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Tax rate, budget face city

Council slated to convene Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer The tax rate and proposed budget for 2008-2009 will take center stage Tuesday, as the Big Spring City Council begins taking steps to adopt its fiscal plan for the coming year.

During budget work sessions held in July, the council settled on a tax rate of \$1.0227 per \$100 valuation, the same rate used for the 2007-2008 budget. The council is expected to discuss the tax rate Tuesday night, as well as hold a state-mandated public hearing on the matter.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the tax rate consists of 68.54 cents for the general fund: 8.07 cents to fund the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Task Force; 2.42 cents to refund obligation bonds from 2002; 22.53 cents for general obligation bonds for the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and streets proj-



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Cheshires ready for new venture

Looking forward to serving Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

They're captains, and they are taking over the helm of the Big Spring Salvation Army, but Ed and Terrie Cheshire are far from rough and tumble pirates sailing the seven seas.

In fact, they're just happy to be in Texas.

"Prior to coming to Big Spring they had us stationed Plainview, in which is about three hours north of here," said Ed Cheshire. "So we didn't move far. We originally left from Corsicana to go to training. Corsicana is about 60 miles south of Dallas. So we've been very thankful that when they

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assigned us they brought us home to Texas, and so far they're letting us stay." The Cheshires took over duties for Russ and

ect; and .69 cents for cer-

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Ed and Terrie Cheshire, newly appointed captains of the Big Spring Salvation Army, go over floor plans for a new emergency shelter. The Cheshires recently replaced Russ and Linda Keeney at the helm of the local charity.

Linda Keeney, longtime leaders of the local

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Hang gliding results

Herald Staff Report

Results of the Big Spring International Hang Gliding competition, which wrapped up last weekend at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Flex wing division

First place — Kraig Coomber (AUS), 6095 points Second Place - Dustin Martin (USA), 5956 points Third Place — Glen Volk (USA), 5931

points

Rigid wing division First Place — Campbell Bowen (USA),

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5068 points

Second Place — James Stinnett (USA), 5042 points

Third Place - Jim Yocom (USA), 2814 points

BJ Herring and Robin Hamilton set new world records on the last day of the Big Spring International. BJ decided not to fly the task on the last day but rather beat David Glover's rigid wing distance to goal record of 225 miles. He flew 240 miles to set the new world record.

Robin Hamilton showed up with his swift and flew a 300 kilometer FAI triangle in the area and upped the speed record from 44 km/h to 50 km/h.

Gasoline prices drop

Russia seizes Georgia base, opens 2nd front

By MISHA DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI

Associated Press Writer

TBILISI, Georgia – Russia opened a second front of fighting in Georgia on Monday, sending armored vehicles beyond two breakaway provinces and seizing a military base and police stations in the country's west, the Georgian

government and a Russian official said.

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determination to subdue

the small, U.S.-backed

country, which has been

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gia proper from the separatist province of Abkhazia while most Georgian forces are locked up in

pressing for NATO mem-

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No piggyback rides!

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has issued a detailed list of inappropriate behaviors for priests, saying they should not kiss, tickle or wrestle children.

The newest version of the archdiocese's Decree on Child Protection also prohibits bear hugs, lap-sitting and piggyback rides. But it says priests may still shake children's hands, pat them on the back and give high-fives.

Victim advocates who have criticized the Roman Catholic archdiocese for its handling of abuse cases say they support the new measures.

UW Dine Out Day

Herman's Restaurant will be the first of many local restaurants to participate in the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County's Dine Out Day, held each Friday.

Proceeds from sales at Herman's, 1601 Gregg, this Friday will benefit United Wav.

Future participating restaurants will include Sonic Drive Inn, K.C. Steakhouse, Al's & Sons Barbecue, Dell's Cafe and Greg's Grill. Others will be added. This year's campaign officially gets started with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at First United Methodist Church.



CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) – A national

survey shows gas prices continue dropping across the nation.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline at self-serve stations was \$3.85 Friday, down almost 15 cents from two weeks ago.

Mid-grade went for \$3.98 and premium went for \$4.10. That's according to the Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations nationwide, released Sunday.

Diesel was at \$4.64.

The cheapest gas was in Tulsa, Okla., where regular cost \$3.50. Anchorage, Alaska, was most expensive at \$4.37.

Obituaries

Perry Wigington



Perry Wigington, 43, of Big Spring went to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Perry was born Dec. 2, 1964, in Lamesa.

He grew up at Ackerly and was a lifetime resident of the Ackerly and Big Spring area. Perry married Teresa Hufford Jan. 13, 1996, in Big Spring. He was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and taught college and career Sunday School class. Perry coached girls softball and Little League Baseball. His hobbies were any activities that involved his children. Perry was involved with his family in Ackerly Services, later Sierra Well Service, and currently Basic Energy.

Perry is survived by his wife, Teresa Wigington of Big Spring; one daughter, Whitney Hufford of Abilene; three sons, Austin Hufford of Abilene, and Hunter Wigington and Parker Wigington, both of Big Spring; parents, Burnell and Robert Wigington of Big Spring; five brothers, Bobby Wigington and his wife Carla of Ackerly, Lynn Wigington and his wife Heddy and Bill Wigington and his wife Sherri, all of Big Spring, Shane Wigington and his wife Jennifer of Mineola and Chris Wigington and his wife Kelli of Sweetwater; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P. O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721.

Pallbearers will be Austin Hufford, Bobby Wigington, Lynn Wigington, Shane Wigington, Bill Wigington and Chris Wigington.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary

John G. Pavolich



John G. Pavolich, 84, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Chaplain Cherise Felty officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Painesdale, Mich., and married Barbara M. Clapper June 4, 1948, in Ft. Riley, Kan.

John served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1965 as a staff sergeant. He came to Big Spring in 1979 with the Department of Justice to help open the Big Spring Prison and then worked for the Department of Justice for 19 years before he retired. John was a member of the Masonic Lodge, where he was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite, a Shriner and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #67. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife. Barbara Maxine Pavolich of Big Spring; one daughter, Karen Owen and her husband Kris of Valparaiso, Ind.; one son, John G Pavolich Jr. and his wife Janette of San Angelo; one grandson, Tom Owen of Indianapolis, Ind.; and two brothers, Don Pavolich of Michigan and Joe Pavolich of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Pavolich was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Ann Pavolich; six brothers, Luke, Tony, Rudy, George, Matthew and Bobby Pavolich; and two sisters, Ann Dutkovich and Mary Millard. The family suggests memorials be made to the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital, 2222 Welborn, Dallas 75219. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

Mary Jane Baker



Mary Jane Baker, 82, of Big Spring, affectionately known as "Janie B", changed her address from Park Place Assisted Living to Heaven Friday, Aug. 8, 2008. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Coffee, interim pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

funeral home.

Janie was born near Pocasset, Okla., Aug. 17, 1925, to Rufus and Lula Carter, who preceded her in death. She moved to Texas at the age of seven and graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1942. She married Duke Baker March 30, 1946. He preceded her in death March 1, 1976. She moved to Big Spring from Tulare, Calif., in 1948 and began working for the state of Texas in 1965.

After working in various areas with the state for 21 years, she retired from the Dept. of Human Resources in December 1986. While working, she attended night classes pursuing a degree in sociology with a minor in psychology. After receiving an AA From Howard College, she continued her pursuit until she obtained that degree from UTPB in 1980 at the age of 55.

Janie was an active member of First Baptist Church for many years where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school to adult women. She loved adventure and felt privileged to travel to many places across the U.S. as well as Europe. Although she had a fear of heights and water, she bungee jumped over the Guadalupe River at the age of 67, 10 years older than the oldest jumper. She also took advantage of an opportunity to parasail and a hot air balloon flight was another highlight.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and David Burleson of Houston, Danna and Mike Watkins of Lubbock and Debbie and Conrad Shifflett of Krum: eight grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren; and one sister, Dona McClure of Tulare, Calif.

Other family that preceded her in death include a son, David Baker; one brother, Harvey Carter; and one sister, Onie Bradshaw.

After moving to Park Place, Janie enjoyed playing dominoes and bingo, as well as many other activities. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity or First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720; Park Place, 501 W. 17th, Big Spring 79720; or Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring.

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

Santiago Munoz



Santiago Munoz, 1, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

He was born April 8, 2007, in Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• MELANIE HENDERSON, 25, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a dangerous drug.

 JEFFREY WELLS, 45, of 1312 Lexington, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.

• LORENZO RAMIREZ, 23, of 1206 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.

• JONATHAN ARRENDONDO, 25, of 1210 Second Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle, driving while license invalid and a Taylor County warrant.

• FERNANDO ARRIAGA, 31, of 1308 Princeton, was arrested Sunday on a warrant and four local warrants.

• JOSE OLIVOS, 57, of 811 Aylesford, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, driving while license invalid and a local citation

• BELINDA GARCIA, 39, of 2609 Hamilton, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - language.

• LLOYD RUSSELL LANGHAM JR., 25, of Port Arthur, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and possession of a dangerous drug.

Note: An activity log was not made available to the press in time for today's edition.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

• FRANCISCO TREVINO, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• PATRICK KYLE HECKLER, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• ALFONSO BARRERAS, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).

• CHAD WARREN, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).

• JUAN FRANCISCO CABRAL, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).

• MONICA RANAE POLK, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of a controlled substance and violation of parole – escape (Montana charge).

• REBECCA BRITO PEACOCK, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm.

• ANTHONY GUADALUPE CHAVEZ, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

• JONATHAN LEWIS THORP, 37, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts), possession of a dangerous drug and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• CODEY MATTHEW KINARD, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts), their and possession of a dangerous drug. • CHRISTOPHER GLEN WEGMAN, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct fighting. JAMES HENRY STEAPLES, 35, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting. • LLOYD RUSSELL LANGHAM JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug. • JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear. • MARIO ALBERTO CASTILLEJA, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify – giving false information and public intoxication.

Guy C. Nall, infant, of Big Spring, died Sunday, August 10, 2008 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



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Survivors include his mother, Melinda Gonzales of Big Spring; his father, Benjamin Munoz of Big Spring; one brother, Aganacio Munoz of Big Spring;

his grandfather, Will Robinson of Big Spring; grandmother, Patricia Morris of Big Spring; grandfather, Paul Gonzalez of Sweetwater; grandmother, Julia Munoz of Big Spring; his great grandmother, Thelma Morris of Colorado City; and one special aunt, Beatrice Frame of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his great grandfather, James Morris.

Any assistance toward funeral expenses will be appreciated by the family.

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

Virginia Barraza

Virginia Barraza, 69, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.

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World Briefs

Isaac Hayes, singer and presage of disco and rap dies

By The Associated Press

With its riveting orchestration, definitive guitar play and signature sensual baritone vocals, Isaac Hayes' theme song for the 1971 movie "Shaft" not only became one of pop music's iconic songs, but also the defining work of Hayes' career.



Yet the "Theme from Shaft," which would earn both Gram-

mys and an Oscar, was just a snippet of the groundbreaking music for which Hayes who died Sunday at age 65 - was responsible.

He penned soul classics like "Hold On I'm Comin'" for Sam & Dave, helped usher in the era of disco and was a goldmine for countless hip-hop and R&B artists who used his illustrious arrangements as the focal point for their songs decades later.

"Isaac Hayes embodies everything that's soul music," Collin Stanback, an A&R executive at Stax, told The Associated Press on Sunday. "When you think of soul music you think of Isaac Hayes - the expression ... the sound and the creativity that goes along with it."

His influence also extended beyond music. His trademarked bald head, full beard and muscular frame, often adorned with a multitude of gold chains, made him a fashion trendsetter at a time when most of his contempo-

raries were sporting blowout Afros. He was also a symbol of black pride, and an activist for civil rights.

Homeland Security disregarded advice from U.S. experts over where to build new biothreat lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department swept aside evaluations of government experts and named Mississippi - home to powerful U.S. lawmakers with sway over the agency — as a top location for a new \$451 million, national laboratory to study some of the world's most virulent biological threats, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Mississippi's lawmakers include the Democratic chairman of the department's oversight committee in the House and the senior Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is expected to approve money to build the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility at one of five sites being considered. The two lawmakers said they were unaware of the Homeland Security evaluation system that scored the Mississippi site so low.

The disclosure is the latest example of what critics assert is the Bush administration's politicizing of government decisions, such as efforts to steer science over global warming at the Environmental Protection Agency and hiring and firing practices at the Justice Department.

CITY

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tificates of obligation for the rehabilitation of the Northside Water facility and the new annex for the municipal animal shelter.

The council is also expected to hold a public hearing regarding the 2008-2009 municipal budget, which includes an increase in water rates and sanitation.

According to city officials, the rate increase — which will amount to a \$2.50 hike in customer's base rate for sanitation and a 15.5 cent increase per 1,000 gallons of water used — is necessary to balance out a \$500,000 increase caused by the \$215,000 rate hike being passed along by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the \$252,800 jump in the cost of chemicals.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said splitting the increase between the two rates helps make the hike as equitable as possible.

"I think the council looked at the options available and they basically split it 50/50 between the base rate and the consumption rate," said Fugua. "I think its fair to everyone. I feel like the council is very concerned about those citizens who are on fixed incomes and took that into consideration, and that's why they directed us to split that increase. I think they are really looking out for

the people of the city and they understand economic times are hard, and I think we have a good, equitable budget."

The budget, as proposed, is based on the \$1.0227 per \$100 valuation tax rate, according to city officials.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council will consider, among other items:

• Approval of qualifications of construction manager at risk for the Comanche Trail Golf Course Pro Shop and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute an agreement.

• Presentation of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District's audit for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2007, and presentation of district's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

• First reading of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on applications and permitting for portable containers - also known as freight containers or sea containers — in order to allow for review and consideration of new regulations regarding use of the containers and their installation to be effective for 180 days beginning Aug. 13, 2008.

The meeting is expected to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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CHESHIRES

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Salvation Army, after the pair were transferred to the corp's Midland office.

Terrie Cheshire said she was shocked when they learned they would be taking over the helm of the charity's Big Spring operation after only two years in the corps.

"We were shocked when we received the word we were coming to Big Spring. We had only been there (in Plainview) two years, and we made a lot of progress while we were there," said Terrie Cheshire. "But, apparently, we had finished what they had sent us there to do in those two years and they were ready for us to move forward and take on some bigger challenges.

National Guard prior to homes, making sure they entering the ministry, said it was a tremendous leap of faith for him and his wife to enter the ministry, but in the end everything has worked out for the best.

"I don't know if we were scared or just confused," said Ed Cheshire. "We both felt the Lord's calling in our lives. However, after the first few months it's like, 'Now what?' What direction do we go in, what do we do to answer that call? Once we entered training in Atlanta, Ga., I'm not quite sure the confusion was cleared up, but eventually it did. And two years later we landed right here, back in Texas."

Terrie Cheshire said a strange string of events - including a back injury — guided her and her husband to the Salvation

had everything they needed," said Terrie Cheshire. "From there, I injured my back and was unable to go back to that line of work. That's when I went and applied at the Salvation Army. I love to help people, so that was really the changing point in my life.

"I took a job as a social worker at the Salvation Army office in Corsicana. While I was there I took on the responsibilities of the office manager and I began doing the books. We started going to church there and we just fell in love with the work the Salvation Army does. Heart to God, hand to man. God called us to this ministry."

And while the Cheshires are adamant they don't plan to change the programs the Keeneys left

of what the Salvation Army does. Everyone in the community is aware of what we do now — the Boys & Girls Club, the shelter, our Christmas programs — but there's just so much more the Army is involved with, not just locally, but statewide and nationally, and even internationally.

"We want to bring these things to light so people understand the ministry that started with William Booth in England has grown and encompasses everything from helping someone with a bag of groceries to a mop and a blanket in a time of disaster. From spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to being involved in human trafficking worldwide and trying to bring that to light and stop it. I've likened the Salvation Army – to

Spring, the couple agree it's the hard work of the local corp's employees and volunteers that has made it all as smooth as possible.

"It's really not all that tough when you have the direction you have as a Salvation Army officer. Every corps you go to is sort of the same. There are still plenty of differences, but as far as picking up the fan drive or the back-toschool drive is concerned, it's something we would be doing anyway. You pick up the ball you're handed and keep carrying it. You adjust your lifestyle and your business ethic to fit the situation and go on. You always keep it in mind that no matter what I have to go through, you never want to short-change the community or change any of the services that have

already working on the things they need to be working on. They really are a key asset. They play a very large roll in just how smooth that transition goes. We couldn't do what we do without them."

For more information on the Big Spring Salvation Army, call 267-8239.

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This is definitely going to be a bigger challenge."

Ed Cheshire, who was an aircraft hydraulics repairman for the Texas Army Army.

"I was a file clerk for an insurance company, and when we moved to Corsicana I started working with the elderly in their

they do want to make some ie "Shrek" — to an onion. additions to what the local charity does.

"Our biggest goal is to share with the public more

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"It has a lot to do with the employees and the volunteers," said Terrie Cheshire. "You walk in and your employees are

River, which separates Abkhazia from Georgia proper.

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fighting around another breakaway region of South Ossetia.

The West has sharply criticized Russia's military response to Georgia's attack on South Ossetia as disproportionate, and the world's seven largest economic powers urged Russia on Monday to accept an immediate cease-fire and agree to international mediation.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her colleagues from the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations spoke by telephone and pledged their support for a negotiated solution to the conflict that has been raging since Friday between the former Soviet state and Russia, a State Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the call had not yet been formally announced.

Nana Intskerveli, the Georgian Defense Minis-

try's spokeswoman, said Russian armored personnel carriers rolled into the base in Senaki, about 20 miles inland from the Black Sea port of Poti.

Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili said Russian forces also took over police stations in the town of Zugdidi — about 20 miles from the base and also outside Abkhazia.

In Moscow, a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to

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OTHER VIEWS

Paris Hilton's energy message: Like, totally

aris Hilton to the rescue. The presidential campaign was starting to sound silly, what with John McCain's ad comparing rival Barack Obama's celebrity to the hotel heiress'.

When your famous face is exploited in a TV ad about high gas prices, what's a princess with a bottomless bank account to do? Hilton responded with her own campaign ad video.

Lounging poolside in a skimpy swimsuit, she thanks "that wrinkly white-haired guy" for his endorsement.

Hilton's ad calls McCain "the oldest celebrity in the world ... old enough to remember when dancing was a sin." (Fact check: Abe Vigoda is way older.) "I want America to know I'm, like, totally ready to lead," she said.

Hilton's platform — which sounds halfway sensible - combines McCain's plan for offshore oil drilling with Obama's emphasis on manufacturing hybrid vehicles. And repaint the White House a nice shade of pink.

Hilton gave a needed tweak to a campaign drifting into petty sideshows. Her image may be shallower than a kiddle pool, but at least she understands the power of self-deprecating humor. Poking fun at himself was a McCain strength before he began behaving like a jilted suitor. What's scary is that the most memorable ad of the presidential campaign so far belongs to a "candidate" best known for late-night partying and turning a chihuahua into a fashion accessory. Surely all those highly paid consultants in her rivals' campaigns can find a way to knock the wafer-thin heiress off message.

merican presidential politics provide a prime example of the old adage that history often repeats itself.

The two major parties rebound, often quickly, from even the worst electoral disasters. Second terms are difficult, even

disastrous. The vice presidency is the second-best route to the presidency. Patterns of particular campaigns also recur, though sometimes several past scenarios could fit. At this stage, the 2008 campaign shows signs of mirroring at least three recent races. The question

is which foreshadows the ultimate

outcome. Here are the arguments:

IS IT LIKE 1960?

Like the epic battle between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon, this campaign pits a charismatic, though inexperienced, young warrior against a more experienced, though somewhat shopworn, veteran. By all signs, Barack Obama is the superior campaigner and creates more excitement on the trail.

And the political climate suggests this should be a Democratic year, as 1960 was.

But the fact that Obama's election would break a historic barrier as Kennedy's did is a mixed blessing. While blacks will vote in large numbers for him, the later Democratic primaries showed signs of a white backlash.

ADDRESSES

In 1960, Kennedy's strong support from fellow Roman Catholics was offset by resistance among some Protestants.

Is it 1960, 1980 or 1988 again?

In the end, despite his superior campaigning skills and strong performance in the first televised debates, the vote was very close. This one could be, too.

OR 1980?

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As was the case then, the country wants change. But the outcome may depend on whether Obama, like Ronald Reagan, can overcome doubts about his experience or if a majority of voters opt for the safety of John McCain — even though he would pursue some policies the country considers failures.

In 1980, many voters clearly had enough of Jimmy Carter. He won very few votes he lost four years earlier.

But the lead seesawed until the last week. Then, Reagan's performance in the only televised debate convinced enough undecided voters that they would be comfortable with him as president.

Other, less experienced candidates also overcame concerns in the debates: Kennedy in 1960, Bill Clinton in 1992 and George W. Bush in 2000. This year, many analysts believe Obama's performance in the debates will determine if he satisfies enough current doubters.

OR 1988?

This race also matched a relative newcomer against an experienced, less-than-inspiring veteran who sought to raise doubts about his rival's background, ideology and leadership.

In the spring, the newcomer, Mas-

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sachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, held a considerable lead in the polls over his more experienced rival, Vice President George H.W. Bush.

But the steady drumbeat of criticism focusing on Dukakis' record in Massachusetts. much of it answered ineffectively, enabled Bush to overcome that deficit.

Dukakis was still within reach, though behind, when he ensured his defeat with a stilted response to a very personal question about whether he would overcome his doubts about the death penalty if the victim were his wife.

The debates again were decisive, and the lesser-known candidate failed his test.

This summer, Obama has been under growing attack from McCain and his Republican allies, accused of everything from flip-flopping on issues to being personally arrogant. The next few months may determine if, like Dukakis, he defeats himself.

But McCain lacks the advantage Bush had as the chosen successor of a popular president.

Other elections also bear some similarities to the 2008 race. In 1952 and 1968, unpopular wars crippled the incumbent administration and led to election of the rival party. But 1960, 1980 or 1988 seem most likely to provide the decisive pattern for this election.

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Durban II': Let the hate flow

confess I had forgotten about the U.N. World Conference against Racism, in Durban, South Africa, on Sept 8, 2001. It turned so quickly into a racist, anti-Semitic hate-fest that Secretary of State Colin Powell stood up and walked out.

The indignant commentary was just getting started when the Sept. 11 attacks swept the coverage away. The event was largely forgotten.

I bring it up now because they're at it again. The United Nations has scheduled a sequel, dubbed Durban II, to take place in Geneva, Swit-

zerland, next spring. (This time, Durban's city fathers refused to host it.) And if the 2001 event proved to be an embarrassment for the United Nations and the world, the next one promises to be a shameful travesty that will light up cable news, late-night TV talk shows and multi-media blogs for weeks.

Worse, the event is certain to cleave an even deeper divide between the Arab states and the rest of the world. It's pre-ordained. Consider what happened just a few days ago, as reported by the Web site Eye on the UN.

The conference's planning chairman invited Iran to join his inner circle — the "friends of the chair," to add Iranian wisdom to the topics at hand: preventing racism and promoting human rights.

Why Iran? Well, the answer will almost certainly leave you asking: What were they thinking?

The planning-committee chairman is none other than Libya. The rapporteur ... Cuba. And the new vice chair, Iran.

Several Western states are unranked members. But the leaders and their allies are running roughshod over everyone else. These countries have a clear agenda: to batter Israel and the United States and ram through proclamations decrying insults to Islam.

The European Union proposed to discuss freedom of expression. Speaking for the leadership, Egypt declared that freedom of expression is "political in nature and not grounded in objectivity." As a result, discussion of the subject is "not acceptable." The EU gave up.

In Cairo this summer, the Arab League began work on what it calls a "guidebook" on permissible "media terminology for Arab causes" to replace "false and defamed terms" - like, perhaps, freedom of expression? Many Arab states, including Egypt, say they favor freedom of expression — except when it infringes on government prerogatives or Islamic doctrine or any other subject the government doesn't want to talk about. I have firsthand knowledge of that.

Working in Egypt in June, I visited Burullus, a small town on the northern coast. After interviewing a few people about recent riots over a price increase for bread, I set out to interview people in food stores. We stopped at one butcher shop and asked to speak to the owner. He looked over my shoulder, out to the street, then simply shook his head and turned away.

Heading back to the car, we spotted an Egyptian secret police officer - they are unmistakable - calling in our license plate number over a radio. Moments later my translator got a phone call from a local friend. The police had issued an arrest

warrant — for trying to talk to the butcher.

My driver turned off the road and hid on the beach behind some fishing boats. After a while we took an eastern road, not the highway south to Cairo. We escaped. So much for freedom of expression in Egypt.

The United Nations' much maligned Humans Right Council is organizing Durban II, so it's small wonder that the planning is proceeding as it has. In a recent council session, a speaker asked to bring up a particularly egregious human-rights problem: genital mutilation of women. Egypt objected mightily, demanding: "We will not discuss issues related to Sharia law; this will not happen." He thundered on, joined by a colleague from Pakistan, until the item was dropped.

Sharia, of course, is canonical law based on the teachings of the Quran and the traditions of Muhammad. I wasn't aware that it advocated genital mutilation.

Like or not, this conference will happen. The best course is to ignore it. My guess is that the EU came to that conclusion and decided it had better things to do than get into a dog fight about freedom of speech.

The United States, thankfully, has ignored all of this so far. The next administration will have to decide whether to participate. Canada has already announced it will not attend As Jason Kenney, a secretary of state, put it, Durban II "has gone completely off the rails."

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•Sports BIG HERALD Early start Lady Steers begin v-ball play Tuesday

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor Believe it or not, the first meaningful game of the high school sports season in the Crossroads region occurs Tuesday.

Big Spring's Lady Steers begin their volleyball season at 4 p.m. Tuesday, playing a doubleheader against Seminole's Maidens and Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs at Steer Gym.

The new season brings a new face as head coach. Meghan Blake, once a student at Big Spring High School, takes over as the Lady Steers' leading lady this season.

was Pudliner when she assistant volleyball coach See **BSHS**, Page 10

was a Lady Steer, played volleyball at Big Spring from 1998 to 2000 before moving with her family to Olathe, Kan. After graduation, she continued her volleyball career at Johnson County Community College where she earned All-American honors in 2003 and was also named the team's MVP that same season.

However, following her sophomore year at JCCC, Blake had surgery on both knees and she ended her playing career. She received her degree from University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Before moving back to Blake, whose last name Big Spring, she was an at Metro State College in Denver and also head coached a traveling high school girls team for the past year.

The move back to Big Spring was a difficult decision for Blake, but it isn't one she regrets either.

"I loved Denver, but I feel the female athletes here needed a change and I'm willing to come in and do it," Blake said. "I think that's why I took this job, because I know I can help them get better.'

However, she also understands that she's coaching a different level of competition in Texas as opposed to what she had grown accustomed to in Denver.



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Big Spring's Andrea Claxton (center) spikes the ball over the net as teammates Cerbi Ritchey (left) and Halee Thomas (right) look on in a scrimmage against Abilene High Saturday in Abilene. The Lady Steers play their first game of the season at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Seminole in Steer Gym. They'll then play a second game Tuesday against Sweetwater following the completion of their match with Seminole.

Summer Olympics



AP photo/David J. Phillip

United States swimmer Michael Phelps, right, and his teammate Garret Weber-Gale celebrate winning the gold in the men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay final during the swimming competitions in the \oplus National Aquatics Center at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, Monday.

to eignt : Phelps wins gold in IM and relay

Clear road

The Associated Press

BEIJING — With history about to slip away and Michael Phelps cheering him on, Jason Lezak pulled up next to the lane rope and set out after hulking Alain Bernard, like a NASCAR driver drafting down the backstretch at Daytona.

Only 25 meters to go, half the length of the pool. Every stroke brought Lezak a little closer, a little closer, a little closer, his body seemingly carried along by the Frenchman's massive wake. The two lunged for the wall together. When the result flashed on the board, Phelps was still on course for his record eight gold medals.

By a fingertip.

Lezak, the oldest man on the U.S. swimming team, pulled off one of the great comebacks in Olympic history Monday morning, hitting the wall just ahead of Bernard in the 400 freestyle relay, a race so fast it actually erased two world records.

Few sporting events live up to the hype — this one exceeded it. The 32-year-old Lezak was nearly a body length behind Bernard as they made the final turn, but the American hugged the lane rope and stunningly overtook him on the very last stroke. Wow!

"This has been happening my whole career," Lezak said. 'People have gotten on my lane line and sucked off of me, so I figured this is the one opportunity in my whole career to do that."

Watching on deck, Phelps let out a resounding "Yeaaaaaah!" and thrust both arms toward the roof of the Water Cube. His quest to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals had survived what will likely be its toughest test — and almost certainly its most thrilling.

The Americans shattered the world record set by their "B" team the previous evening in the preliminaries, touching with a time of 3 minute, 8.24 seconds — nearly 4 full seconds below the 15-hour-old mark of 3:12.23.

"Unbelievable," said Phelps, who swam the leadoff leg and then became the team's biggest cheerleader. "Jason finished that race better than we could even ask for. I was fired up. Going into that last 50, I was like, 'Aw, this is going to be a close race.' Jason's last 10 or 15 meters were incredible.'

Phelps has lived and trained in Ann Arbor, Mich. in recent vears.

The Americans won the relay at seven straight Olympics, but watched the Australians and South Africans take gold at the last two games.

"You could tell I was pretty excited," Phelps said. "I lost my voice and I was definitely pretty emotional out there."

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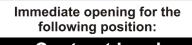
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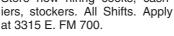
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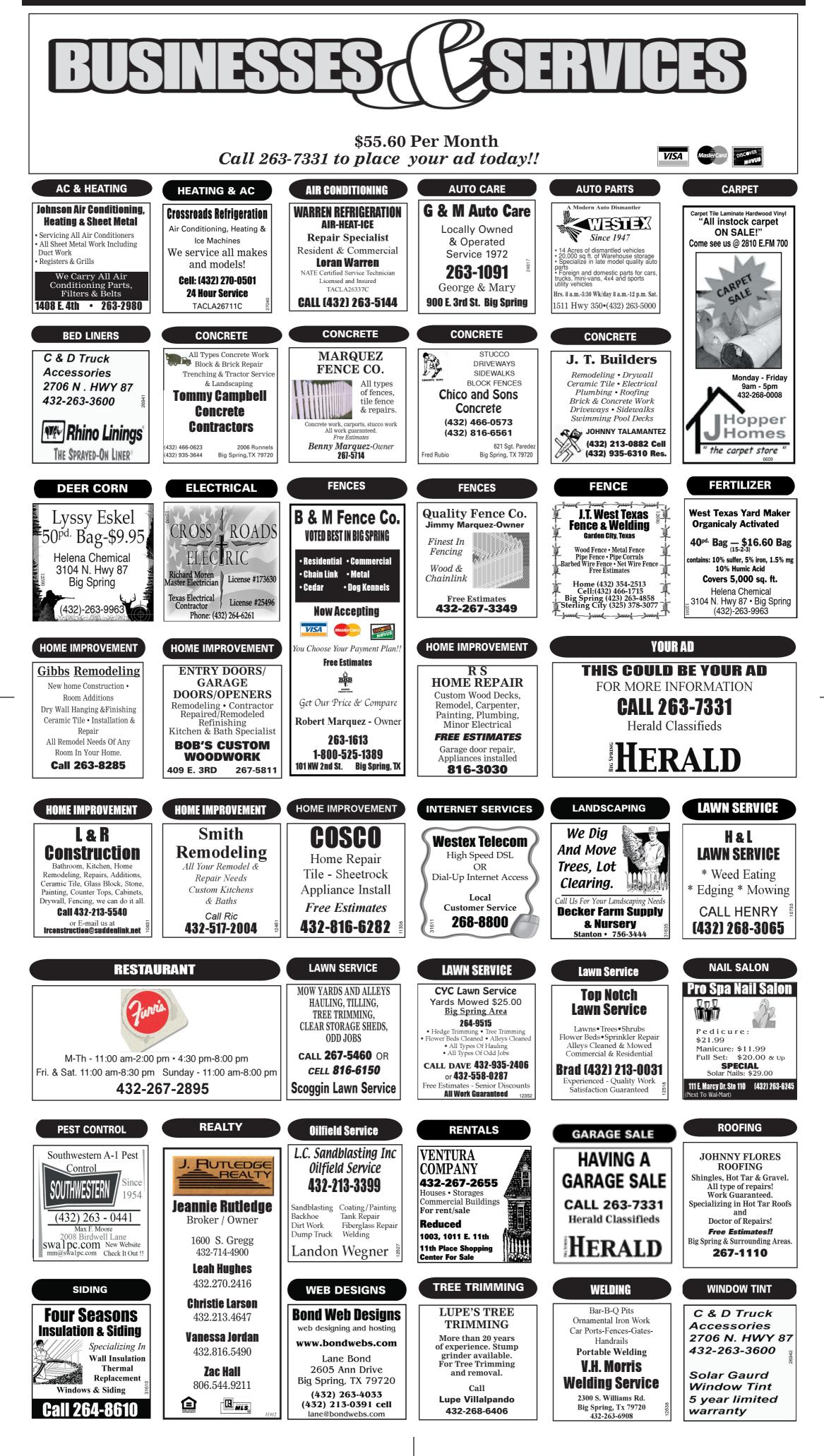
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Sagittarius moon and Leo sun are a gambling pair, encouraging folks to take

heart and follow а whim to inspiration, especially on those wingand-a-prayer endeavors. Their optimism is con-

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tagious! If MATHIS find yourself all

HOLIDAY

fired up by the "anything's possible" attitude circulating, you've been touched by today's upbeat energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though your impulses are not wrong, there are bigger rewards for being structured. Stick to the agenda. Begin and end meetings on time. Keep your recipes, workouts and social etiquette by the book.

TAURUS (April 20-Mav 20). You'll be slightly more laidback in your approach to the tasks of the day, which makes you susceptible to time wasters. Avoid chronic arguers, even if they are people you like. Today these types are likely to wear you out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ahead of you is a whirlwind of fun as there are several events on the

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

horizon you want to attend. Shopping, planning and buying tickets are all favored now. Be thrifty. Ask for better deals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). How others see you is not usually as important to you as it is right now. To deny that you care is silly -- you clearly do. Be introspective. Sort out what you think about you. Get on your own side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be building on other people's work to make it better, stronger and faster. Your ideas will be noticed and praised. Just be sure you give credit where it's due. Remember what you started with.

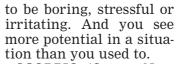
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone is on your mind and won't be leaving any time soon. You're probably producing a fantasy version of this person that he or she won't be able to live up to in real life. Enjoy your unrealistic imaginings for what they are worth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone you admire starts a difference in you. Your perspective changes. You can be joyful in situations that used

Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: I'm a 15year-old girl with a big problem. A few weeks ago, I did something I regret very much.

After learning that my three best friends had once again excluded me from some inside joke, I got on MySpace and remarked to a friend at another school that they were acting like witches. They found out and immediately turned on me. I apologized several times, explaining that I didn't really mean it. I said I was just feeling hurt and left out. One of them forgave me, but "Ellie and Caroline" did not. I talked to my mom and told her what I had done, and she said it would blow over in time. She assured me it would be OK eventually because we had been such good friends and I had apologized right away.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You see no reason to wait for others to demonstrate their love first. You show up gleaming, feeling confident in your ability to win people over. Your passion causes others to embrace you wholeheartedly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your high profile today makes you a natural target for those who need a loan or want you to set them up with a job or date. You can't blame them for asking, and it might be rewarding for you to provide what is needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be like an event planner. Begin with the end in mind, and schedule backward. There is a stellar opportunity at the end of the month that can be taken advantage of if you'll do a few small steps every day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your social grace is undeniable. It's not difficult for you to read a group of people and understand what's going on and how to fit in. Knowing when to stay and when to "bounce" is trickier now, though. Stay aware.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The decisions you make at work today affect your ability to move up. So be mindful, thinking through the possible outcomes of each action. poised You're for advancement if you act judiciously.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Leo computer inventor Steve Wozniak has the signature of a progressive. A special configuration between Jupiter, Uranus and Pallas in Steve's chart indicates his exceptional creative intelligence. Synchronously, his nickname is Woz, which is also an acronym for "Wheels of Zeus," a company he founded. Zeus is the Roman Jupiter, and a deity known for his intelligence. Brilliant!

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail

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what else to do. I think they're actually getting some enjoyment out of ignoring me. My other friends say they never really cared about me if they were willing to drop a "best friend" so easily.

I completely understand they were hurt by my words, but I was hurt by their actions. How do I make amends if they won't even speak to me? -- Stay or Go

Dear Stay or Go: These girls do not sound like "best friends." Of course it was wrong of you to complain about them. However, why are they excluding you? Why are they unwilling to forgive you? Why do they seem to enjoy making you miserable? You have apologized. Now you need to occupy yourself with other things and other people. If they see they can no longer upset you, they may decide to be friends again, but we have to wonder why you'd want them. Dear Annie: In spite of years of trying and numerous procedures, my wife and I are unable to have children. We regularly deal with inconsiderate, thoughtless, even cruel comments and questions from friends, family and others. We are considered too old to adopt, and we are cautious about becoming foster parents. We give time, love, energy and money to children of friends and family. We don't complain about our situation. In fact, my wife would not even approve of my writing to you. We just learned that my aging parents have chosen to give the bulk of their estate to my brother and his children. This only adds to our sense of loss. Lately, my wife has been having serious issues dealing with everything. How can I ease the pain surrounding all of this? -- Not Looking Forward to Another Father's Day Dear Not: Couples who are unable to have children often grieve for years. Your parents' insensitivity only adds to your loss, although we are sure they have no idea how deeply their decision has hurt you. Please contact Resolve (resolve.org), 1760 Old Meadow Rd., Suite 500, McLean, VA 22102 for support and suggestions.

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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District by 7.99%.

This tax rate would increase total taxes in 2008 by \$28,768.00 #5877 August 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2008

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs within the **Big Spring Independent** School District

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture Education, Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Technology Education. Industrial Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of the Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handi cap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admis sion and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Steven Saldivar, Assistant Superintendent, and/or Kim Parker, the Section 504 Coordinator, at Big Spring I.S.D. Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 Phone Number (432) 264-3600

La Notificacion Publica de No Discriminacion en la Carrera y el Programa Tecnologia dentro del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring

we've been friends for five years. I don't want to spend the rest of the summer (or my life) without her. Ellie and I were never as close, but I will miss her as well.

Annie, I don't know

Legals

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educacion de la tecnologia en la Educacion de la Agricultura, en la Economia de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educacion Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educacion del Negocio de Preperacion, y en la Educacion Industrial de la Tecnolgia. La admision a esto programas se basa en el interes, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la espacian del clase disponible.

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El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring tomara los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma ingles no sera una barrera a la admision y la participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queia, contacte al Coordinator del Titulo IX Steven Saldivar, Suprendidente Ayudane, o Kim Parker, Coordinador de la Seccion 504, en las Oficians Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, el numero de telefono (432)264-3600. #5874 August 11, 2008

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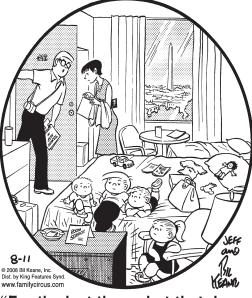
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Today's Highlight in History:

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Bradley to become the first chair-

In 1919, Germany's Weimar

In 1934, the first federal prison-

In 1942, during World War II,

Pierre Laval, prime minister of

Vichy France, publicly declared

that "the hour of liberation for

France is the hour when Germany

In 1954, a formal peace took hold

in Indochina, ending more than

seven years of fighting between

the French and Communist

ers arrived at the island prison

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In History

launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1984, President Reagan joked during a voice test for a paid political radio address that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 1992, the Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the U.S., opened in Bloomington, Minn.

In 1993, President Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding the retiring General Colin Powell.

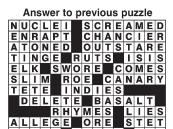
One year ago: President Bush welcomed French President Nicolas Sarkozy to his family's estate in Kennebunkport, Maine. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won an easy and expected victory in a high-profile Iowa Republican straw poll. Funeral services were held in Newark, N.J., for three college students shot to death in a schoolyard during an apparent robbery attempt. Big Ben's bongs fell silent as workers

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Thought for Today: "Some people think that doctors and nurses can put scrambled eggs back into the shell." - Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author (1879-1958).

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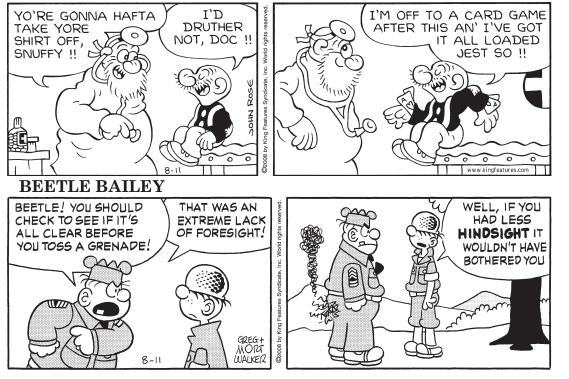
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"They play volleyball year round in Colorado, which is something we don't do here. That's fine, but I'm hoping we can change that culture some," Blake said. "I hope we can get a group of girls to start going on a traveling team and playing in some tournaments in the area and throughout the state.'

First things first, before the Lady Steers even begin to worry about the final results on the

scoreboard, the techniques of their game must be refined, according to Blake.

"Fundamentally, we are not sound. Mechanically, we are not sound. We have a lot of work to do," she said. "I knew that coming in, though.

"I haven't seen the other teams in the district play, so I don't exactly know what we're up against," Blake continued. "I've seen Hereford and Dumas play, but we'd face them in the playoffs, not in district. I know there are going to be some good teams, though. We have the potential to be good, too. Some of these girls have the ability to play college volleyball if they want. They just have to be willing to put in the work to do so."

The Lady Steers started two-aday practices just a week ago and played in two scrimmages in Midland and Abilene over the weekend.

However, they'll get to figure out exactly how far they still have to go as a team Tuesday, playing two matches that actually count.

Big Spring starts its season at 4 p.m. against Seminole and plays a second match — tentatively set for 5 p.m. - against Sweetwater.

Blake obviously wants the Lady Steers to pick up wins in both matches, but there are more important goals she has for the team throughout the season that will in turn lead to more victories.

"My expectations are simply for us to get better. Not just with our record, but as a team," Blake said. "I want to see improvement in the way we play from varsity to seventh grade. If we had a sixth grade team then I'd expect them to get better, too. I just want to see some improvement at every level. We're going

to be more mechanically sound and more disciplined as a team. The winning and everything else will come as long as we improve in these other areas."

Notes: The junior varsity and freshman teams are also starting their season in doubleheader action against Seminole and Sweetwater Tuesday.

Both teams play at the junior high with the JV playing in the west gym and the freshmen in the east gym.

Each squad's first game starts at 4 p.m.

OLYMPICS

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Bernard was the world record holder in the 100, but he surrendered that mark as well. Australia's Eamon Sullivan broke the individual record by swimming the leadoff leg in 47.24 — ahead of Bernard's mark of 47.50.

Oh, by the way, Phelps set an American record leading off, 47.51. But it was Lezak's anchor that everyone will remember. He got down and back in a staggering 46.06, the fastest relay leg in history though it doesn't count as an official record.

Lezak looked at the scoreboard, then leaped out of the water with an emphatic fist pump.

Garrett Weber-Gale and Cullen Jones also did their parts on the middle legs of the relay, overcoming the enormous pressure of making sure they didn't mess up Phelps' attempt to take down the Holy Grail of Olympic records. Jones was the only holdover from the team that swam in the prelims.

Lezak should get a share of that \$1 million bonus that Phelps has been promised if he goes on to beat Spitz's mark.

"I never lost hope," said Lezak, who trains alone but has been a 3:08.32 — eight one-hundredths

longtime stalwart on the relay team. "I don't know how I was able to take it back that fast, because I've never been able to come anywhere near that for the last 50."

WhiletheAmericans whooped it up on deck, Bernard clung to the wall, his head down. The swimmer who had talked confidently of beating the Americans – "smash-

ing" them, some media reported — was the last one to leave the pool.

"Alain is wounded. When you are the last swimmer in a relay and that you have the opportunity to bring a title of this importance to your country, you don't get out of this unhurt," said Claude Fauquet, France's team director. "But I don't think that Alain lost the race. It's Lezak who won it.'

Though many countries save their best swimmers for the anchor leg, Phelps is more comfortable leading off — especally swimming a distance that is not part of his individual schedule. Lezak is a sprint specialist, and it sure paid off having him in the last spot.

The French were second in

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of a second behind. Australia took the bronze in 3:09.91. In fact, the top five all went below the record set Sunday.

Katie Hoff was again denied a gold medal when Rebecca Adlington of Britain rallied over the final 50 meters to overtake the 19-year-old, who had settled for a bronze the previous day in the 400 individual medley.

Adlington won in 4:03.22, while Hoff took the silver in 4:03.29. Adlington's teammate Joanne Jackson earned the bronze in 4:03.52. Defending champion Laure Manaudou finished last in the eight-woman final.

Hoff still has three more individual events, plus a relay.

President Bush was back at the Water Cube for the second day in a row, with wife Laura on one side, daughter Barbara on

the other. Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife were sitting in front of them, and Bill Gates was right behind.

Clearly, the swimming record book will need some heavy revisions by the time the Beijing Olympics are over.

Two more world marks fell Monday morningwhenKosuke

Kitajima of Japan finished off American Brendan Hansen's hopes of an individual medal, winning the 100 breaststroke in 58.91.

Kitajima pounded the water defiantly and let out a scream after breaking Hansen's 2-yearold record of 59.13.

Hansen was left without a medal, fading to fourth behind silver medalist Alexander Dale Oen of Norway and Hugues Duboscq of France, who took bronze.

Kirsty Coventry didn't even bother waiting until a final to set a record in the 100 backstroke. The Zimbabwean won her semifinal heat in 58.77, taking down Natalie Coughlin's mark of 58.97 set at the U.S. trials last month.

They'll go head to head in

Tuesday morning's final. Coughlin won her heat in 59.43.

Seven world records have been set through the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ days at the Water Cube.

Phelps had another race to care of, moving on to the final of the 200 free with the fourth-fastest time of the semis. Trying to save as much energy as possible for the leadoff leg of the relay, the American touched in 1:46.28 to finish behind teammate Peter Vanderkaav (1:45.76) and South Korea's Park Tae-hwan (1:45.99).

Jean Basson of South Africa also went faster in the other heat, winning in 1:46.13.

While Hansen still has a swim left in the medley relay, he'll go down as one of the major disappointments of the American team. A one-time world record holder in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, he didn't even qualify for the Olympics in the longer race.

Putting all his hopes of beating Kitajima in the 100, he wasn't close to the Japanese star, finishing 0.66 seconds behind.

Libby Trickett of Australia just missed another world record in the women's 100 butterfly, winning gold with a time of 56.73. American Christine Magnuson claimed the silver (57.10) and another Aussie, Jess Schipper, took the bronze (57.25).





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