheon costing \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under.

Other organized activities

planned for the day include lawn mower and power tool races, said Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace.

Lawn mower races will be held in stock and open divisions, Wallace said.

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# Obituaries

## Virgil Bebee

Virgil Bebee, 67, died Wednesday, June 30, 2010, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Take Note

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital volunteer run resale shop, will become effective Monday, July 5. New hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

• Are you tired of hearing your kids say "I'm bored." Well, the Heritage Museum has a fix — Free Summer Saturdays! Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. We are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

• United Blood Services will be in front of Beall's at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 6. Call Cody Sneed at the department store, 263-0273, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-12-18-29-34-52.  
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-26-28-31.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-2-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-7. Sum It Up: 12.

# Police blotter

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

- RAMONDA LYNN JONES, 29, of 1315 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving without safety belt, failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding.
- HUMBERTO BAEZA-VALDEZ, 49, of 1405 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUNIOR JONES, 23, of 1710 Austin, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of S. Rannels.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Carol.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and an Austin parole warrant.
- REYES CASTANEDA JR., 27, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- ALICE GONZALES, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- RAMONDA LYNN JONES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no seat belt, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding.
- JUNIOR JONES, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- HUMBERTO BAEZA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRI LYNN MURPHY, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended.

# Fire/EMS

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

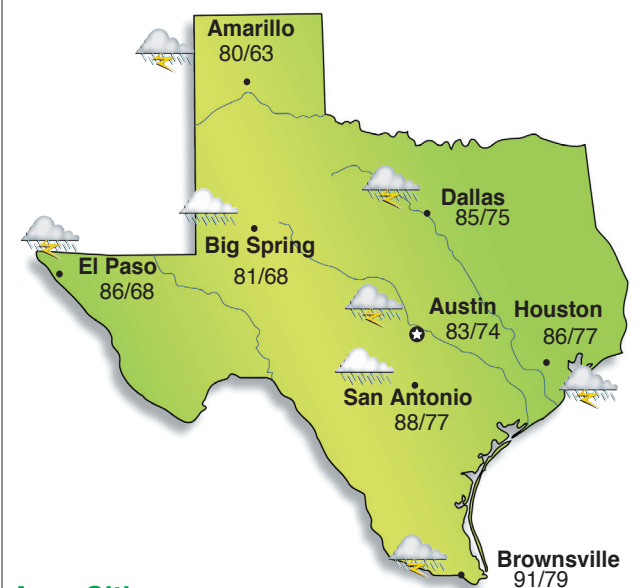
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6
<b>81/68</b>	<b>83/70</b>	<b>82/69</b>	<b>86/68</b>	<b>90/68</b>
Variable clouds with showers and scattered thunderstorms. High 81F.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM

# Texas At A Glance



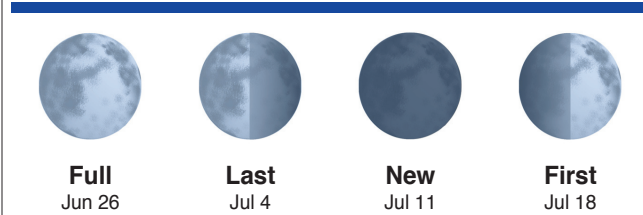
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	70	t-storm	Kingsville	88	78	rain
Amarillo	80	63	t-storm	Livingston	85	74	t-storm
Austin	83	74	t-storm	Longview	87	74	t-storm
Beaumont	86	75	t-storm	Lubbock	74	65	t-storm
Brownsville	91	79	t-storm	Lufkin	86	75	rain
Brownwood	84	72	t-storm	Midland	84	71	rain
Corpus Christi	86	80	rain	Raymondville	90	77	t-storm
Corsicana	83	73	t-storm	Rosenberg	86	77	t-storm
Dallas	85	75	t-storm	San Antonio	88	77	rain
Del Rio	83	74	rain	San Marcos	84	75	t-storm
El Paso	86	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	75	t-storm
Fort Stockton	79	68	rain	Sweetwater	80	69	t-storm
Gainesville	85	72	t-storm	Tyler	88	73	t-storm
Greenville	86	73	t-storm	Weatherford	82	72	t-storm
Houston	86	77	t-storm	Wichita Falls	83	69	t-storm

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	66	sunny	Minneapolis	87	69	sunny
Boston	78	59	sunny	New York	81	65	sunny
Chicago	82	62	sunny	Phoenix	106	83	sunny
Dallas	85	75	t-storm	San Francisco	74	54	pt sunny
Denver	89	63	t-storm	Seattle	64	52	rain
Houston	86	77	t-storm	St. Louis	86	65	sunny
Los Angeles	77	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	66	sunny
Miami	89	79	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6
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# News in brief

## Obama takes on public frustration over debt, assails GOP over economic vision, accountability

RACINE, Wis. (AP) — Sensitive to election-year resentment over big government, President Barack Obama declared Wednesday he intends to get “our debt and our deficits under control.” With fears alive of a double-dip recession, Obama warned that he won’t slash spending at the expense of the economic rebound.

“We got it moving again,” Obama said of the economy to his town hall audience in this Midwestern city, where unemployment tops 14 percent. “We now have to, in a gradual way, reduce spending ... but do so in a way that doesn’t hurt people. And that is a challenge.”

Politically, Obama’s challenge is even broader. He is trying to make the case to the nation that the \$862 billion stimulus plan prevented disaster and is fueling job growth even while millions are still out of work. And he is doing it at a time when Republi-

cans are pounding him for running up a long-term bill for taxpayers, the same frustration that helped give rise to the Tea Party movement and that has made the budget deficit a bigger worry for voters across the spectrum.

The dilemma is also playing out globally, as world leaders try to balance pressures to cut their debt without eroding any jolt that came from new spending.

Seizing on a political opportunity, Obama used his latest getaway from Washington to lash out at Republicans as out of touch with the daily problems of Americans. His agenda was to sharpen the contrast with the opposition party as midterm elections loom and economic anxiety still runs high.

## Grueling Kagan hearings near an end as Supreme Court confirmation by Senate seems all but sure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her confirmation all but assured, Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan neared the end of a final grueling day of Senate

questioning Wednesday, fielding GOP challenges on abortion, gays in the military and other divisive issues while sidestepping Democrats’ invitations to blast conservative decisions by the court she’s hoping to join.

Kagan, prompted by Democratic supporters on the Senate Judiciary Committee, gave a blunt denunciation of “results-oriented judging,” the adjusting of judicial reasoning to fit a preconceived conclusion, but she refused to join them in applying the criticism to the current court under Chief Justice John Roberts. “I’m sure that everybody up there is acting in good faith,” she said.

“Solicitor General Kagan will be confirmed,” Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the panel chairman, confidently declared during a break in the hearings.

Republicans, despairing of their inability to get President Barack Obama’s nominee to reveal her legal views or say anything that might threaten her confirmation, acknowledged as much.

“I assume she will be,” said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

## PTSD

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Post traumatic stress disorder usually occurs within three months of experiencing a traumatic event, Smith said. But it can occur years later, she said.

Flashbacks and upsetting dreams regarding the traumatic event are a few of the signs of PTSD, along with

anger, irritability, self-destructive behavior and trouble sleeping.

“With the VA in Big Spring and so many veterans living in the area and because of the great care provided by the Veterans Administration, we decided that this was a natural outreach of West Texas Center’s mission of providing mental health care in West Texas.”

West Texas Centers for MHMR acquired grant money to implement the

BEITZ program. Wil Hoggard, a veteran of foreign wars, is West Texas Centers new veterans’ liaison officer.

“We are pleased that this will be a strong avenue for many of our veterans and other affected by PTSD who have received care, but still struggle, and for those who have not sought any type of care,” Smith said.

Meetings are confidential and will be led by individuals who struggle with the same issues as those attend-

ing the support group. Referrals to other service providers and programs will be provided if necessary.

Also, counselors will be available to meet with veterans individually for additional support if needed.

The peer-to-peer support group will meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hoggard at (432) 213-0494.

## SELIGER

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“I am honored and humbled by the lieutenant

governor’s confidence in my abilities and hope I can make meaningful contributions to the redistricting process,” Seliger said after learning of his appointment. “I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate as we undertake one of the critical issues facing the 82nd Legislature.”

Seliger was first elected to the Texas Senate in a 2004 special election. He was most recently re-elected Nov. 4, 2008, to serve the 31st Senatorial District of Texas for a second four-year term. The district spans 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin and includes Big Spring.

## PARADES

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“Any riding lawn mower fresh out of the store is eligible for the open division,” he said. “I guess you can push one if you want ... The open division will have modified mowers. We’ve heard of some that went 65 mph.”

Power tool drag races will feature small vehicles with power tools as the primary engine source.

For more information, contact Dobbs at 394-4000 or Wallace at 270-3507.

In Big Spring, the children of Highland South will continue a tradition dating back more than 30 years when the Highland July 4 parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Highland and

Scott drives.

Entries will be accepted the day of the parade. Organizers ask entrants to show up at the starting area by 9:30 a.m. to allow judges adequate time to view all the entries.

Categories for the parade include walkers, strollers, bicycles, motorized and battery powered vehicles, pets, horses, houses and mailboxes, said Linda Stallings, one of the event’s or-

ganizers. Prizes to the top entries will be presented immediately following the parade’s conclusion.

For more information, contact Stallings at 267-8427 or Melanie Lauder-milk at 213-4703.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

## COAHOMA

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children: Dr. Debra Reed of Lubbock, Darla Doty of Stephenville and Jack Buchanan Jr. of Priddy, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Buchanan’s years of public service have included two terms as Howard County Commissioner and six years as Justice of the Peace. He is a charter member of the Coahoma Lions’ Club and a member of the Texas Tech Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Parrish was born in 1930 in Sparenburg and graduated from Westbrook High School in 1948. He joined the U.S. Air Force in March 1949 and completed basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

After taking a course in electronics and completing Radio Squadron Mobile Training, he was sent to Japan in 1950. He also served in Korea during the winter of 1950-51 and then was discharged in San Antonio in 1952.

He worked at Webb AFB in Big Spring from 1952 until the base closed in the late 1970s. He also worked as an electrician, taught building trades at Coahoma High School, and retired from CISD in 1993 as maintenance supervisor.

Charles married Bet-

tye Bobo in June 1953. They have been married for 57 years and have three children: Connie Shaw of Kerrville, James Lee Parrish of Big Spring and Donna Rich of Westbrook, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He and his wife are enjoying their retirement by traveling and working in their yard. Parrish also enjoys wood-carving as a hobby.

Reid, a lifetime Howard County resident, is the third of five generations who have attended school in Coahoma. After graduating from high school in 1959, he attended what was then Howard County Junior College.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, following in the footsteps of his father, Quinon H. Reid, who was a World War II prisoner of war at Stalag 9B Prison Camp at Bad Orb, Germany, after being captured in the Battle of the Bulge.

Reid completed basic training at Fort Hood and was assigned to the 2nd Armored “Hell on Wheels” Division. Following communications technician training at Fort Sill, Okla., he boarded the USS General W.A. Mann, a Navy transport ship, for a 30-day voyage to Korea, where he served 14 months at 31st Field Artillery Battalion Head-

quarters.

Upon his return state-side, Ronnie was stationed at Fort Chaffee, Ark., for about one year, where he met and married Carol Daily in 1963. At the time of his discharge in 1964 he was classified as a Spec. 5th Class. He returned to Coahoma shortly thereafter.

Reid worked at the Cosden Refinery for 33 years and retired in 2000. He continued with Fina as a contractor working on octane engines.

He and his wife have three children: Robert

Reid and Steve Reid, both of Coahoma, and Melinda Reid Hunter of San Marcos and two grandchildren: Michael Reid and Tiffany Reid Gavlick.

Bohannon was born in Grove, Okla. and joined the U.S. Navy at age 16. He served on a submarine destroyer in the South Pacific March 1943 through February 1946, when he was discharged as a Motor Machinist 3rd Class.

He worked for many years at Union Texas Petroleum and has lived in Sand Springs for 43

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By Eddy Pitchford

As we celebrate our national birthday, we reflect on the following scriptures:

*Romans 13:1-2, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”*

*I Timothy 2:1-2, “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”*

*Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”*

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## OUR VIEW

# For celebrating, this is the place to be Saturday

Perhaps we're a little biased, but there's no doubt in our minds that the place to be Saturday is Big Spring and Howard County, because that's when we will really start celebrating the Fourth of July holiday.

More importantly, we're convinced that nobody, and we mean nobody, celebrates Independence Day like Big Spring and Howard County.

As has been the case for several years, Big Spring and Coahoma will get a jump start on the holiday.

The annual Coahoma Freedom Parade and City Park Celebration will again be held Saturday to recognize the community's veterans, and this year, four World War II veterans — Bo Bohannon, Jack Buchanan, Ronnie Reid and Charles Parrish — will be the grand marshals for the parade that begins the celebration at 9:30 a.m.

Following the parade lawn mower and power tool races are scheduled and children will be able to enjoy the new playground equipment recently installed adjacent to the Coahoma Community Center.

What's more, a barbecue lunch with all the trimmings will be prepared by Jackie Hill Sr. and the price of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Saturday morning will also be the time for the annual Highland July 4 Parade in Big Spring. For more than 30 years the parade that proves you don't have to be grown up to show your love for the red, white and blue has been held along Highland Drive. But with the Fourth of July falling on a Sunday this year, organizers have moved the event up a day.

The parade, featuring children decked out in all kinds of patriotic regalia, begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Highland and Robb Drives. Participants are asked to get to the staging area by 9:30 a.m. to allow judges plenty of time to view all the entries.

And the day will come to an end in spectacular fashion Saturday evening with the annual Pops in the Parks extravaganza at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, featuring a concert of patriotic music by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and a fireworks show synchronized to the orchestra's music.

Gates to the amphitheater will open at 5 p.m., which is when the 30 or so novelty and food booths will open.

Then the show begins with a performance by a mariachi band and folklorico dancers from Big Spring's sister city, San Miguel el Alto in Jalisco, Mexico. That will be followed by a performance by the local band Greengos.

The symphony concert will begin at about 8:35 p.m. and the fireworks show starts about 9:45 p.m.

What's more, admittance to all three of the events is free!

So, dress for the heat and don whatever patriotic wear you have, and join in the fun.

We'll see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, long-term tranquility is guaranteed.

Amen

# The 'Supreme' charade

Supreme Court confirmation hearings are nothing but a charade. "Balls and strikes" is what John Roberts said he'd call. Sonia Sotomayor, no fool she, said the same. Elena Kagan, ditto, is going to be a neutral arbiter. She isn't a "progressive." She will be fair and open.

Of course. She'd be crazy to say otherwise.

Once upon a time, back when she wasn't sitting at the table, Kagan suggested that prospective justices should try to outline their constitutional views at the confirmation hearings. Senators might learn more about who they were voting for. The watching public might learn something, period.

Not a chance.

Now senators pretend to "learn" something by reading memos the would-be justice wrote nearly three decades ago as a law clerk. Would-be justices spend three days forgetting everything they learned about judicial decision-making in law school and since, claiming that values have nothing to do with it; neutrality is the watchword. It's not an educational experience for anyone. It's a game of "gotcha," and the way you don't get gotten is, basically, to say nothing.

Barack Obama won the election. He has the right to appoint someone to the Supreme Court who shares his philosophy,

provided that he or she brings to the job the intelligence and experience to perform effectively. No one seriously doubts that Kagan brings such experience and intelligence. No, she wasn't a judge, but she is a serious student of the law and the solicitor general of the United States. I have no idea how the senators who voted to confirm her as solicitor general would now explain a vote not to confirm her as a justice, but since none of this is an exercise in candor or intellectual honesty, they'll just do whatever they want and say whatever seems to work.

Watching the confirmation hearings, unless you're a masochist or a satirist, is a waste of time. You learn nothing except how silly the process has become. Ever since Robert Bork — who was highly qualified but also arrogant and divisive — went down in flames at his hearing, every successive nominee has understood that the game is to say as little as possible, disown prior controversies, eschew any hint of ideology and simply endure.

Five days of misery are certainly worth a lifetime appointment. I tell my students, when they bemoan the misery of the bar exam, that with luck, it's the last test they will ever take; the same is true in spades for Kagan. Miserable and ridiculous though this process may be, it's likely the last time she will ever have to endure it.

But the message it sends is all wrong: If you dream of being a justice, don't ever take a controversial position. Imagine if she had represented an individual

accused of terrorism. Imagine if she had actually written law review articles advocating truly progressive positions.

The funny thing about these hearings is how little months of digging for dirt on Kagan have revealed. In fact, she has been extremely careful in what she has said and written, far more careful than most law professors I know. Investigations into her personal life have failed to reveal poor choices and bad moments, which is more — or less — than I can say for most highly qualified 50-year-olds I know.

It's a ridiculous standard to have to meet to serve on the bench. Indeed, so far as taking controversial positions and representing controversial clients, it is one that does not necessarily produce the people of courage and conviction we need on the federal bench. But sadly, it has become the operative test. Most people who run for president, including those who win, could never be confirmed as a justice — too human, too many mistakes in life. How ridiculous.

Republicans will claim that they are not to blame; it was the Democrats who supposedly started it with Bork. Fine. So what?

As every mother knows, the issue is not who started it, but who is going to end it. The answer seems to be that no one is, not any time soon.

Obama was lucky to find in Kagan a nominee who is both highly qualified and capable of being confirmed.

The two do not always go hand in hand.

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# President Alfred E. Obama

Observing President Obama's relentlessly reckless approach to our nation's fiscal integrity is reminiscent of the signature phrase of Mad magazine's Alfred E. Neuman, "What, me worry?" Obama struck again last week at the G-20 conference in Toronto, urging other nations to follow his Pied Piper lead into deficit spending hell.

Unlike recent U.S. presidents who recognized and touted this nation as the world's exemplar for economic growth and prosperity, Obama is turning us into a poster nation for financial irresponsibility. While other nations at the meeting were focusing on deficit reduction, Obama was haplessly urging them to join us in Keynesian spending oblivion.

He told the conference that global economic recovery remains "fragile" and implored the nations' leaders to continue deficit spending to sustain the "recovery." The Washington Post reports that Obama's remarks "tempered the Group of 20's headline achievement at the summit, a deficit-reduction target that had been pushed by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the host of the meeting and a fiscal conservative."

Obama is wholly impervious to the historical record documenting the failure of FDR's pump priming during the Depression, which exacerbated rather than ameliorated the economic problems. He is similarly detached from reality concerning the failure of his own policies to stimulate growth of any kind to save his beloved public sector and thus recommends more of the same.

In speech after speech, he takes credit for having launched

an economic recovery in the United States and for achieving job growth. Notwithstanding his economic models that stubbornly predict such results, he can point to no empirical evidence to verify his delusional boasts.

It would be bad enough if his economic policies were simply retarding our economic recovery, but they are also accelerating our trip to national bankruptcy. Yet Obama continues to press forward with his foot smashed down on the gas pedal.

Though fiscal sanity would demand that we put the brakes on runaway government spending, Obama wants more of it and is in the process of securing it — not just in the short term but also in perpetuity. Obama launched an array of new spending programs ostensibly billed as temporary — to help "stimulate" the economy — but his latest budget, according to The Heritage Foundation, "would replace this temporary spending with permanent new programs." As if that should surprise anyone!

Heritage's latest figures show that federal spending, deficits and debt continue "to grow at a pace not seen since World War II." This year, the federal government is spending \$5,000 more per household than it was just two years ago.

Oh, sure, Obama is also touting his promise to halve the federal deficit by 2013 and saying he means it.

"People should learn that lesson about me because next year when I start presenting some very difficult choices to the country, I hope some of these folks who are hollering about deficits and debt step up because I'm calling their bluff," he said.

But his theories about deficit reduction might be a bit different from yours and mine. Obama wants us to believe (and apparently can't help believing himself) that our soaring deficits are the result of "messy and unfair" tax laws. You know the drill: The

rich are not paying their fair share. Put aside for now his specious and class warfare-driven arguments about the rich. The latest data published by Heritage reveal that 90 percent of the rising long-term budget deficits are driven by rising spending and that just 10 percent of the rising deficits are caused by falling revenues. Moreover, the "tax cuts" for those earning more than \$250,000 are responsible for just 4 percent of the swing from surpluses to deficits.

Yet after all his newly imposed federal spending programs, Obama will soon unveil the results of his "bipartisan" budget commission and swear he's going to drastically reduce the deficit — mostly by raising taxes even more. To make the numbers work, even in theory, he'll have to break — yet again — his promise not to raise taxes "of any kind" on those making less than \$250,000. And he'll expect to be lauded for his stewardship and given a pass for reneging on his pledge. Those who criticize him for his reckless spending, his broken promises and his economically suicidal blueprint to solve our debt and economic problems through higher taxes will be castigated as mere partisans. So predictable. So maddening. So destructive.

In a nutshell, then, Obama's plan is to spend us into bankruptcy without improving private-sector economic growth, impose national health care and other permanent entitlements to further bankrupt us and suppress the economy, exploit the Gulf oil spill to cram through the further growth-destroying cap-and-trade bill, and then revamp the tax code to place even further burdens on income earners and the economy as a whole. What, me worry? Duh! How about you?

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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# Texas soaked but misses worst of Alex

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Hurricane Alex rumbled through northeastern Mexico early Thursday but appeared to have dealt Texas only a glancing blow, drenching the Rio Grande Valley with more than a half-foot of rain but sparing the state the damage that often accompanies such storms.

"It's a good thing," said Johnny Cavazos, emergency management coordinator for Cameron County.

Alex made landfall late Wednesday about 100 miles south of Brownsville, with sustained winds of about 105 mph. It was the first Category 2 storm in June since Hurricane Alma in 1966, the National Weather Service said.

Countering fears that Alex would drench that part of Texas, forecasters said less than 6 inches of rain had fallen in the Brownsville area in the 24 hours leading up to 7 a.m. Thursday. The skies over muggy Brownsville remained overcast with temperatures in the low 80s. The weather service said flash flooding and coastal flood-

ing would still be a concern through Thursday afternoon.

The National Hurricane Center meanwhile said Alex had weakened to a tropical storm as it moved over northeastern Mexico, with sustained winds of 70 mph.

Coastal residents had been preparing for the worst, stocking up on essential goods and readying their homes. But the storm appeared to have saved most of its wrath for Mexico. Shortly before it came ashore, the hurricane center downgraded its hurricane warning for the Texas coast to a tropical storm warning.

By then, the outer bands of Alex had taken several swings at Brownsville and South Padre Island, where 66 mph gusts closed the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. The span linking the tourist island to the rest of Texas remained closed Thursday morning.

Some residents and vacationers left stranded made the most of the flooded streets.

"I paddled the entire length from the Rio Grande down to Port Arthur in May, but I

didn't think I'd be paddling down Padre Boulevard," said Dennis Barrett as he kayaked down the island's main thoroughfare.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or heavy damage, Cavazos said. Crews were expected to begin damage assessment by daybreak, and officials were working late into the night to get pumps into areas inundated by water. Cavazos said after Alex made landfall that severe flooding only affected isolated areas.

More than 1,000 people in Hidalgo and Cameron counties rode out Alex in shelters, and stores and homes across Brownsville boarded up windows. Grocery stores also closed early, turning away some shoppers trying to rush in for last-minute supplies.

But a menacing storm never arrived.

Still, 9-foot waves were reported on the South Padre Island beach and Alex spun off two small tornadoes near Brownsville, leaving a trailer overturned.

In McAllen, an 18-wheeler

collided with a truck on a slippery highway and stopped partly hanging off an overpass. Chunks of concrete fell below, and two people were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, city spokesman Roy Cantu said.

More than 1,000 homes were without power — many not because of the storm but because a car ran into a utility pole, American Electric Power spokesman Andy Heines said.

When Hurricane Dolly tore through south Texas in 2008, more than 200,000 homes lost power and it took more than a week to restore full service.

Texans still took precautions before the storm. At a shopping plaza at the foot of a bridge into Mexico, shop owners taped windows and swept water pooled on the sidewalk into the empty streets.

Other stores, meanwhile, began removing plywood boards nailed up just days earlier as Alex shifted further south.

Hundreds of families took shelter at a Brownsville high

school, which was beginning to quickly fill up by early Wednesday. Sergio Gonzales, 18, arrived with nine other family members after his father decided their house may not survive the flood.

Gonzales didn't agree with his dad.

"I think it's just going to be a normal one," he said.

As Gonzales prowled the hallways looking for a cot, another family of 11 checked in. Behind them was a family of 12.

"People who live here know when it's time to come," said Chris Patterson, the shelter director.

Rio Grande Valley farmers were also bracing for Alex, which could bring them a third-straight year of losses.

Luis Ribera, an economist in Weslaco for Texas AgriLife Extension, said that if cotton, corn and grain sorghum fields get hit by the north side of the hurricane where winds and rains are more severe, losses could reach \$44 million.

That's more than the losses for 2008 and 2009 combined, according to Ribera.

## News in brief

### Man confronts 3 off-duty

#### Tyler police officers

TYLER (AP) — A man who wrongly accused three people he saw jogging in Tyler of attacking him faces charges after the trio turned out to be off-duty police officers.

Tyler police say the three officers were jogging early Thursday when a man on foot approached them and started cursing, claiming they had earlier assaulted him.

Sgt. Jeff Callaway says the joggers identified themselves as police officers and produced badges.

Callaway says the suspect then pulled a knife, said he didn't care if they were officers and moved toward them.

One of the officers displayed a firearm to stop the man.

Callaway says the suspect, who then dropped the knife and surrendered, was taken into custody and will face three counts of aggravated assault.

### Court will consider mother's insanity defense

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A state district court hearing in San Antonio will determine whether a mother accused of decapitating her three-week-old baby can plead not guilty by reason of insanity.

A spokesman for Bexar (BAYR) County District Attorney Susan Reed says the Thursday hearing will decide whether Otty Sanchez can enter the insanity plea.

The 33-year-old San Antonio woman is charged with capital murder in the death of her son, Scott Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez.

A judge ruled in November that a jury would decide whether Sanchez was mentally competent to stand trial. If Sanchez is allowed to plead not guilty, she will be sent to a state mental institution.

### Convicted nurse killer set to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Michael Perry is headed to the Texas death chamber Thursday evening contending that he was wrongly condemned for gunning down a nurse at her home north of Houston and stealing her car nine years ago.

The 28-year-old Perry would be the 14th prisoner executed this year in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state. Another Texas inmate, Jonathan Green, won a court reprieve hours before he could have been put to death Wednesday.

Perry's lawyers have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop his execution, arguing they have new evidence showing Perry already was in jail when 50-year-old Sandra Stotler was murdered in 2001. They also contend a friend of Perry's killed Stot-

ler.

State lawyers say a mountain of evidence points to Perry.

### Former Texas governor to be buried Thursday

UVALDE (AP) — Public officials and family members will gather at a West Texas church to remember former Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr.

A memorial service was scheduled in Uvalde, west of San Antonio, for Thursday morning at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Briscoe's remains will be buried in a plot next to his late wife, Janey, at a family ranch in Reagan Wells.

Briscoe died Sunday at age 87.

The lifelong Texan presided over the state from 1972 to 1978, at a time when Texas was enjoying the riches of an oil and gas boom. A conservative Democrat, he suffered a stunning loss in the 1978 Democratic primary.

### Drug bust figure's probation revocation vacated

AMARILLO (AP) — An appeals court has overturned the probation revocation of a man imprisoned for 10 years after his arrest in the since-discredited Tulia drug busts of 1999.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted 32-year-old Mandis Barrow a new court hearing on his revocation in a Wednesday ruling.

According to the Amarillo Globe-News, Barrow was placed on deferred adjudication after a 1996 guilty plea to armed robbery. After his arrest in the drug busts, a judge revoked Barrow's probation and sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

The state's highest appeals court ruled that Barrow's probation wouldn't have been revoked but for former narcotics agent Tom Coleman's since-discredited testimony. Coleman was later convicted of aggravated perjury, sentenced to 10 years of probation and had his peace officer's license revoked.

### Drugs in Dallas chief's son's blood when cop slain

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas police chief's son had marijuana and PCP in his blood when he fatally shot a suburban police officer and a neighbor before being shot and killed by police, according to an autopsy report released Wednesday.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office report shows 27-year-old David Brown Jr. also had nine gunshot wounds and multiple superficial injuries caused by bullet fragments.

The son of newly chosen Dallas Police Chief David Brown shot and killed Jeremy McMillian, 23,

and Lancaster police Officer Craig Shaw, 37, the afternoon of June 21 before other officers shot him.

PCP, also known as angel dust, is a powerful hallucinogenic that can cause schizophrenia, paranoia and violence when taken at higher dosages.

Barry Gustin, a toxicology expert and emergency physician in Berkeley, Calif., said the amount found in the younger Brown's blood — 0.12 milligrams per liter — is above the average listed in studies of people who have taken the drug.

### 'Cross-border gunfire' raises Texas security fears

EL PASO (AP) — A deadly shootout between gunmen and Mexican police that left seven bullet holes in El Paso City Hall has renewed calls for tighter border security, even as local authorities say little can be done to stop stray bullets from crossing the U.S.-Mexican border.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott wrote President Barack Obama on Wednesday to say Tuesday's "cross-border gunfire" was more proof that the state "is under constant assault from illegal activity threatening a porous border."

Mexican authorities said the shootout began between police and armed suspects in Ciudad Juarez — a city plagued by drug violence just across the Rio Grande from El Paso — as officers were trying to investigate a vehicle with no license plates in a border-area parking lot within view of El Paso City Hall.

# Casual Cooking with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

I believe the weekend approaching represents two things, freedom and time



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to barbecue. This weekend is the official firing-up-the-grills weekend, so all other grilling prior to was just a warmup.

Now as you throw on the steaks, chicken, burgers and dogs, you are still left with the nagging question: What's for dessert? The recipe provided this week has got you covered. It's fun, cold, refreshing and a crowd pleaser! So tell your ice cold wa-

termelon to move over and make space for the new guy. Enjoy!

## Grilled Banana Split

2-4 bananas  
can pineapple chunks  
pound cake (bakery or frozen dessert section)  
Neapolitan ice cream  
maraschino cherries  
whipped cream in can  
wooden skewers (soak in

water overnight)  
chopped pecans - optional  
honey

Soaking skewers overnight, the amount you need is one per person plus a couple extra for breakage.

Cut pound cake into about 1-inch squares. Cut bananas into 1-inch round pieces. Place on soaked skewer a piece of pound cake, piece of banana, piece of pound cake again, piece of pineapple

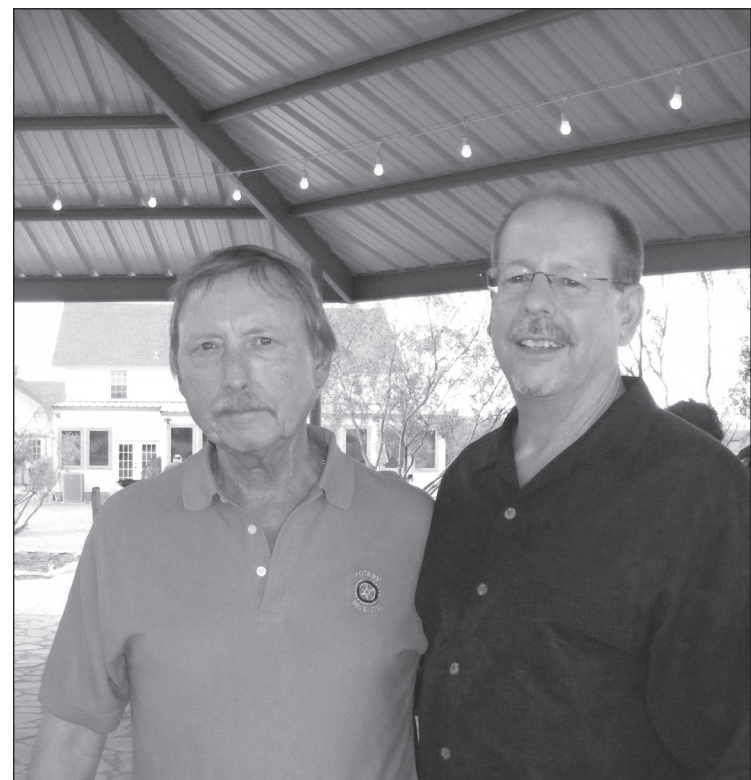
chunk and cherry. Repeat same to end of skewer. After all skewers are assembled, whisk about a tablespoon of honey and some water to make a thin glaze and brush over skewers.

Place on grill and let it all become lightly toasty on all sides.

Serve ice cream in bowls, slide off goodies from skewers, top with whip cream and nuts.



Doing your Part Beautification Award for the month of June was presented to Esther Lopez Tobar of 1100 Runnels. Pictured from left to right are Chad Averette, Code Enforcement; Eleanor Lopez; Jo Ann Staulcup, Keep Big Spring Beautiful president; Esther Lopez Tobar; and Pat Simmons, KBSB.



Courtesy photo

On July 24, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club recognized Terry Wegman and Keith Graumann for serving as past and present Assistant District Governor. Keith Graumann has been appointed as Assistant District Governor for 2010-2011 and has assumed the role to assist in overseeing the six clubs within Region 9.



Courtesy photo

Pictured from left to right are Greater Big Spring Rotary Club board members Malinda Flenniken, Shelley Smith, Debbye Valverde, President Elect Debbie Wegman, Richard Sanders, Debbie Green, Keith Graumann, Amy Vidal and Troy Tompkins.

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# Guerrero continues recent surge

## Ex-Angel pounds Anaheim, leads Texas to 6-4 win

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero left the plate with a spring in his trot, pumping his fist and swiftly circling the bases to meet his third Texas teammates back at home.

Guerrero rarely looked this light on his feet last season with the Los Angeles Angels. They let him walk away as a free agent — and Guerrero is stomping all over his former team pitching this week.

Guerrero hit a grand slam and another homer during a four-hit performance, leading the Rangers to a 6-4 victory over the Angels on Wednesday night.

Guerrero also had a long double and a single during the 42nd multihomer game of his career. The slugger has three homers and six hits in his first two games back at Angel Stadium since Los Angeles decided not to re-sign him last winter — but he

claims it's absolutely nothing personal.

"I just really try to do my job," Guerrero said through a translator. "I'm swinging the bat well and hitting it hard."

Guerrero's fourth-inning grand slam and eighth-inning solo shot sent Texas to its 14th win in 16 games despite a shaky major league debut for starter Omar Beltre, who made it through just four innings after giving up a leadoff homer to Erick Aybar.

The AL West-leading Rangers earned their 21st win in June, setting a club record for wins in a month. After Tuesday's 6-5 loss in the series opener, Texas won for the ninth time in 10 road games to avoid losing back-to-back games for the first time in nearly four weeks.

"We played a solid ballgame," said Josh Hamilton, who stretched his hitting streak to 23 games with an

eighth-inning double. "Beltre did good to get us through those early innings, and then Vladdy took it from there."

Dustin Nippert (3-3) pitched three innings of relief for the victory, and Neftali Feliz pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances.

But Anaheim's envious eyes were on Guerrero, who tied his career high with four hits for the 24th time during the third multihomer game of his first season with Texas. The 2004 AL MVP connected for the seventh grand slam of his career in his second game back in Orange County, where he played the past six seasons for the Angels.

"He's as dangerous as any hitter in the game right now," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He's obviously at a level we haven't seen in a couple of years, but it just goes back to his health and how he's feeling. ... That's what he

can do. Vlad was swinging it tonight. We obviously didn't pitch him the way we were trying to. You make a mistake on Vlad and you're going to pay a price."

Reggie Willits had a two-run double for the Angels during a rough start for Scott Kazmir (7-7), who couldn't get out of the fifth inning in his second straight loss after a four-game winning streak.

Kazmir faced the minimum nine batters through three innings until falling apart in the fourth. After hitting lead-off hitter Elvis Andrus, he gave up Michael Young's double and walked Ian Kinsler before Guerrero hammered a changeup into the trees behind the center field fence for his 17th homer.

"We tried to work both sides of the plate, but anything that you left right down the middle or anywhere in the zone, he was going to hit it hard,"

Kazmir said. "That was one of the things we couldn't control too much."

Kazmir left after Kinsler's RBI single in the fifth, giving up six hits and five runs. Guerrero then hit Sean O'Sullivan's first pitch into the left-center gap for a double, but O'Sullivan got Nelson Cruz on a fly to right with the bases loaded.

Beltre, a 28-year-old right-hander, allowed Aybar's homer to right on his fourth major league pitch. He needed 85 pitches to get through four innings, allowing five hits and four walks while striking out six.

"I was a little nervous, but I'm just glad we won the game," Beltre said through a translator. "After the first inning, I was feeling like it was coming together, and I was able to make a couple of good

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Courtesy Photo

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association 10 and under All-Star team will compete in the District 26 All-Star tournament July 15 through 18 in Midland. Pictured from left to right back row: Kendall Phillips, Ysabel Soliz, Bree Franklin, Keelee White, Destiny Mata and Caysey Moreno; left to right bottom row: Cierra Martinez, Ashley Gonzales, Hunter Seymore, Serenity Garcia and Raegan Deel. Alexis Gaitan is not pictured. The coaches are Jaime Soliz, JD Gonzales, Michael Mata and Jason Phillips. Players on this team are from Big Spring and the surrounding area. They will play against different teams in District 26 for this All-Star game. Those teams are made up of players from other cities such as Midland, Lubbock and Snyder. The girls will play the District 26 All-Star tournament at MUGS Fields.



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The Playmakers 99 10 and under fastpitch travel team recently won first place at the USSSA Goliath tournament in Carlsbad, N.M. The 28 teams participating in their age division were divided into two brackets, red and blue. The Playmakers were the champions of the red bracket after defeating Liberty 99 from Phoenix, Ariz., in the championship game 10-0. Pictured from left to right back row: Ysabel Soliz (Big Spring), Marisa Cruz (San Angelo), Karson Botts (Snyder), Kendall Phillips (Forsan) and Kylee Davis (Snyder); Left to right back row: Rylee Morales (San Angelo), Destiny Mata (Big Spring), Alyssa Benitez (Snyder) and Tenea Love (San Angelo). Not pictured are coaches Jaime Soliz (Big Spring), Eddie Benitez (Snyder) and Mike Cruz (San Angelo).

# Rockets, Morey make first pitch to free agent Bosh

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey sure knows how to make a first impression.

Morey met with coveted free agent Chris Bosh in Dallas just after midnight, making a pitch to an available player at the exact moment free agency opened for the second straight year.

The Rockets are considered long shots to land the 6-foot-10 Bosh, who has averaged a double-double in three of his seven seasons with Toronto. But Morey wanted to meet with Bosh anyway, envisioning a perfect complement to All-Star center Yao Ming, who said this

week he'll pick up the player option on his contract and return to the Rockets next season.

"We put our best foot forward," Morey said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "We just want him to make the best decision for him and hopefully, it's Houston."

New York, Miami and Chicago are considered frontrunners to land Bosh, because they already have enough salary cap space cleared to offer a maximum contract. The Rockets would have to give up several assets in a sign-and-trade deal with Bosh's current team, Toronto, to make him a comparable offer and Morey said he's will-

ing to take that risk.

"We think we're a deep team," Morey said, "and we think we can give up some good pieces and still be a great team."

Bosh put up career-highs of 24.0 points, 10.8 rebounds and 52 percent shooting last season. But he's never won a playoff series, and Morey said that he tried to sell Bosh on Houston's championship potential.

Houston went 42-40 without Yao last season.

"We feel like we'd be an elite team in the West (with Bosh), as good as anyone," Morey said. "We're a team ready to win. The core of players

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# Rodriguez pitches Astros to 5-1 win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Chris Johnson starred during spring training before his fast start was derailed by an early-season injury.

Now, he appears to be back from the minor leagues for good.

Johnson had his second four-hit game in five contests and led the Houston Astros to a 5-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday.

"To watch C.J. put up with some of the stuff he's had to, and not gotten upset, he came up here and took advantage of the opportunity," said Geoff Blum, who went 2 for 2 with two walks and three runs scored. "It's fun to watch."

Johnson led the Grapefruit League with eight home runs and 22 RBI, and made the Astros out of spring training. He strained a right intercostal muscle and was placed on the disabled

list on April 20. He was then sent to Triple-A Round Rock when he recovered in May.

He batted .329 with 10 doubles, eight home runs and 33 RBI in 38 games at Round Rock, and was recalled by the Astros on June 22.

Since then, he has gone 12 for 29 (.414) with three doubles and six RBI in seven starts at third base.

"I try and do the same thing I did there (in Triple A)," he said. "That's what got me here. I'm trying to stay within myself and take whatever the pitcher gives me. It's working out."

The Astros got a strong start from Wandy Rodriguez, who gave up only one run in seven innings and executed a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to snap a tie in the sixth inning.

"I had good command of my fastball and my breaking ball, too," Ro-

driguez said.

Rodriguez (5-10) won his second consecutive start after a stretch in which he lost six of seven. The left-hander held the Brewers to 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position, giving up one run and seven hits. He struck out six and issued one intentional walk.

"He got into key situations where he really beared down and made some good pitches, and was able to get out of some key spots," Astros catcher Jason Castro said.

With the score tied 1-1 with one out in the fifth and two runners on, Rodriguez struck out Prince Fielder and got Ryan Braun to ground into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

"That's a prime example of him kind of stepping up and not letting anything get to him, and really focusing on his pitches," Castro said.

## Sports in brief

### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

The Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament takes place at 8 a.m. July 10 at the Comanche Trails Golf Course and will benefit Coahoma High School Athletes.

It is \$50 per person, four person scramble. Prizes will be included. Call Rocky McCullough at 213-4868

### or DeLoyd Hooser at 816-9051 for more information State Representative Joe Heflin Golf Tournaments

This golf tourney will make its way to Big Spring on July 27 at the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course. Scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided. RSVP to CassiDe Street at Heflin2010@yahoo.com or 806-675-1583.

### Coahoma Ragball Tournament

There will be a ragball tournament July 9 and 10 at the Coahoma Little League Field. Sign-ups will continue at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the concession stand with games starting at 7 p.m. Contact Anthony Herrera at 213-1498 for more information.

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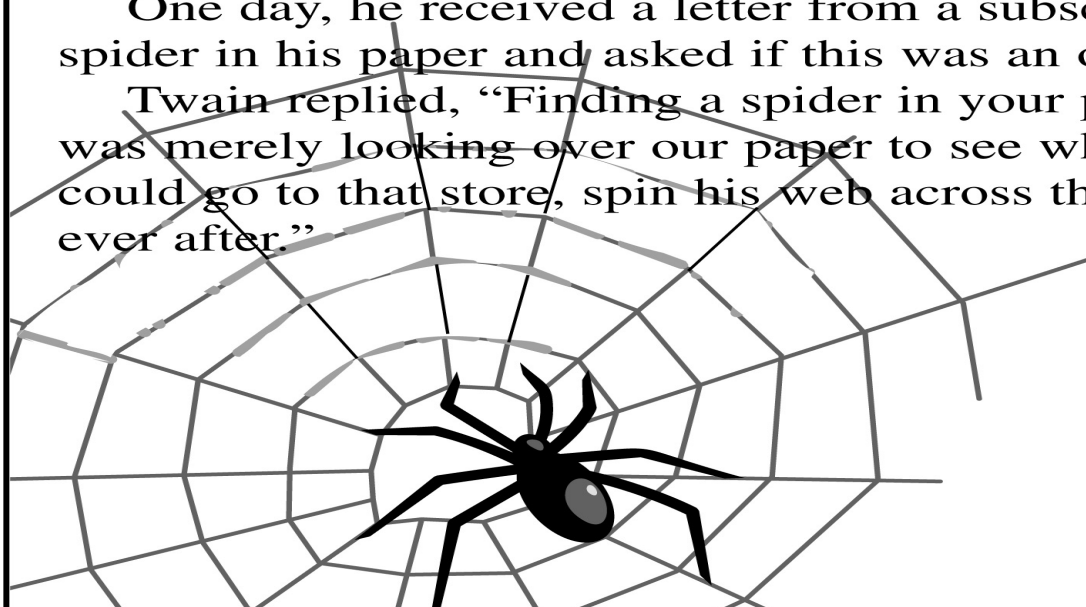
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Even those who don't commonly use the word "vibes" may find themselves accurately reading them today, as the Cancer sun and Pisces moon make the energies of the world quite obvious. Everything has a feeling to it — rooms, people, inanimate objects — they all pulse with a vibrational tone that's so noticeable it can practically be seen.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You don't like to feel as though someone is always checking on you. You will thrive in circumstances that allow you a great deal of autonomy. You meet goals faster when given a long leash or, even better, no leash at all.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). How things are presented will matter a great deal. You have a way of making a package irresistible. But this takes time. People will try to rush

you along. Assure them you'll do your best work once they back off.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In some relationships, it is right for the other person's needs to be constantly the priority. However, between two able-bodied and sound-minded adults, this should not be the case. Strive for a healthy give and take.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are multiple issues that need resolution. Stay singularly focused, though. You will eventually get to everything if you work on one issue at a time. Make a list, prioritize the list, and then take it item by item.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). No one does it like you. This is a promise. You may feel like you're doing what a million other people want to do, and that your efforts are pointless. This couldn't be further from the truth. Believe in your purpose and stick with it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know one way of solving your problem. Now think of 10 more. And 10 more after that.

The solutions don't have to be good or even logical, but they will lead you to a better idea.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Executing the action in a group will be easy. Everyone is in it together. What's hard is doing the same action all on your own, with all eyes on you. It takes courage, and you have plenty of that.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Never completely content with so-called normal life, today your restless curiosity gets the better of you. You'll wander past the usual scenes and press on, seeking risk, mystery and passion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You started out as a person with a lot of potential, and now look at you — realizing yourself in so many ways. Each and every choice you have made has created you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You would like someone to provide you with an answer as to how much a certain something is worth. There is no external answer that would satisfy you. Things have exactly the value you

give them.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like a nasty spoonful of powerful medicine, you've gone through something recently that was as unpleasant as it was good for you. The good news? The dose worked, and healing is at hand.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be in a highly creative mood, especially in the early-morning hours. Be sure to jot down everything that comes to mind. Later, at your leisure, you can rearrange your ideas and try to make sense of them.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 1). This month you are freed from an old pattern. You find many positive ways to channel strong feelings, like anger, passion and creativity. This month an introduction leads to work. August brings a family addition. You'll get a new platform for your talents in September. January features a novel new income source. Sagittarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 1, 22 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "If the planet Mars is represented by The Emperor card in the typical Tarot deck, does that mean Aries is, too?"

Yes! Mars is the ruling planet of Aries, the ram, and so they share a lot of the same characteristics and properties, including the symbol of The Emperor in Tarot. Aries is known as a natural leader, being the first sign of the zodiac. He typically starts things off with a bang, charges into a project with guns a-blazin' and the best of intentions, and then loses interest. Yes, Aries is great at getting things rolling, but often burns out before finishing the job — one of the pitfalls of being a fire sign. Hire the right people to see a project through to completion, however, and Aries comes out a hero. The Emperor can be like this, too: a master of the short-term vision. (He's better off leaving the long-term plans to his wife, The Empress.) If The Emperor is reversed (upside down), he's kind of like a politician who gets elected on

a platform of urban renewal, starts construction on all these new buildings and then runs out of money to finish them.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** In a typical Cancerian statement, Liv Tyler recently declared herself "far too sensitive" for casual dating. To heal her heart, the moonchild has moved to Los Angeles and is involved in several film projects at once. Tyler was born under an earthy Capricorn moon and has Venus and Mars in sensual Taurus. These earth-sign influences team real-world smarts with her ethereal essence.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I recently had a falling out with my brother's wife, "Cindy." I offered to take her to lunch to talk, but she sent my brother instead.

He belittled me and had a list of grievances that went back seven years.

His major complaint is that I didn't give Cindy a wedding or baby shower. One of the other bridesmaids hosted a shower. I offered to help, but she declined.

When they were expecting their first child, Cindy's family threw her a baby shower in her hometown. I asked Mom if we should have a shower for Cindy, but she said it wasn't proper to do this for a family member.

Instead, my mother hosted a small dinner party.

Cindy's other friends didn't give her any showers, but I'm the only one she blames.

Had my brother told me years ago that Cindy expected all this from

me, I would have done it.

Cindy also accuses me of not babysitting enough, not returning phone calls fast enough, not visiting soon enough to see their firstborn and on and on.

Every so often, I do something else wrong, and she gives me the silent treatment.

My parents want us to get along, but won't get involved.

Family gatherings are not enjoyable, and I barely know my nephews anymore.

I am tired of Cindy's constant expectations. I don't purposely hurt her. Meanwhile, she never acknowledges anything nice I do, and neither of them can be bothered to call on my birthday.

I have tried to make amends when she is upset with me, but nothing helps.

They are unappreciative and ungrateful. Was I obligated to throw Cindy a shower? — *Baby Blues in Pennsylvania*

**Dear Pennsylvania:** No. Your mother is correct that it is not proper for a family member to host a shower, although all the bridesmaids could have hosted one together.

Cindy is obviously not familiar with those rules of etiquette, and in her defense, neither are most people.

Cindy's expectations are rather self-centered, but if you want a relationship, you'll need to be the bigger person.

She may not deserve it, but try to apologize sincerely for not anticipating her needs.

Say you want to be closer to both of them and it would help if they

could teach you their preferences.

Ask them to please let you know how to make things better in the future. We hope it helps — and that it's worth it.

**Dear Annie:** My granddaughter is 10 years old.

Other than a two-day camping trip with her father, she has never been away from her mother — no sleepovers with friends or over-nighters at either of her grandmothers' homes.

I work with a woman who has young children, and they have spent the night with friends, grandparents and even a babysitter.

I know parenting advice changes over time, so I'm wondering whether my daughter's

approach is something new. — *Wondering Grandma*

**Dear Wondering:** Not new, but a bit overprotective. And we suspect it's your granddaughter who is saying "no," and Mom is simply backing her up. We wouldn't pressure either of them.

Not sleeping over at Grandma's is no impediment to a loving relationship.

**Dear Annie:** I am a disability adjudicator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Social Security Administration.

You offered some good advice to "Still His Mother," whose son, "Joe," thinks he may have emphysema. Y

ou said Joe might be able to get help through Medicaid or disability, but he would need a medical diagnosis first.

Actually, if Joe does not have a doctor, we will send him to one of ours for an evaluation to determine whether

he is disabled.

For more information, your readers can go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). — D.A. for SSA and Kentucky

**Dear D.A.:** Thank you for the excellent information.

Happy Canada Day to all our readers north of the border.

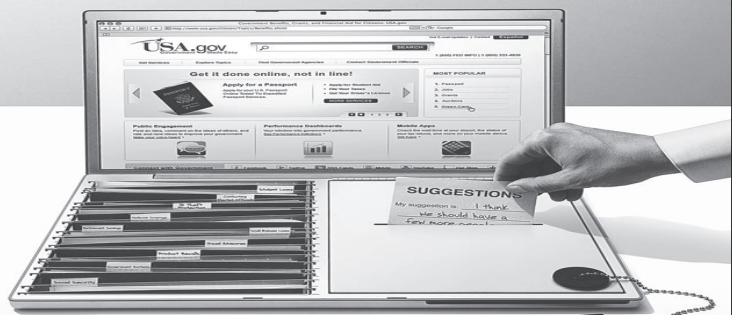
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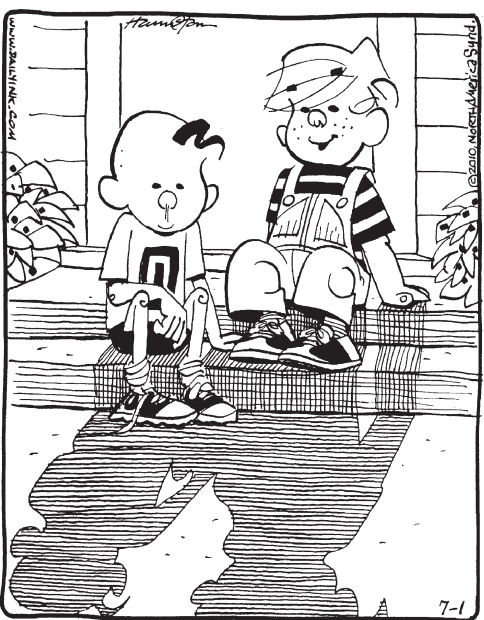
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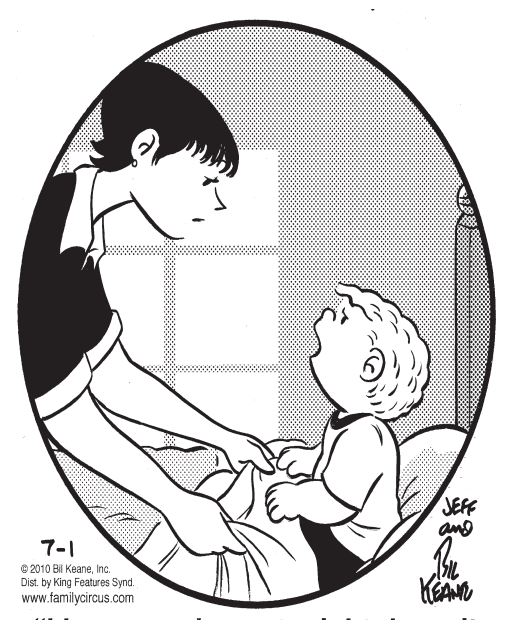
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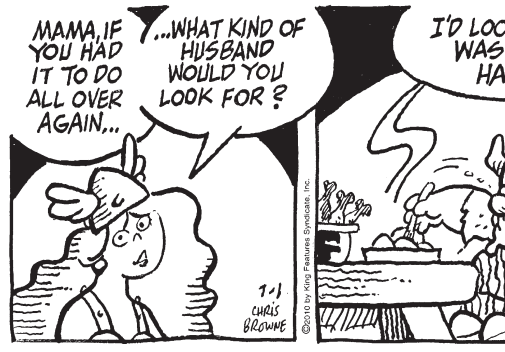
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"I hope my dream tonight doesn't turn out to be a rerun."

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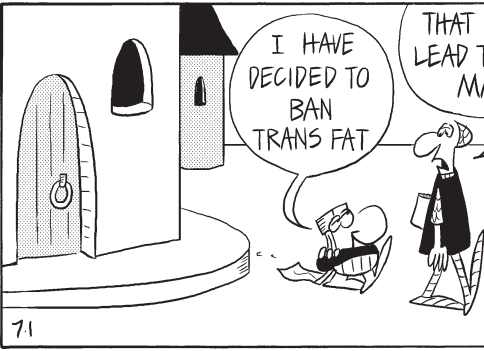
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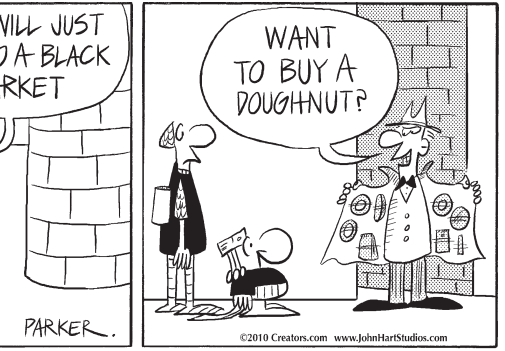
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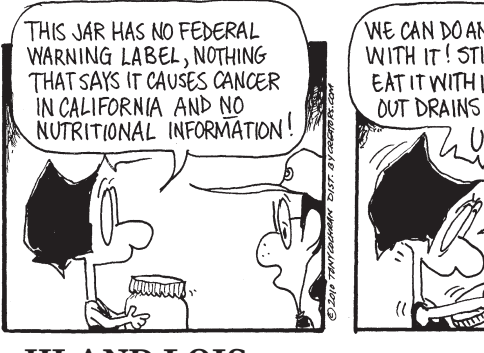
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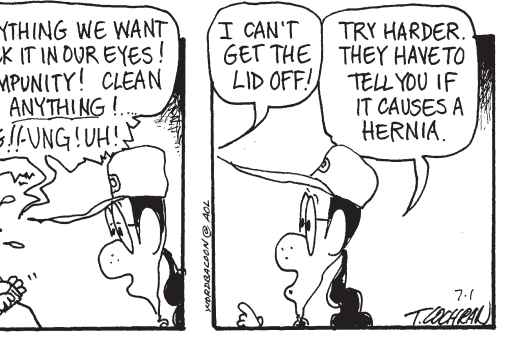
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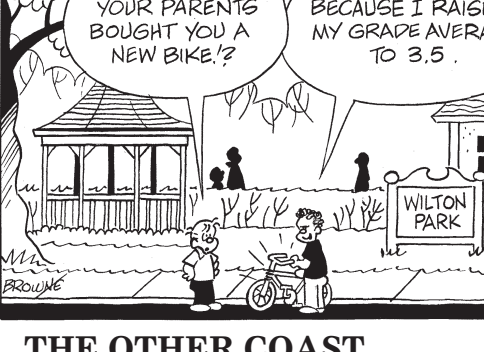
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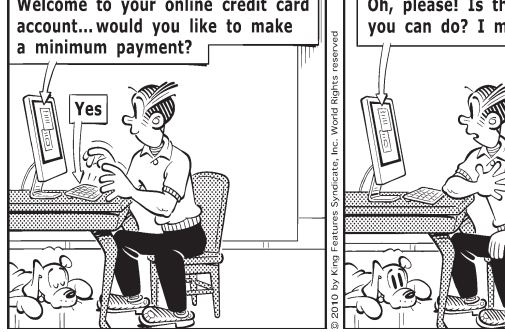
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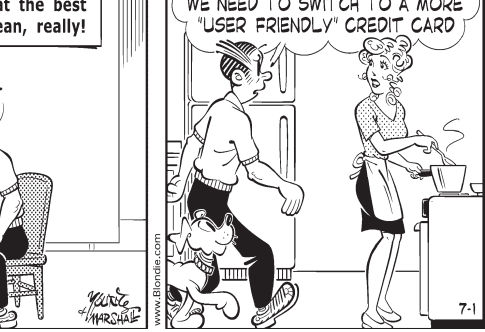
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2010. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1910, the original Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox for eight decades, held its opening day under the name White Sox Park. (The home team lost to the St. Louis Browns, 2-0.)

On this date:

In 1860, Charles Goodyear, the inventor of vulcanized rubber, died in New York at age 59.

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1943, "pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic

bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1960, the independent Republic of Somalia was created from the merger of former British and Italian colonies.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and nearly 60 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, which considerably deregulated the U.S. trucking industry. "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 94. Actor Farley Granger is 85. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 79. Actress Jean Marsh is 76. Actor Jamie Farr is 76. Bluesman James Cotton is 75. Actor David Prowse is 75. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 74. Actress Karen Black is 71. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 69. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 68. Gospel singer Andrae

Crouch is 68. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 65. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 60. Actor Daryl Anderson is 59. Actor Trevor Eve is 59. Actor Terrence Mann is 59. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 59. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 59. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 58. Actor Alan Ruck is 54. Actress Lisa Blount is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 50. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 49. Country singer Michelle Wright is 49. Actor Andre Braugher is 48. Actress Pamela Anderson is 43. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 40. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 40.

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# Doc Rivers will return for 2010-11

BOSTON (AP) — The people that matter the most to Doc Rivers wanted him to keep coaching — so he will.

The Boston Celtics' coach will return for another season, staying with the team he led to the NBA finals twice in three years for a run at another championship.

"A lot of soul-searching with the family," said Rivers, who was in San Antonio on Wednesday to watch his son,

Austin, play for the United States against Brazil in the final of the FIBA Americas Under-18 Championship. "Talking to my wife, she was really the one who said, 'You've got to.' I just think she wanted me out of the house more than anything.

"My kids all said, 'You're a coach. That's what you are. And you're a parent, and we appreciate both.' And so that made it easier."

Rivers' decision was first reported in the Boston Herald. Four hours later, the Celtics released a statement confirming Rivers would return.

"Doc is a fantastic coach and leader and I am thrilled he is coming back for the upcoming season," Celtics co-owner Steve Pagliuca said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"Doc is re-energized and enthusiastic about coming back

to make another run at winning a championship with the Celtics," general manager Danny Ainge said in the two-sentence statement.

Austin Rivers, a highly recruited guard who will graduate from Winter Park (Fla.) High School in 2011, scored 19 points in the U.S. team's 81-78 victory.

He scored a USA Basketball under-18-record 35 points Tuesday in the Americans'

semifinal victory over Canada.

The inability to watch his four children play in sports was one of the major things pulling Doc Rivers toward taking time off from coaching.

He said at last week's NBA draft that he was hoping there would be some compromise that would allow him to give both his personal and professional lives proper attention

# Byron Scott accepts Cavs' job

CLEVELAND (AP) — With LeBron or without him, Byron Scott has decided to get back on an NBA sideline.

Scott accepted Cleveland's coaching job just as LeBron James officially became a free agent and no longer property of the Cavaliers, who are hoping that landing the best coach available will convince the two-time MVP to stay home and try to win a title.

Scott's agent, Brian McInerney, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that he and the Cavs are working through some final details, but doesn't expect any problems and that Scott has agreed to become Cleveland's next coach. The team is expected to announce Scott's hiring later

Thursday, just as James listens to offers from the New Jersey Nets and New York Knicks.

Scott, who previously coached in New Jersey and New Orleans, may not know for some time if he'll have James on his roster. But after working as a TV analyst, the 49-year-old has decided it's time to get back to doing what he loves most.

The Cavs have been looking for a coach since Mike Brown was fired May 24, ending a five-year run with the club. Brown guided James and his teammates through the most successful run in franchise history, but fell short of winning a championship.

Scott's hiring ends a twisting drama to the

Cavs' coaching search.

Los Angeles Lakers assistant Brian Shaw appeared to be the favorite to become Cleveland's coach after an impressive two-day meeting with the club earlier this week. As of Tuesday, Shaw was reported to be assembling a staff to bring to Cleveland.

But despite the Cavaliers seemingly moving toward a deal with Shaw — to the point where McInerney sent out a congratulatory e-mail to Shaw through several news outlets — general manager Chris Grant reopened talks with Scott on Wednesday.

Scott's dream has been to coach the Lakers, but with Phil Jackson possibly returning to the champions he has decided to take on the

Cavs, who could be better positioned to re-sign James with Scott on the sideline.

James has said he would like to play for a former NBA player, and Scott's resume includes 14 pro seasons — 11 with the Lakers — and three titles.

He was a teammate of Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on L.A.'s famed "Showtime" teams under coach Pat Riley and later with Kobe Bryant. He knows what it takes to win it all.

As a coach, Scott led some lesser-talented Nets teams to the finals and had a solid relationship with star Jason Kidd that unraveled toward the end of the point guard's time in New Jersey.

# ROCKETS

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we had won more games than any team without a superstar, and now we're going to add Yao Ming. Adding Chris Bosh with Yao, I think we could be a 60-win team."

Yao sent Bosh a message on Twitter about an hour before the negotiating period for free agents opened. Yao said Tuesday that he'll be 100 percent healthy for training camp after sitting out last season following foot surgery.

"Hey Chris, hopefully

you'll play with us next season," Yao said. "I'll be healthy and I'd really look forward to playing together."

Last season, when the extent of Yao's injury was uncertain, Morey knocked on the door of Orlando center Marcin Gortat just after midnight on the first day of free agency. Morey announced the initial meeting on his Facebook page and urged fans to leave notes for Gortat at an e-mail address, but the 6-11 center ended up staying with the Magic.

The Rockets signed free agent Trevor Ariza last summer.

# RANGERS

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pitches. I can't make that many mistakes."

When you make mistakes, you pay for it right away."

General manager Jon Daniels wouldn't confirm the Rangers had acquired catcher Bengie Molina from the San Francisco Giants in a deal for reliever Chris Ray, saying he had "nothing to report at this time." Texas is interested in acquiring a catcher after opening day catchers Taylor Teagarden and Jarrod Saltalamacchia both struggled before getting sent to the minors.

Ray showered and dressed with the Rangers after the game, but declined to talk about the seemingly imminent trade.

"It hasn't been offi-

cial," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I just don't have any comment right now."

NOTES: Hamilton connected after going hitless in his first three plate appearances, extending the majors' longest streak this season.

... While Guerrero is rejuvenated and healthy with the Rangers, his Angels replacement, Hideki Matsui, is in a 2 for 23 slump after going 0 for 3 with a walk.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Painting Yourself Into a Corner

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 3  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ 4 2  
♣ K J 7 4 3 2

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

**EAST**  
♠ 10 5 4  
♥ Q 10 7 5  
♦ K 6  
♣ A 10 9 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q  
♥ A K  
♦ Q J 10 9 8  
♣ Q 6 5

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — six of spades.

There are many simple-looking hands where it is very easy for declarer to go astray. Such hands appear with no advance notice at all, and the first thing declarer knows, he finds he has painted himself into a corner.

For example, consider this seemingly innocent deal where West leads a spade against three notrump. Let's say South wins with the queen and plays a low club to the jack, West showing out. East takes the jack with the ace and returns a spade. Eventu-

ally, South goes down one, losing two spades, two diamonds and a club — even though he shifts his attack to diamonds at trick four.

Declarer also goes down if he leads a diamond at trick two, assuming best defense by East-West. In that case, South loses two hearts, two diamonds and a club.

The winning line of play — guaranteed to succeed regardless of how the missing cards are divided — is to lead the queen of clubs, not the five, at trick two! In the actual case, if East takes the ace, declarer wins any return and allows East to win the next round of clubs with the eight. This assures scoring four club tricks, three spades and two hearts.

If East ducks the queen of clubs at trick two, South is still on solid ground. He simply turns his attention to diamonds, forcing out the A-K, and scores nine tricks consisting of three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club.

Choosing whether to lead the queen or five of clubs at trick two may seem unimportant, but the fact is that playing the queen guarantees the contract, while playing the five does not. When one play is sure to win and cannot lose, and another play is likely to win but may lose, there can be no question as to which is the better play.

Tomorrow: Forcing or nonforcing?  
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### ANSWERS

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

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# Big week for Woods between majors

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Tiger Woods' tee shot was headed for the front pin when it turned hard to the left and settled at the back left corner of the par-3 fifth green at Aronimink Golf Club.

"That'll work out well for one of these days," caddie Steve Williams told him. "Just not this one."

They shared a quick laugh and walked off the tee box, resuming the pro-am round Wednesday at the AT&T Nation-

al. Woods is the defending champion, yet he is somewhat in the dark.

His game remains a mystery.

The tournament falls between two of the biggest events on his golfing calendar — the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and the British Open at St. Andrews, his favorite golf course in the world. Woods tied for fourth at the U.S. Open with a spotty performance. He matched a tournament-low 66 in the third round to get

into contention, only to close with a 75.

Even so, it was his best week since he tied for fourth at the Masters.

"Things are starting to come around, which is nice to see," Woods said. "It's just a matter of getting more and more consistent with what I'm working on and putting together better rounds."

Another mystery is the course.

The AT&T National, where Woods no longer is the official host, is taking a two-year hia-

tus from Congressional Country Club, which is preparing to host the U.S. Open next year.

It found a welcome vacation home in Aronimink, which originally was designed by Donald Ross and once hosted premier championships. This is where Gary Player won his first PGA Championship in 1962, by one shot over Bob Goalby.

Aronimink was supposed to hold the PGA Championship in 1993 until the Shoal Creek

episode led the PGA of America to demand its golf courses have minority members. Aronimink, which had an all-white membership, gave up the chance to host another major.

It did not have a black member until 1998, and now the club says it has multiple minority and female members.

It is a course with sharp changes in elevation and bends in the fairways, relatively large greens and minimal water.

It is not a classic Ross course from redesigns over the years, yet it has a storied history.

And while the rough has been minimal on the PGA Tour this year, especially with the shallow grooves now required, this rough is nearly as thick as players found two weeks ago at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

"I'm probably taken back by its difficulty," said Jim Furyk, who has played junior golf in the Philadelphia area.

# Durant keeping contract demands to himself

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant's offseason itinerary has taken the NBA's youngest scoring champion to New York, L.A., Chicago and the Great Wall of China, and it will lead him elsewhere with the U.S. national basketball team.

All the while, he's settling into a new home in Oklahoma City — perhaps long term.

"So far, my summer's been great," Durant said Wednesday at the opening of his youth basketball camp.

Soon, it could also bring a

financial windfall.

Durant and the Thunder can begin negotiations on a long-term contract extension late Wednesday. It's be his first chance to cash in big-time on his budding NBA stardom, which has brought him the Rookie of the Year award, a selection to last year's All-Star game and finally the scoring title at age 21.

Just hours before the negotiations could start, Durant had no interest in airing his demands publicly.

"We'll see," Durant said.

"We'll talk about that tomorrow if it happens."

Durant has previously said he wants to stay put, but would it take a maximum contract to make it happen?

"I'm just worried about these campers outside," Durant said. "That's all I'm worried about right now."

Durant said he expected to be watching TV or using his iPad when the negotiation period opens, and he's "not really" expecting a knock on his door when the clock strikes midnight out east.

He preferred to talk about anything but his contract situation. After all, he was trying to pass along a message to the campers that the keys to success are having a passion and love for the game while knowing the fundamentals.

"I'm still a kid myself," Durant said.

About 460 boys and girls were signed up for the three-day camp for kids ages 7-18, with another 60 on a waiting list, and Durant provided a treat right off the bat.

With kids in the morning

session seated in rows, Durant stood at halfcourt with his back to the basket and banked in an over-the-shoulder shot.

"That's been in my repertoire for a while. I'm practicing it for my H-O-R-S-E championship next year again," said Durant, who has taken home the first two H-O-R-S-E titles at the NBA's All-Star weekend.

Durant said he embraces the opportunity to be a role model for children at the camp and elsewhere.

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5:00 P.M. ~ Food and Novelty Booths Open	8:25 P.M. ~ Symphony Concert
6:00 P.M. ~ Performance by Sister City's Performers.	9:25 P.M. ~ Video Presentation Recognizing
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