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## Coahoma to salute veterans

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — As it has for the past several years, this community will get a jump on the Independence Day observance when the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade and City Park Celebration is held Saturday, July 3.

The event was first organized to recognize the community's veterans and this year's edition is no different, said Quail Dobbs, one of the event's organizers.

Four World War II veterans — Bo Bohannon, Jack Buchanan, Ronnie Reid and Charles Parrish — will serve as grand marshals of the parade, which kicks off the celebration at 9:30 a.m.

Vehicles and floats of several different descriptions will participate, Dobbs said.

"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."

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Every year, Coahoma residents celebrate Independence Day with the Freedom Parade, an event organized years ago to recognize the community's veterans. This year's parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. Everyone is invited to participate.

## After 52 years, ice cream vendors legal City council takes freeze off sno-cone trucks in Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council modified its code of ordinances Tuesday night to allow mobile vendors — more specifically, ice cream and sno-cone trucks — to peddle their frozen treats within the city

limits, ditching a 52-year-old ban on the wheeled sellers.

Despite the continued operation of several ice cream trucks within the city limits over the past several



Sjogren Duncan

years, City Attorney Linda Sjogren said she recently discovered the vendors have been prohibited in the city for more than 50 years.

"This is an ordinance to allow

street vendors," Sjogren told the Big Spring City Council Tuesday evening. "It came to my attention that the ice cream vendors and sno-cone vendors were actually prohibited from selling in the city. It was brought to attention when a vendor called to get a permit."

"This ordinance will allow them to sell, as well as put requirements on them. For example, they will have to have stop signs and flashing lights on the vehicle, basic safety items we need. When they apply for this permit

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## FAA OKs drone flights along Texas-Mexico border

EL PASO (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration approved the expansion of unmanned aircraft flights Wednesday to patrol the entire Texas-Mexico border.

The decision was announced in statements issued by U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar,

all of Texas. According to the statements, U.S. Customs and Border Enforcement will be allowed to begin the flights Sept. 1 along the entire length of the Texas-Mexico border.

Texas officials and the state's congressional delegation had been pressing for the expanded flights for months. According to the statements

by Cornyn and Cuellar, the drones will be based at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

On May 14, the FAA approved the use of unarmed surveillance drones over the Mexican border in West Texas and New Mexico. Those flights began June 1. Drone flights were approved previ-

ously for the Arizona-Mexico border.

"For five years, other southern border states have benefited from this technology," said Cuellar, a Laredo Democrat, "and this will ensure Texas has the same tools in the box to combat the spectrum of threats we face."

"This is another impor-

tant step in efforts to secure our southern border," said Hutchison, a Republican. She was pleased with the expansion of patrols, she said, "but we still have more progress to make."

The Predator B to be used in the patrols can fly for 20 hours without refueling, experts said.

## Trash pickup set in District 4

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's District 4 will be the focus Friday as city officials prepare to move through the area during its annual large item pickup program.

City code enforcement officers have been busy going through the district and looking for ordinance violations, according to Chad Averette, code enforcement supervisor

for the municipality, and Friday's effort should help make the city a bit more "clean and green."

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Averette. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals

including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree branches, shrubs or things like that.

"We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to

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## Obituaries

### Angela L. Rodriguez

Angela L. Rodriguez, 42, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully and Deacon Jesus Napoles officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Angela was born Aug. 11, 1967, in El Paso. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, moving to Midland 11 years ago. Angela was a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Angelo State University. She worked as a radio advertising executive for the last 16 years in Midland, and had also been a Mary Kay consultant for three years.

Angela was a very out-going and fun-loving person, enjoying music, sports and especially the Minnesota Vikings and NASCAR racing. She also enjoyed cooking, crafts and decorating. Angela was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Midland.

Angela is survived by one daughter, Tonii Rodriguez of Midland; mother, Linda Deanda Rodriguez of Big Spring; grandmother, Angela D. Rodriguez of Big Spring; one uncle, Antonio R. Rodriguez Jr. and wife Anna of Big Spring; two aunts, Sylvia "Sivi" Rodriguez of Big Spring and Cynthia Stinson and husband Blake of Minnesota; and a number of cousins, great-aunts and uncles.

Angela was preceded in death by her grandfather, Antonio Rodriguez Sr.; aunt, Juanita Rodriguez; and a cousin, Leticia Rodriguez Terry.

Pallbearers will be Tony R. Rodriguez III, Chon Rodriguez II, Jodie Flores, Billy Pineda, Ben Rodriguez Jr. and George Lujan.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Melvin Leon Sparkman

Melvin Leon Sparkman, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Betty Jo Pitts

Betty Jo Pitts, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 24, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. 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 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- ISRAEL BENJAMIN VELA, 24, of 510 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (three counts).
- LARRY DON HASS, 45, of 715 Dealey, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 27, of 2504 March, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and four warrants from another agency.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE GOMEZ, 23, of 1303 Stanford, was arrested Wednesday on charges of no driver's license when unlicensed (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to control speed.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK DANIEL GONZALES, 18, of 611 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1300 block of Tucson. In the 100 block of E. FM 700. In the 100 block of E. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- SEAN HANCOCK, 29, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ISRAEL BENJAMIN VELA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance (three counts).
- CHRISTY JO CLARK, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- OTIS J. PORTER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, capias warrant – driving while license invalid, capias warrant – violation of a promise to appear, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29
<b>95/72</b> Mostly sunny skies. High near 95F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>99/73</b> Times of sun and clouds. High in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/71</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>93/70</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>88/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:57 PM

• CHRISTOPHER GOMEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to control speed.

• LARRY DON HASS, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant from the Texas Attorney General for failure to appear – motion for enforcement and charges of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, bondsman off bond for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while intoxicated – third or more offense, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• MARK DANIEL GONZALES, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• GRANGER J. WILMANY, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

## 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.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of E. Robinson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Bethel. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- The public is invited to a meet & greet event for Jim Landtroop, Republican candidate for state representative, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
- The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion Friday and Saturday. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at (432) 553-8551 or by e-mail at roxieblair@matthewblair.com for more details.
- 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 Mac-aria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

- One hour a week or one hour a month can make a big difference in someone's life. Whether it's visiting with a patient or simply working in the office, there are many ways you can be a hospice volunteer. Training to begin June 19, June 26, and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can't make these dates, call. We will work around your schedule. To inquire, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator for Compass Hospice, at (432) 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring. Let's start to make a difference today!
- If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55

- children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help! A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- 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.
- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

## PARADE

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"We never really know what we'll have until the morning of the parade," he added. "But it usually ends up being bigger than the (Big Spring) rodeo parade." After forming at the Coahoma High School football

stadium parking lot, the parade will head south on First Street to Broadway, west to Sixth Street, then north to the Coahoma Community Center, where the rest of the day's activities will be held, Dobbs said. After the four veterans are honored, prizes will be presented to parade entries judged tops in several different categories, including best

tractor, best float and best antique car, Dobbs said. 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. "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. In addition, a barbecue lunch with all the fixings will be prepared by Jackie Hill Sr. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for

children 10 and under Wallace said. And children will be able to enjoy new playground equipment recently installed adjacent to the community center. For more information, contact Dobbs at 394-4000 or Wallace at 270-3507. *Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com*

## CITY

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they will have to go through a background check, which all of our itinerate vendors do. However, because the ice cream trucks were prohibited, they weren't getting the permits. So this will allow us to do those background checks, and I think that will be a good thing for our children." Mayor Tommy Duncan said he felt the ordinance was a step in the

right direction. "I read the ordinance as it was written and it sounds like it's basically providing the opportunity for ice cream trucks and sno-cone trucks to operate legally within the city," Duncan said. "There are also some provisions in there that ensure the safety and well-being of our children." Councilwoman Stephanie Horton agreed, saying the requirement of a background check before permits are issued is a good idea that could

help keep area children safer. Sjogren said motorists who find themselves behind a mobile vendor will have to stop when the vehicle's warning arm — similar to the ones used on school buses — is extended. "If someone is in traffic behind one of these vehicles, they are required to stop," Sjogren said. "However, it's not like a school bus, where you are required to stay there. You can go ahead and proceed slowly past the vehicle, but you do

have to stop initially." Duncan said motorists who do not stop for the warning signs could find themselves in hot water. "It will be a violation and there will be a penalty for not stopping when those arms are extended," Duncan said. Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. expressed some concern for how the new ordinance may impact other peddlers. "At times, you go to Wal-Mart and I'm sure you've been approached by people selling ta-

males," Ramirez said. "Will this ordinance limit that?" Sjogren said the change in ordinances wouldn't impact vendors who don't sell their wares street-side. "No, because that would not be on the street," Sjogren said. "They would actually be an itinerate vendor because they are selling from a fixed location, so they wouldn't be required to get a permit." *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-*

*7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

## TRASH

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provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise." Averette said the program has seen a great deal of success this year, having already collected more than 100 tons since beginning in the spring. "We're very pleased with how the program is progressing this year," said Averette. "There are a lot of people in the community who don't have the means to transport some of these larger items to the appropriate facility, so this gives them the chance to clean up their property and have a positive impact on the way the community looks." Averette said the program is available to more city residents than

ever before in hopes of clearing up code violations. "In the past, the program was simply aimed at residents who didn't have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill," said Averette. "This year, however, we've opened it up to everyone. This is part of an all-out effort to go through each district and get rid of code violations. Each month we go through and take a really close look at each district before the large item program comes through." Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up. "A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know

where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up." All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pickup. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, added Averette. "To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list,

we can't pick up their items." For more information on the large item pickup program — which will target one city district each month — and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring website at <http://www.mybigspring.com>, or call 264-2504. *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail*

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By Eddy Pitchford

People get hurt when they overestimate their strength and underestimate a heavy weight. They may pull muscles or hurt their backs. They may have an extended down time to reflect on their lifting inadequacies.

In similar fashion, many people overestimate their ability to deal with temptation. They believe they are strong enough to look and flirt without being overwhelmed by improper thoughts and choices. They think they can dabble in alcohol only to learn they are weaker than they realized. Many find out the hard way that gambling can be very hurtful or that spoken words can produce years of pain.

Instead of overestimating your strength, remember, "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" (1 Corinthians 10:12). Rather than underestimating the strength of sin and temptation, "Flee the evil desires of youth..." (2 Timothy 2:22).

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

# BP finally stepping up to the plate

Joe Barton was wrong. Mostly.

Barton, an Arlington Republican who in Congress represents about a third of Tarrant County and most of seven other counties stretching toward Houston, was out of place and out of touch when he issued his now infamous apology to BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward for "a \$20 billion shakedown" at the hands of President Barack Obama.

Later that day, apparently at the insistence of his own party's leaders, Barton retracted the apology to BP and instead apologized for having characterized the White House actions as a "shakedown."

By now, plenty of people have either beaten up on or praised Barton for his remarks, to the point that the news cycle for the incident has been exhausted.

But take away the distracting sound and fury over his loose lips and perhaps momentarily disengaged mind and focus on the huge claims fund instead.

The British oil behemoth did some terrible things that caused the April 20 blowout on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig off Louisiana. ...

But the picture of the company that is emerging now is better. That picture is symbolized by BP's agreement with Obama to create the \$20 billion fund to pay damage claims from the spill and \$100 million more to pay people and companies for lost income due to the subsequent government moratorium on offshore drilling.

Despite various stumblings, BP is now stepping up to the plate. And while Barton clearly chose the wrong words and the wrong approach, he was right to recognize that BP is not run by demons. ...

The \$20 billion fund is a credible, even praiseworthy, way to do that. There is ample precedent for it, and it promises to deliver speedy relief to people along the Gulf Coast whose economic lives have been shattered by the spill. ...

Of course, this is not a philanthropic effort on BP's part. The company benefits if it can settle claims quickly rather than being tied up in court for years, if not decades. ...

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we pursue Your peace, Lord. Amen

# It's your fault

**BP** is out there drilling in deep water to feed our oil addiction.

The great question of the day is: Who is to blame for the BP oil disaster that's dominating the news? There are many answers.

Texas Governor Rick Perry, known as the conservative's conservative, provided my favorite. He thinks God did it. At least he called the spill "an act of God," which is pretty much the same thing.

An oil company goes out into the Gulf of Mexico to sink a well two miles into the bottom with a mile of water on top. When its equipment breaks down and the well starts sending vast clouds of oil into the environment, one of its bought-and-paid-for politicians blames God for the mess.

I can just hear God's response: "Now wait a minute. I'm willing to take responsibility for hurricanes, volcanoes, floods and earthquakes, even plagues of locusts if I'm in the mood. But oil spills? You yokels are on your own on with that one."

Still, I give the governor's answer high marks for originality. Texans must be proud.

My second favorite answer came from Sarah Palin, Alaska's gift to Tina Fey. She blamed President Barack Obama. Not for the leak so much as for taking "so

doggone long to get in there, to dive in there and grasp the complexity and the potential tragedy that we are seeing."

Pretty much any politician can talk without saying anything, but it takes a kind of genius to make a statement that is so empty of meaning yet still works "doggone" into the sentence. It is a beautiful thing to see. She has the second-best answer to almost everything.

Conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer was almost as ingenious as Gov. Perry. He blamed environmentalists who, he said, "have succeeded in rendering the Pacific and nearly all the Atlantic coast off limits to oil production."

These environmental extremists have forced the poor oil companies to abandon remote areas like the Arctic in favor of regions where people live and work.

In other words, if only we had drilled in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, none of this would be happening today. Or, at the very least, we wouldn't know about it.

No wonder he won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

Then there are those wishy-washy centrists who say: "There's a lot of blame to be spread around." Or, "It doesn't do any good to point fingers."

They're all wrong. Blame spread is blame denied, and that's what fingers are for — pointing.

In that spirit, I accuse...

You. Yes you there, wearing your complacency like a suit of

medieval armor, proud that you only have three cars in your family and that you keep the thermostat at 70 degrees in the winter.

It's not enough, dude, not nearly enough. We, as well as the other nations of the Earth who are straining to catch up with us, have gorged ourselves on cheap oil for decades without regard for the consequences. The oil spill is a consequence.

BP is out there drilling in deep water to feed our oil addiction, just as the drug lords of Colombia and Mexico kill to feed our addiction to cocaine, pot, and heroin.

And don't imagine that the BP oil disaster is unique or even very unusual. Oil spills, some of them gigantic, are happening all over the world, all the time. You don't hear about them because they're in Africa, Indonesia, or South America. No one cares, least of all the corrupt governments there.

Nor are our agencies free of the corruption (although the bribes given to our agency officials tend to be pathetically small). Still, they work.

As John Vidal, writing in The Guardian, a British newspaper, said: "If the industry were forced to really clean up the myriad messes it causes, the price would jump and the switch to clean energy would be swift."

But don't expect that to happen any time soon. And it's your fault.

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# Surviving the summer

**M**y husband and I spent the afternoon in a dark air-conditioned movie theater, while another friend said she and her spouse spent the day floating in their pool. Both are good reprieves from a hot scorching sun.

This is summertime in Texas. I don't even head to the beauty shop without an ice chest packed with something cool to sip on.

Like my snowbird friends who head south for the winter, we sunbirds head to the hills in search of a cool mountain breeze. Our August trip to Colorado will be a much welcomed respite from the unrelenting heat.

It's not only sizzling in my neck of the prairie — we've gone over 25 days without a soaking rain shower. Dry, dusty days means my house is dirty. And the steamy weather is giving me an "I don't care" chip on my shoulder.

Instead of cleaning house yesterday, which was my original intent, I spent much of it napping with my dachshund on the sofa under a ceiling fan — I might add — and watching DVDs. This is another pleasant intermission from sweltering temps.

My birthday is coming up, and I told my mom all I want is homemade ice cream. And I gave

my daughter my DVD wish list. Now that's a great way to spend an afternoon when the temperatures are miserably roasting — watching movies while eating homemade ice cream!

And when I can't have ice cream, I'd settle for a chilly slice of watermelon to take the sweat off my brow. Or a cold glass of lemonade or sweet tea would go down mighty nice, too.

I'm expecting to get my stack of new books read this summer. When it's simply too darn hot outside to worry about my flowers anymore, reading books is my relief plan.

Of course, there will be days when I must do some shopping. This will entail parking in the covered parking lot no matter how long I must vulture for an open spot. And this will mean going to one of the few indoor air-conditioned malls that remain near me. Whoever had the not-so-bright idea to build all of these outdoor shopping centers has never lived in Texas!

But whoever coined the phrase — "Christmas in July" — must be Texas born. I've discovered that Christmas shopping in July is another good way to find deliverance from smoldering outdoor temperatures.

I can still recall my first few summers after moving to the Lone Star State. My favorite way to chill down was sun bathing on a lounge chair completely surrounded by sprinklers. I set the water pressure where I was constantly getting lightly pebbled with water. We didn't have central air conditioning

back then, and our window unit couldn't cut the mustard once the century mark was reached. This is when water does the job.

I've found that any water will do! Times well-spent in a swimming pool, the ocean, lake, river or water park are other soothing ways to fritter away summertime outdoors.

Tempers seem to be shorter when the thermometer goes up, so summertime also brings the need for more patience and tolerance. Consider the possibility that the driver who just cut you off may be riding in a car with a broken air-conditioner. Or the friend who seemed a bit abrupt over the telephone may have been busy trying to find an electrician to come fix the broken air-conditioning system in her house — sometime before next month. Yes, we could all use more compassion on hot summer days.

So, you're feeling hot, tired, drained and in need of a break? Simmer down, my friends and refresh yourself. It's summertime and this requires easy living.

There isn't much that needs to be done that can't wait for a cooler day to do it.

At least this is how I plan to survive the rest of my hot summer days!

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# Government seeks delay in court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Wednesday night asked a judge to delay a court ruling that overturned a moratorium on new drilling in the Gulf.

In court papers filed with the U.S. District Court in New Orleans, the Justice Department said that it is seeking the delay while appealing the decision of U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman.

The Justice Department says a delay would serve the public interest by eliminating the risk of another drilling accident while new safety equipment standards and procedures are considered.

The Interior Department imposed the drilling moratorium last month in the wake of the BP disaster, halting approval of any new permits for deepwater projects and suspending drilling on 33 exploratory wells.

On Tuesday, Feldman overturned it, saying the government simply assumed that because one deep-water rig exploded, the others pose an imminent danger, too.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's determination that a threat exists has firm support from a variety of sources, the Justice Department argued in seeking the delay.

"The existence of such a threat is not seriously contested" by any expert cited by the companies seeking to overturn the moratorium or by the state of Louisiana, the court filing stated.

"To the contrary, the state of Louisiana concedes that additional safety measures are necessary, and disputes only the length of time needed to implement them," the department added.

No relevant provisions in the Administrative Procedure Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act or implementing regulations require the Interior Department to prepare a formal decision document or findings of fact prior to issuing a suspension, the federal government's

court papers said.

"Given the efforts that are being directed at trying to stem the flow of oil from the Deepwater Horizon and to clean up the oil that has already been released, a second deepwater blowout could overwhelm the efforts to respond to the current disaster, and dramatically set back recovery," the court papers stated.

The department argued that risk of potential harm to the people and public lands of the United States should the court not grant a delay significantly outweighs the harm to the companies that sought to overturn the moratorium.

Separately, a number of environmental groups asked the court to release additional information about Feldman's financial interests.

The judge's financial disclosure report for 2008, the most recent available, shows holdings in at least eight petroleum companies or funds that invest in them, including Transocean Ltd., which owned the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig that blew up. The report shows that most of his holdings were valued at less than \$15,000; it did not provide specific amounts.

The environmental groups want to know whether Feldman has a financial interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding, a determination that could lead to the judge being forced to disqualify himself from the case.

Federal laws requires judges to remove themselves from any proceeding in which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned. The environmental groups filing the request included the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Salazar said Wednesday that he plans to issue a new deepwater drilling freeze that could be refined to reflect offshore conditions and allow drilling in areas where reserves and risks are known rather than in exploratory reservoirs.

# A Decade In Sports

2000-2009

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Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Male Athlete Of The Decade

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### Female Athlete Of The Decade

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why You're Nominating Them? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sports Team Of The Decade

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## News in brief

### Relief greets choice of Petraeus as new Afghanistan war commander

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — America's Afghan and international allies embraced the choice of Gen. David Petraeus to run the war in Afghanistan, hoping the architect of the Iraq surge will seamlessly pursue the strategy laid down by his predecessor and smooth over divisions that led to his dismissal.

By naming Petraeus, President Barack Obama managed to replace Gen. Stanley McChrystal without derailing the mission at a critical juncture in the war, when casualties are rising and public support in the West is waning.

Still, the jury is out on whether the counterinsurgency strategy that Petraeus used to turn around the Iraq war will show results in Afghanistan by July 2011, when Obama wants to begin withdrawing U.S. troops.

The split between the U.S. civilian and military team in Afghanistan has not disappeared with McChrystal's departure. Those fissures, laid bare in disparaging remarks to Rolling Stone magazine, led to McChrystal's dismissal Wednesday.

### Despite BP promises, haphazard disposal work marring oil cleanup

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. (AP) — A leaky truck filled with oil-stained sand and absorbent boom soaked in crude pulls away from the beach, leaving tar balls in a public parking lot and a messy trail of sand and water on the main beach road. A few miles away, brown liquid drips out of a disposal bin filled with polluted sand.

BP PLC's work to clean up the mess from the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history already has generated more than 1,300 tons of solid waste, and companies it hired to dispose of the material say debris is being handled professionally and carefully.

A spot check of several container sites by The Associated Press, however, found that's not always the case.

Along the northern Gulf coast, where miles of beaches have been coated with oil intermittently for two weeks, the check showed the handling and disposal of oily materials was haphazard at best.

### Professor Kagan faces questions in seeking high court seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nine students who sat as a mock Supreme Court dissected the cases before them. During weekly classes they picked apart arguments and became frustrated by incomplete briefs. Their seminar professor, Elena Kagan, largely kept quiet, letting her students run the debate.

At the end of class she might ask: How do you think the real court will decide?

That was more than a decade ago, when Kagan was a young professor at the University of Chicago Law School. Now the nation's first female solicitor general and nominee to become the 112th Supreme Court justice, she is poised to help decide herself.

Kagan's time in the classroom — four years at the University of Chicago and 10 as a professor and then dean at Harvard Law School — is an unlikely topic for the lawmakers who will grill her during confirmation hearings that begin Monday. But Kagan herself brought up teaching the last time she

faced lawmakers' questions.

During her confirmation hearing for solicitor general she was asked about her lack of experience arguing before the Supreme Court. She told lawmakers that the communication skills that had made her a "famously excellent teacher" would help her argue.

### G-20 countries face split on issue of stimulus spending vs. tackling soaring deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — World leaders who addressed a severe economic crisis with an unprecedented show of strength last year are finding it harder to maintain their solidarity in the face of new challenges.

Despite U.S. appeals to refrain from removing stimulus measures too quickly, country after country is rushing to slash spending and raise taxes to avoid suffering the same fate as Greece, which found itself on the brink of bankruptcy last month.

After maintaining remarkable unity at three previous summits, the leaders of the world's major economies will come to Canada facing a good deal of tension over the best approaches to take to make sure that the global economy continues to emerge from the worst recession in decades.

In addition to a split over stimulus spending versus deficit reduction, the leaders will also be facing differences over the best approach to take to overhauling regulation of the financial system to make sure that the banking meltdown that precipitated the global crisis in the fall of 2008 is not repeated. Many of those issues are unlikely to be resolved.

### New iPhone selling briskly in Tokyo stores

TOKYO (AP) — Apple's newest iPhone was in short supply just hours after its global launch began in Tokyo on Thursday morning as hundreds queued outside stores across the city to become among the first in the world to own the device.

At the Apple store in the swanky Ginza shopping district, several hundred lined the street in the early afternoon heat, as staff handed out bottled water and loaned black umbrellas with the company logo. A man dressed as a giant iPhone danced and waived his arms as he made it to the front of the line.

"I like the design. It's sleek — I think it's cool!" said Yoko Kosugi, 41, a graphic designer, who took her new phone out of her bag to show it off, plastic wrapping still on the screen.

Long lines formed from early morning across the city at Apple stores and retail outlets across the city.

Thursday's global launch of the iPhone 4 was being carried out at 7 a.m. local time in each region, so Japanese were among the first in the world to get their hands on the device. The U.S., France, Britain and Germany are also part of the global launch.

### Americans get 10-year terms from Pakistani court

SARGODHA, Pakistan (AP) — Five American men were convicted Thursday on terror charges by a Pakistani court and sentenced to 10 years in prison in a case that has heightened concerns about Westerners traveling to Pakistan to contact al-Qaida and other Islamist extremist groups.

The trial of the young Muslim men from the

Washington, D.C., area was sensitive for the U.S., which has a duty to ensure justice for its citizens abroad but also has pushed Pakistan to crack down on militancy.

The men were arrested in Pakistan in December after their families reported them missing. Prosecutors said e-mail records and witness statements proved they were plotting terror attacks in Pakistan and conspired to wage war against nations allied with it, a reference to Afghanistan, where the men were alleged to have been traveling.

The judge handed down two prison terms for each man, one for 10 years and the other for five. A copy of the decision seen by The Associated Press said the terms were to be served concurrently.

The men said nothing when the verdict was read out, Deputy Prosecutor Rana Bakhtiar said. Previously, the men claimed they had been tortured by Pakistani police and FBI agents. The allegations were denied by authorities in Pakistan and the United States. Their lawyers said they would appeal the case.

### Toyota president apologizes to shareholders

TOYOTA, Japan (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. President Akio Toyoda bowed deeply and apologized to shareholders Thursday for the troubles caused by massive global recalls of the company's vehicles.

Toyoda was facing shareholders for the first time since the Japanese automaker's reputation for quality was damaged by the recall crisis that started last October.

Again bowing deeply after the remark, Toyoda also said the company was doing its utmost to improve quality control and thanked shareholders for their support.

"I apologize deeply for the concerns we have caused," he said. "We believe our most important task is to regain customers' trust."

The shareholders' meeting was closed to the media, but the proceedings could be seen in a TV monitor in another room at Toyota headquarters in the city named after the automaker. Atonement for Japanese company heads typically comes as a deep bow held for several seconds to show heartfelt remorse for wrongdoing.

### Bin Laden hunter Faulkner released from Pakistan

DENVER (AP) — Gary Faulkner is back home in Colorado after his personal quest to track down al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden ended with his arrest in a northern Pakistan woods.

The Greeley, Colo., man was detained June 13 when authorities found him armed with a pistol, a sword and night-vision equipment.

He was released Wednesday morning in Pakistan and reached Denver around midnight.

The tired yet buoyant construction worker spoke briefly with reporters, saying he was feeling good. "All I want to do is get some rest."

Faulkner declined to field questions about his trip or his immediate plans as he was hustled through the airport by brothers Todd and Scott.

But during a stopover in Los Angeles, Faulkner was asked by reporters if he planned to return. "Absolutely," he said. He added cryptically, "You'll find out at the end of August."

In Pakistan, he told officials he was out to kill the al-Qaida leader.

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### Area football teams using 7-on-7 to stay active



**BY ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

There are 7-on-7 leagues playing all across the state this summer at various high schools, but each team has a different use for the extension of 11-man football.

In West Texas, area teams are using it to stay in shape during the offseason with the main focus being one players are consistently taught: compete.

"It's grown a little bit over the past years, more so than it has been," south omaha coach Trey Gardner said. "It's not as big a deal as it is out there in the Austin area. More than anything else, it's a good excuse to get the kids out running around on the field, throwing the ball around a little bit. So at least they've got a football in their hands and they're out getting a little exercise."

Gardner would know what the fast-paced, organized pick-up football game is like coming from the Pflugerville to take the Coahoma job this summer.

Area coaches agree 7-on-7 is a little more popular on the other side of the state compared to West Texas.

Gardner said some teams in other parts of the state make 7-on-7 a staple of its offseason program and compete in the state 7-on-7 tournament in College Station every year.

In this area, the focus is slightly different.

Coahoma and Big Spring High School compete in a league every Monday with Midland Greenwood and host Midland Christian.

Gardner, who previously said he has plans to change the philosophy of the Bulldogs' spread offense, admitted what

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Big Spring's Monte Anderson scores a touchdown for the Steers this past season. Big Spring is one of the area teams participating in a 7-on-7 league this summer, using it to keep players active and around the sport during the offseason

### England, United States advance at World Cup after big victories

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A pair of 1-0 victories were good enough for the United States and England to advance at the World Cup. Other than the final score, there was almost nothing alike in those matches.

England finally played near its best at the tournament and edged Slovenia thanks to an early goal from Jermain Defoe on Wednesday at Port Elizabeth. American star Landon Donovan poked in a second-half injury-time goal to beat Algeria at Pretoria to win Group C.

Defoe scored England's second goal of the tournament in the 23rd minute, sending a right-footed volley from James Milner's cross past goalkeeper Samir Handanovic. After two disap-

pointing draws, the English finally got a win — and some satisfaction.

"This team, this spirit, played together and tried together," England coach Fabio Capello said. "I am really happy because I found the team I know. We now go forward. We can play against all the teams because the mind is now free."

Before the goal, the English players again looked nervous and lacked any fluidity. But after taking the lead, they dominated and could have scored more.

"It's been difficult for the supporters because they weren't happy with the performance," Defoe said. "A lot of the top teams have struggled so it was important to keep the spirit, which we

have done."

In a juicy second-round matchup Sunday, England plays three-time World Cup winner Germany, which won Group D by edging Ghana 1-0 at Johannesburg.

The Ghanaians are the only African team to advance thus far — Ivory Coast still could, but is a long shot, and the other four are out. They will face the Americans on Saturday, which is a reprise of the final game of the opening round four years ago in Germany. Ghana knocked out the United States back then.

Australia defeated Serbia 2-1 in Nelspruit in the other match.

The 1-0 loss could have put Slovenia through, but the late American heroics by Donovan, the career scoring

leader for the U.S., changed everything.

Donovan beat goalkeeper Rais Bolhi in the first minute of injury time after Clint Dempsey's shot from close range was saved. The goal was Donovan's fourth at a World Cup, equaling Bert Patenaude's American record.

"I'm shocked," Donovan said. "Clint made a good run in the middle, the ball fell to me ... time kind of stopped. You can't miss from there."

The United States nearly had another goal, but Dempsey's 21st-minute tap-in was whistled offside, even though television replays appeared to show it to be fair.

"We finished first in our group," United States coach Bob Bradley said. "Five points. Didn't lose a match.

So we're ready."

First, they were ready for some celebrating as the Americans continued to alternate good and bad World Cups. They went out in the first round in 1990, '98 and 2006, but advanced in 1994, 2002 and this year. Eight years ago, they went to the quarterfinals.

After his U.S. record 44th international goal, Donovan joyously ran to the corner flag, sliding headfirst in a belly flop, and his teammates ran down the touchline to mob him.

"A lot of kisses. A little uncomfortable," Donovan said. "It's something I'll have embedded in my mind forever."

When the game ended, Donovan kicked the final ball into the stands.

### Unbeatable: Texas Rangers' streak at 10 after 10-run win against Pittsburgh

ARLINGTON (AP) — Michael Young only had to play half a game to have a huge impact for the streaking Texas Rangers.

Young had three hits and drove in four runs while batting four times in the first four innings Wednesday night, then got a well-deserved break. The Rangers went on to extend the majors' longest winning streak this season to 10 in a row with a 13-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"That's Michael," Elvis Andrus said with a smile after three hits of his own to snap out of a 3-for-33 slump.

"Michael got us going

early and kept going," manager Ron Washington said. "Everybody followed suit."

The AL West-leading Rangers have won at least 10 consecutive games for only the second time in franchise history. The record of 14 in a row came in 1991.

Even with slugger Josh Hamilton getting a requested night off, and putting his career-best 17-game hitting streak on hold after appearing in 31 consecutive games, the AL West-leading Rangers matched their season high with 13 runs and had 17 hits. Catcher Matt Treanor was the only Texas starter without a hit, but he did

have a sacrifice fly and scored a run.

Young's two-run homer in the first off Paul Maholm (4-6) was his 10th of the season and second in two nights. Young, the franchise's career leader with 1,755 hits, added a single and scored in a five-run second inning, then had a two-run double in a six-run fourth that put Texas ahead 13-2.

An inning later, Young was lifted for a pinch-hitter only a triple shy of hitting for the cycle.

"Anytime Wash can get me off me feet for a couple of innings, it always seems to pay off," said Young, the team's longest-tenured

player in his 10th season. "When I came out, we were up 11 runs. The chances are I'm not even going to go for a triple anyway. There's a time and a place to try to stretch it. That wouldn't have been it."

By the way, Young's 44 career triples are tied with Ruben Sierra for the most in team history.

Rookie reliever Alexi Ogando (3-0) pitched three scoreless innings and has won in all three of his major league appearances, allowing only one hit and no runs over 6 1-3 innings since making his debut at Florida last week.

Ogando, a 26-year-old

right-hander from the Dominican Republic, had his Rangers career postponed when he couldn't get a United States visa the past five years.

Now he is the first major league pitcher to get three wins in his first three appearances all in relief since Detroit's Jon Warden in 1968.

Matt Harrison, a former starter, pitched the last three innings for his first major league save.

Dustin Nippert, starting in injured Rich Harden's rotation spot for the second consecutive time, struck out seven but needed 82 pitches to get through three innings. The right-hander

gave up two runs.

Nelson Cruz had three hits and drove in three runs for Texas in his second game back from his second disabled list stint this season because of hamstring issues.

Young had the first of five consecutive singles for Texas — the last four all drove in runs — that chased Maholm without recording an out in the second. The inning had started with a walk and an error.

Maholm allowed seven runs (five earned) and seven hits with four walks.

"It was one of those days. It was the worst outing of my career," Maholm said.

### Sports in brief

#### Best of the Rest registration begins

Signups for the 30th annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 26-27 at Comanche Trail Golf Course, have begun.

The tournament, a two-person partnership, will be held in different flights — championship, president's and Best of the Rest. Format will be two-man low scramble for the championship and president's flight and two-man scramble for the best of the rest.

The tournament is open to the first 80 paid teams and prizes will be paid on scores from Saturday, Sunday and total, organizers said.

Food will be available on the course each day. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information,

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#### Coahoma Ragball Tournament

COAHOMA — The school's annual ragball tournament runs from June 25-June 27 and will take place at Coahoma High School. If anyone is interested in being an umpire, call Amy Lang at 263-5615.

#### 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.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

As Mercury in Gemini forms a tense angle to Saturn in Virgo, communicating with grace won't be the easiest of tasks. Even if you say the right thing — and you will be in the minority if you do — saying it at an auspicious time and with an effectively charming inflec-



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tion will be a challenge that few can win. However, it is imperative that you try.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Like a porcupine, you shoot quills in self-defense. And the fact that they are imaginary doesn't make them any less painful to those who are on the receiving end.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you're being completely unique and true to an independent vision, then you certainly will not be fashionable — trendset-

ters never are until after their idea has caught on.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Try not to expect yourself to do the work of a master when you've only just begun to learn the craft. The magic is in the learning, and you wouldn't want it any other way. Be patient.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you were to list the activities that fill your current life, you would find a glaring task that eats away the hours and doesn't bring you much fulfillment or pleasure. Figure out how you're going to put that one to rest.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an instinct about how to create an atmosphere and mood. Use your dramatic flair to bring people together. Set the stage for a wonderful experience, and then invite people to enjoy it with you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are filled with curiosity and a driving desire to expand your mind. You'll have three times the number of requests, queries and prayers you usually would, all of which will be answered in time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to be where you are, doing what you're doing. You thoroughly enjoy yourself. This is not as common as it should be among humans, and that's why people gravitate to you now as if you had some supernatural power.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are becoming savvy by the minute. Whether you are hunting for wild game or a job, you'll approach it the smart way. You'll form a strategy, learn the terrain and get a solid understanding of your target.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Give yourself a break. You need space in order to realign your priorities. Instead of doing what you think people want and expect of you, pour your generosity into your highest goals.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know what motivates you and what drains you and wastes your energy. Now all you have to do is add more of the former to your life and cut out the latter. A Scorpio helps you get the job done.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be amazed at what siblings and colleagues do to help you. It may seem like over-the-top generosity, but the truth is that you would do the same and more for them, and probably have many times before.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Popular work is not the same thing as good work. What you're doing now may not be understood by a majority of people, and that's why you must have great faith to follow through.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 24). It is

automatic for you to think of others. You are helpful by nature. And this year you are the one who gets pampered and tended to. It feels strange at first, but try to enjoy this well-deserved turn. An investment pays off in August. Take a romantic risk in October — your instincts are keen. You'll be written about in February. Pisces and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 22 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Is there a card in the Tarot deck that represents the planet Jupiter?"

Jupiter, the planet of good luck, is represented by The Wheel of Fortune card in the Tarot deck. Like Jupiter, The Wheel of Fortune represents expansion, promotion, and increased wealth and opportunity. Of course, there is that old saying by the Roman philosopher and statesman Seneca: Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. In order for Jupiter's or Fortune's luck to shine on you, you must be ready to seize the chance when it presents itself. Astrology is great for helping you to strategize and make ready your plans. Most traditional Tarot decks show The Wheel of Fortune surrounded by four winged figures. This is a wink to Jupiter, which is said to be a "higher octave" of Mercury, who also

wears wings. It's also a reminder to get busy and strike when the iron's hot so your dreams can take flight. Even reversed (upside down), The Wheel of Fortune card is beneficial, like Jupiter retrograde. It's just that its powers are somewhat diminished, so the good things in life may take a little longer. Wait for the next turn of the wheel to see what a new season brings.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Academy Award-winner Frances McDormand is a masterful actress who dissolves into the utterly believable, moving and amusing characters she creates. Her well-rounded natal chart includes a maternal Cancer sun, with lovely Venus in this sensitive sign, as well. Mars and Uranus in Leo, the sign of entertainment, brings an instinct for drama and a natural ease in the spotlight.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Double Trouble

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K J 10 7 3  
♥ 5 2  
♦ J 5  
♣ Q 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ 6  
♥ A Q 6 4 3  
♦ 10  
♣ K J 7 6 5 2

**EAST**  
♠ 8 5 4 2  
♥ 9 7  
♦ 9 8 7 6 3  
♣ 10 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9  
♥ K J 10 8  
♦ A K Q 4 2  
♣ A 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass  
6NT Dble  
Opening lead — six of spades.

six notrump. In doing so, he revealed to declarer where the missing high cards were located.

Armed with this knowledge, South made the slam by adopting a somewhat unnatural line of play. He won the spade lead with the queen, led a low diamond to dummy's jack and returned a diamond to the queen. After West showed out on the second round, leaving South with just 11 tricks, declarer cashed the A-K of diamonds and dummy's A-K-J-10 of spades to produce this position:

When South next cashed dummy's last spade and discarded the jack of hearts, West found himself in dire straits. He could not afford to discard the jack of clubs, which would have given declarer two club tricks instead of one, so he discarded the queen of hearts instead. This did not help West at all, because South simply led a heart to the king and won the last two tricks with the queen and ace of clubs.

When your opponents voluntarily undertake a slam, you should not double them unless you are absolutely certain you can defeat the contract. This is especially true if your double gives declarer information that might allow him to make a contract he would not otherwise make.

In the present case, for example, West clearly should not have doubled

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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Dear Annie: My husband and I are at the end of our rope with our 18-year-old daughter, "Kate," who just graduated from high school.

Kate has been dating a 21-year-old man for more than a year. She met him at my husband's work. We don't dislike "Todd," but he has no ambition and is extremely lazy. Six months ago, Todd lost his job. He made no attempt to get another and didn't even apply for unemployment benefits. He cashed in his 401(k) and managed to blow \$11,000 in two months. He doesn't even own a car.

Todd managed to get rehired with the same company in another state. Now Kate has thrown her entire future

out the door. Instead of going to college, she is planning to move in with Todd.

Kate is living in a fantasy world, thinking Todd can support her. We have tried explaining that she shouldn't toss a college education out the door for any man, but she won't listen and accuses us of wanting her to fail. We have done a lot for Todd, trying to help him mature. However, my husband is hearing from Todd's new boss that he is close to losing his job again. My daughter is fully aware of this, but thinks she can motivate him. She actually calls him every morning to wake him up.

I know the answer is to shut down the gravy train to shock Kate into realizing how hard life will be. But how do you let your child make such a huge mistake? What happens if she gets pregnant and marries this idiot? — *Feel Like a Failed Parent*

Dear Parent: We suspect part of Todd's appeal is that you are so opposed to the relationship. It's time to refocus on helping your daughter prepare for her new life. Discuss in a matter-of-fact way what kind of job she thinks she is capable

of getting and how much she thinks she will earn. Teach her how to prepare a budget.

Ask whether she plans to get pregnant and how that will affect her financial situation. Tell her you love her and wish her well. When she sees that her decisions are entirely up to her, she might wake up. And who knows? Maybe Todd will surprise you.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently visited the beach house of some friends. While there, I met an interesting lady who stuttered. At first I thought she had had too much to drink, but after 15 minutes I realized she had a speech impediment. I've never met an adult who stutters. At times it was very uncomfortable because I knew the word she was trying to say but could not get out.

Would it have been rude to complete the word for her, or should I have let her work through it? I felt very awkward. — *Uncomfortable in Florida*

Dear Florida: It is best to allow a stutterer to complete the word on her own, no matter how long it takes. If you expect to see this woman again, or if any of our readers

would like more information, we recommend the Stuttering Foundation ([stutteringhelp.org](http://stutteringhelp.org)) at 1-800-992-9392.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Bummed Out in Bradenton" was, as usual, right on. However, I would have added, "Don't ever give up."

My son was also 27 when he was released from prison for the second time on drug-related charges. It took two three-year sentences for him to realize he did not want that kind of life. I came close to giving up many times, but I knew his potential.

He completed his GED in prison and, the day after his release, enrolled in a community college. There he met a lovely girl whom he married. He went on to get a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and now holds a great position with a well-known corporation.

As proud as I am of his accomplishments, I'm even prouder of what he has overcome. — *Glad and Thankful*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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ANSWERS

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<b>6:PM</b> <b>6:30</b>	Jeopardy!	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men	News	A Corazón Abierto	News	Seinfeld	Sala	PBS News-Hour	70s Show	County Jail: Miami	UFC Unleashed	Bones		Wizards of Waverly Place	College Baseball: NCAA World Series, Game 10: Teams TBA.	Preview 2010 NBA Draft	
<b>7:PM</b> <b>7:30</b>	Wipeout	Hasta que el Dinero	Glee	CSI: Crime Scene	El Clon	Movie: The Longest Yard, Burt Reynolds		Charles	Upd Sprna	The Vampire Diaries	Gang Wars	Movie: Executive Decision, John Leguizamo	TNA Wrestling	Movie: Gladiator, Connie Nielsen	Tiny-Toy	Phineas Phineas		
<b>8:PM</b> <b>8:30</b>	Rookie Blue	Soy Tu Dueña (SS)	So You Think	CSI: Crime Scene	Perro Amor	Office 30 Rock		Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Moonlight	Gang Wars			Movie: The King of Pop	Wizards of Waverly Place	World Cup Primetime		
<b>9:PM</b> <b>9:30</b>	Boston Med	Tiempo Final (SS)	Simpsons Friends	The Mentalist	¿Dónde Está Elisa?	Office Parks	Grown Up	In Performance...	Married... Married...	Deadliest Catch				The Closer	Wizards of Waverly Place			
<b>10:PM</b> <b>10:30</b>	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Lopez	Alewine	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	Gang Wars	Movie: Pulp Fiction, Uma Thurman	Half Pint	The Closer	The Mo'Nique			
<b>11:PM</b> <b>11:30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones	Jay Leno	Grown Up	Bill Cloud	World	Bernie	Gang Wars		Weekend	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Suite Life	Baseball NFL Live	
<b>12:AM</b> <b>12:30</b>	Extra	Amar sin Limites	King-Hill	Insider	Pagado	News	Late Night	Swallow	T. Smiley	Cops	Deadliest Catch		Half Pint	CSI: NY	Movie: Belly, Taral Hicks	Cory	MMA Live	
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

"I CONSIDER HIM 'ARMED AND DANGEROUS.'"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Gosh, Daddy! They sure gave you a lot of homework today."

### HAGAR

"I'M HOME FROM MY RAID ON ENGLAND, HELGA!"  
"GOOD! MOTHER IS VISITING US! GO IN AND SAY 'HELLO' TO HER!"  
"BUT I HAVE TO GO BACK RIGHT AWAY!!"

### BLONDIE

"HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN CANNED, DAG?"  
"ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE BEEN FIRED SO MANY TIMES I STOPPED COUNTING!"  
"DUDE!"  
"HOW DO YOU KEEP GETTING FIRED?"  
"I'M ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE IN LINE TO APPLY FOR MY OLD JOB."  
"BOY, THIS IS A NUTTY PLACE TO WORK!"  
"BUMSTEAD! YOU'RE FIRED!!!"  
"DUDE!"

### BC

"BEHOLD — I HAVE INVENTED A VEHICLE THAT RUNS SOLELY ON WATER."  
"WHAT'S IT CALLED?"  
"PATENTS"  
"THE 'DINGHY.'"  
"PATENTS"

### WIZARD OF ID

"SO THEN SHE SAYS, 'WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO MY PLACE FOR COFFEE?'"  
"YOU DANG, YOU! SO WHAT HAPPENED?"  
"TURNED OUT SHE OWNED A STARBUCKS"

### This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 24, the 175th day of 2010. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On June 24, 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.
- On this date: In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.
- In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Va., indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).
- In 1908, the 22nd and 24th presidents of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.
- In 1910, Italian automaker Alfa Romeo was founded in Milan.
- In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1990, Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan was virtually drowned out by jeering demonstrators as he addressed the Sixth International AIDS conference in San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Molinaro is 91. Comedian Jack Carter is 87. Movie director Claude Chabrol is 80. Actress Michele Lee is 68. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 67. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 66. Singer Arthur Brown is 66. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 65. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 63. Actor Peter Weller is 63. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 61. Actress Nancy Allen is 60. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 60. Actor Joe Penny is 54. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 53. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 51. Rock singer Curt Smith is 49. Actress Danielle Spencer is 45. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 43.

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### AGNES

"GRANDMA MADE A SPECIAL BREAKFAST THIS MORNING."  
"PESTO CHEERIOS."  
"YOUR LIFE IS TOO SAD TO BE REFERRED TO IN POLITE CONVERSATION."  
"BROWN SUGAR HELPED."

### HI AND LOIS

"I DON'T LIKE TO PROFILE..."  
"...BUT BUGS THAT BUZZ ARE SCARIER THAN BUGS THAT FLUTTER."  
"ZZZ"

### Newsday Crossword

AT A MINIMUM by Fred Jackson III  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Curmudgeonly guy
- 5 Place for tents
- 9 GOP rivals
- 13 Prefix meaning "current"
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 French impressionist
- 16 One with no siblings
- 18 Agassi of tennis
- 19 Deteriorate
- 20 Long cold spell
- 21 Immobilize
- 22 Like pigtailed and cornrows
- 23 Small rural community
- 28 Coming-out party
- 29 Aggregate
- 30 Levee's big brother
- 33 It may be a makeup
- 34 Stop pedaling
- 36 The Hawkeye State
- 37 Hovel
- 38 Singer Braxton
- 39 Relish
- 40 The Man from U.N.C.L.E. title character
- 43 Running shoe
- 46 Bradstreet partner
- 47 Grapefruit sections
- 48 Positioned
- 53 Comparatively anomalous
- 54 Top-40 song
- 55 Lists quickly, with "off"

**DOWN**

- 1 Pond denizen
- 2 "You're kidding!"
- 3 Moola
- 4 Fluctuate wildly
- 5 Legacy sharer
- 6 Green-card holders
- 7 Amalgamate
- 8 Group of whales or seals
- 9 Bushed
- 10 Have as a terminus
- 11 Cloverleaf sign
- 12 War-horse
- 15 Brilliantly colored parrots
- 17 100 bucks
- 20 Runner-up's lament
- 22 Elem.-school orgs.
- 23 Horatian output
- 24 On deck
- 25 Bidding site
- 26 Engine sound
- 27 Spam source
- 30 Martial-arts school
- 31 USMC offense
- 32 Bread spread
- 34 Deals (with)
- 35 Words before before
- 36 Connections, so to speak
- 38 "Any \_\_\_?"
- 39 Case of the blahs
- 40 Subjects of contemplation
- 41 Word changer
- 42 Beginning
- 43 Berth place
- 44 Third-party candidate of 2000
- 45 Respected villager
- 48 Corn Belt sight
- 49 The King and I character
- 50 "What a week!"
- 51 Singer Fitzgerald
- 52 Petting-zoo animal
- 54 Gives birth to

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### THE OTHER COAST

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"I SHUDDA KNOWN !!"

### BEETLE BAILEY

"I SAW YOUR SHOW AT THE THEATER TONIGHT"  
"WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?"  
"PERSONAL, I THOUGHT YOUR SKIT ABOUT THE GENERAL WAS HILARIOUS!"

### Answer to previous puzzle

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# Draft should put Wall first, questions at No. 3

NEW YORK (AP) — John Wall will almost certainly be the choice when the Washington Wizards make the first pick in the NBA draft.

Maybe that's the wrong Kentucky kid.

DeMarcus Cousins, Wall's college teammate, said he is the best player in the draft and "it's that simple."

"I am the most dominant, and I believe I am the biggest game changer," Cousins said Wednesday. "I believe I am the best talent in the draft."

Still, don't expect the Wizards to change their minds.

Though NBA rules prevent them from confirming it, they've been expected to take Wall from the moment they landed the No. 1 pick. They were in dire need of something good to happen after a disastrous season, and it did when they surprisingly won last month's draft lottery, which offered the All-American point guard as the top

prize. Wearing a cardigan sweater with a large 'J' on it, Wall appeared relaxed Wednesday when he met the media, but said that isn't entirely the case.

"I'm excited, but at the same time a little nervous," he said. "I probably won't get any sleep tonight or tomorrow before the day starts."

The Philadelphia 76ers are likely to take national player of the year Evan Turner from Ohio State with the No. 2 pick. Turner said he talked about the notoriously tough Philly fans with new coach and former Sixers guard Doug Collins and was told "as long as you play tough, you're a competitor and play with passion, you'll survive here."

Then the confusion starts.

The New Jersey Nets, who had the NBA's worst record but missed out on a chance for Wall when they dropped to No. 3 in the lottery, were

believed to be debating between Cousins or Derrick Favors, who have been working out against each other. That was before speculation in the days leading up to the draft that they'd turned their attention to Syracuse forward Wesley Johnson.

If so, Johnson understands why.

"I went in there and just tried to kill the workout," said Johnson, a self-described "late bloomer" who at 22 is an old man next to some of the other expected high picks.

Favors and Cousins worked out against each other in Philadelphia, New Jersey and Sacramento, which has the No. 5 pick, both realizing the result could mean a difference of a couple of spots in the draft.

"I guess you could say we're considered the best big men in the draft right now," Cousins said. "They're trying to make a big decision, they're

putting a lot on the both of us, so they want to make the best choice."

Yet both are facing criticisms that could force them to slip, none particularly tied to their basketball abilities.

The 6-foot-10 Favors is considered an outstanding athlete, but perhaps far from NBA ready after averaging just 12.4 points in his lone season at Georgia Tech.

"A lot of people question me about that, about my age and how long it'll take for me to be a regular contributor," the 18-year-old Favors said. "But I think it just all depends on how hard I work during this offseason and next season."

The 6-11 Cousins has the potential to become a dominant big man in a league where there are fewer every year, and his size and skill would seem to make him a lock to be taken in the first few picks.

But questions about his attitude and coachability could

sound enough alarms to make him fall back, a drop that could prove costly with the NBA's rookie salary scale.

"I really don't listen to it," Cousins said. "I'm not in it for the money. I'm here to play ball. I'm trying to be the greatest big man to play."

The quicker adjustment to the league lately has come from the little guys. The last two Rookie of the Year winners, Derrick Rose and Tyreke Evans, were point guards, and the Wizards will be hoping for the same instant impact from Wall.

He delivered it in college, helping the Wildcats rebound from a miserable 2008-09 season to the brink of the Final Four in his lone year in Lexington. He's looking forward to doing the same for a Washington team that endured the Gilbert Arenas gun fiasco and traded away fellow stars Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison.

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## Myers pitches Astros past Giants 6-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Brett Myers set a franchise record with another effective start and helped himself out at the plate, too.

Not a bad night, at all.

Myers pitched seven innings, Jeff Keppinger had three RBIs and the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 6-3 on Wednesday to snap a five-game losing streak.

Myers (5-5) allowed three runs, one earned, and six hits, becoming the first Houston player to begin the season by pitching six innings or more in each of his first 15 starts. He also had two hits and drove in a run.

"Fifteen starts of six or more innings is pre-

ty special," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "Offensively you can't say enough about him. He was able to come through with some big hits as well."

It was the shortest outing of the year for Giants starter Barry Zito (7-4), who yielded five runs and seven hits in four innings.

Zito was upset with the hits he surrendered to Myers.

"I think the difference was giving up the two hits to the pitcher," he said. "He kept the inning alive with two outs in the second with that little bloop. And then there was that broken-bat hit that scores their fifth run."

"It's frustrating on paper to give it up to a pitcher, and even though his average isn't high, he is one of the toughest outs as a pitcher."

Carlos Lee hit an RBI single in the first and Keppinger added a three-run double in the second to help Houston build a 4-0 lead.

"Z just didn't have his stuff tonight," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said. "He was up, and he made some mistakes early."

Myers, on the other hand, said the early cushion made the outing easier for him.

"It's always good to be able to have control of a game early and it settles a pitcher in," he said.

## 7-ON-7

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happens in 7-on-7 for his players will not translate to what happens on the field as far as scheme is concerned.

But being active and competing is the key.

Big Spring coach Philip Ritchey agreed, as he said it is better for his players to be exposed to competition all summer as the season rolls around.

"That's the main thing," said Ritchey, who also said his program is not involved in the state tournament in College Station. "We just want to keep them competing. Not be idle over the summer, but wanting them to get out and do stuff, especial-

ly if you can get some football stuff done like 7-on-7, it really helps you when you come into two-a-days."

Both Ritchey and Gardner said, however, in a perfect world, the state tournament in College Station would be on deck.

But Gardner said he realizes his players have other obligations during the summer, such as jobs, and it's better for them to just pick up a ball and play.

There are other advantages besides staying active, as Ritchey said 7-on-7 provides experience for junior varsity or freshmen players. The Steers have a junior varsity and freshman team in the league with Coahoma as well.

Ritchey, whose team is running its offensive

and defensive sets during 7-on-7 play, said the state tournament and its costs can put an unwanted financial burden on a program.

"To me, that's money we would have to go out and raise," he said. "Maybe we can raise that another time of the year for something that we really need more than that. We're playing in Midland, we're going to end up playing eight games throughout the summer."

All in all, players are enjoying themselves playing 7-on-7 and staying active and coaches couldn't be happier.

Forsan football players have plans to participate in 7-on-7 in July, but it's against each other.

Forsan football coach Jason Phillips said his players are not as active in 7-on-7 as they were last year when they played against Snyder and Big Spring.

He said that is because most of his players are involved in summer basketball and baseball leagues.

"It's good in a way, but our guys do so many different things in the summer," Phillips said. "We've got several that play summer baseball and summer basketball, so it's really hard to get our guys all together. It's got definite advantages. If nothing else, they're getting out there and running around and getting some conditioning in. It's good for the quarterbacks and receivers to throw and catch."

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