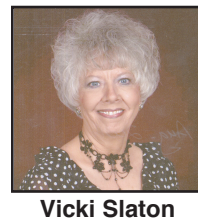




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Officials tout new era for city's 'grand old lady'

## Settles survival assured

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

After decades of broken promises and dashed hopes, Big Spring's "grand old lady" is getting the facelift she deserves.

Led by Gov. Rick Perry, state and local officials joined forces with developer G. Brint Ryan to kick-start a \$20 million Settles Hotel renovation project Thursday afternoon.

The groundbreaking ceremonies marked the beginning of a two-year renovation that Ryan said will restore the 78-year-old building to its former glory.

The building, erected for \$500,000 in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more than two decades.

During Thursday's ceremonies, officials expressed hope that the renovation will do more than just restore a landmark.

"This is the type of urban development that can revitalize the downtown area," Gov. Perry said. "This isn't just about renovating a building, it's about revitalizing an entire community."

Perry, who recalled thinking the Settles was "the biggest building in the world" when he first visited the area as a youth in 1957, said the renovation project will herald a rebirth for Big Spring.

"This hotel is a reminder of when Big Spring was ... a vibrant community," he said. "Well, it can be again — and it



will be again."

Perry and others laid most of the credit for the renovation on Ryan, a Big Spring native who has spearheaded a two-year effort to bring the project to fruition.

"Brint Ryan is the type of visionary that every community wants to have," Perry said. "Brint, giving back to this community is a great legacy you'll leave for Big Spring and Texas and we thank you."

"One thing I've known since the day I met Brint Ryan is that this thing was going to get done," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said. "A lot of us have dreamed about this day for a long time ... People with pas-

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From left above, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman, Developer G. Brint Ryan, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, State Sen. Kel Seliger, State Rep. Joe Hefflin and City Councilman Troy Tompkins participate in formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$20 million Settles Hotel renovation project Thursday afternoon. Below, the restored Hotel Settles sign, and at left, Gov. Rick Perry talks about the importance of the restoration project to Big Spring.



## Landmark hotel stirs many fond memories

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

First-time visitors to Big Spring might have a hard time understanding the connection residents have with the Settles Hotel.

To newcomers, the old building is little more than a glass and brick monolith that dominates the downtown area.

To Big Spring natives, however, it is much, much more.

Several long-time residents shared their feelings for the Settles during groundbreaking ceremonies Thursday to mark a \$20 million renovation of the historic building.

*"I drank a gazillion cups of coffee in the coffee shop there. I'm delighted (about the restoration). This will be one of the biggest boons this community has seen in years"*

—Pat Porter

W.R. Settles built the hotel in 1930 for the then-considerable sum of \$500,000, money he earned in the oil boom of the 1920s.

During its heyday, the hotel was a destination of choice for travelers and hosted such luminaries as former U.S. President Herbert Hoover, band leader Lawrence Welk and the King himself — Elvis Presley.

For many local residents, however, the hotel is more than just a place to stay.

For Burr Lea Settles, great-nephew of W.R. Settles, the hotel is like a family heirloom.

"In 1926, my great-uncle owned some land near Forsan ... and he got wealthy during the oil

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# Cowboys ready for real tuneup

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo's shoulders drooped and Terrell Owens cried after the Dallas Cowboys last played at Texas Stadium.

While that bitter home playoff loss against the New York Giants in January hasn't doused high expectations for this season, Dallas still hasn't won a game since.

OK, so it's only the preseason and Romo and Owens got only limited time in the Cowboys' losses at San Diego and Denver.

That will change when Dallas plays its first home preseason game Friday night against the Houston Texans. That's when the Cowboys will finally put their best players on extended display.

Coach Wade Phillips plans to play his starters into the second half, maybe even the entire third quarter.

Phillips said the Cowboys made the switch out of training camp mode after getting home this week, and responded with their best practices so far. They also took a different

### Dallas Cowboys vs. Houston Texans

When: 6 p.m. tonight

Where: Texas Stadium in Irving

TV: CBS-KOSA Ch. 7

Radio: KBST 95.9 FM/KBEST 1490 AM

approach to game preparation in being "more specific about what we want to do this game, than long term."

Romo and the first-team offense

got off to a fast start, going eight plays for a touchdown on their opening and only series against San Diego. There were two mistake-filled and penalty-plagued series in Denver last week-end.

"We need more playing time to come together as a team," Phillips said.

The Cowboys return all of their NFL-record 13 Pro Bowl players from last year's 13-win team. That includes Romo, Owens and five others on an offense that scored the second-

most points in the NFL.

Owens promised this week that the Cowboys will be ready for the regular season, dismissing any notion that there was reason for concern after two preseason losses.

"Once the games start, everybody gets that lather going and you're ready to go out there and play," T.O. said.

There will also be a significant change on defense with still-suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones getting his

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## Summer Olympics

### U.S. sweeps on the beach

*Dalhausser, Jones win men's beach v-ball gold*

By **JIMMY GOLEN**

AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — Phil Dalhausser blocked out the score, the sun and the Brazilian beat that shook the Olympic beach volleyball gold medal game.

Then he blocked just about everything else.

Dalhausser rejected three straight shots in the decisive set to turn a tight match into a blow-out, then did it again on the championship point on Friday to give the Americans the sport's first Olympic gold medal sweep.

"I got in a zone, I guess," Dalhausser said. "I blocked it all out. It's just one of those things where you see everything per-

fectly and it all seems to be in slow motion."

Dalhausser and Todd Rogers beat Brazil's Fabio and Marcio 23-21, 17-21, 15-4, winning their Olympic debuts in classic beach volleyball weather a day after Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor weathered a driving rainstorm to win their second straight gold.

It is the third beach volleyball gold for the American men in four Olympics since the sport was added in 1996. On Thursday, May-Treanor and Walsh continued a tradition that began when beach volleyball

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AP photo/Ng Han Guan

Philip Dalhausser carries a U.S. flag after defeating Brazil in the gold medal match in men's beach volleyball 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Friday.

### Underage problems?

IOC instructs IFG to check Chinese ages

By **NANCY ARMOUR and JOHN LEICESTER**

Associated Press Writers

BEIJING — China was asked to provide additional documents proving that five of the six members of its gold medal women's gymnastics team were old enough to compete in the Beijing Olympics,

in hopes of ending persistent questions about the girls' ages.

The International Olympic Committee said Friday there is still no proof anyone cheated, but it asked gymnastics officials to investigate "what have been a number of questions and apparent discrepancies," spokeswoman Giselle Davies said. The International Gymnastics Federation asked China to submit documents that will further substantiate the ages of He Kexin, Yang Yilin, Jiang Yuyuan,

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He Kexin

## All about teamwork at Beijing Olympics

By **JENNA FRYER**

AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — When grabbing for that remote Saturday, try not to imitate the fumbling ways of the relay teams at the Beijing Games — you don't want to miss these finals.

NBC's full day of Olympic coverage begins with Lisa Leslie's bid to lead the U.S. women's basketball team to a fourth consecutive gold medal. Coverage

continues through the finals of women's volleyball and the 4x400 relays, then concludes in the wee hours of the morning with gold medal games in men's basketball, baseball and soccer.

When it's all said and done, the U.S. should have a lot more hardware.

Maybe some of it even gold.

The Americans are already locked into the finals of women's basketball and volleyball, and the Kobe Bryant-led

men's basketball team is favored to play for gold.

And based on the 1-2-3 American sweep in the men's 400 relay, the gold should be a gimme in that final. Of course, that's assuming they don't drop the baton the same way the men's and women's 4x100 relay teams did.

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### Olympic medal count

(through Friday)

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	30	36	34	100
China	46	15	22	83
Russia	16	16	22	54
Britain	18	12	11	41
Australia	11	14	16	41
Germany	13	9	13	35
France	5	13	15	33
South Korea	10	10	6	26
Japan	9	6	9	24
Italy	7	7	10	24

## Sports in brief

### BSHS Community Pep Rally set for Monday

Big Spring High School is holding a community pep rally at Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. Monday.

All athletes involved in the 2008 fall sports season from junior high to high school will be recognized.

### Benefit ragball tournament in Coahoma for Kody Jackson

A ragball tournament for Kody Jackson, who is a 22-year-old resident of Big Spring, is being held in Coahoma Saturday.

Jackson has lymphoma in his knee and doesn't have insurance to pay the hospital bills.

Team sign-ups start at 8 a.m. Saturday with the first game starting at 10 a.m. The tournament lasts through Sunday and there is a five-game guarantee.

Cost is \$10 a person with first- and second-prize T-shirts being awarded.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

### Referees needed for football season

The Permian Basin Football Chapter is searching for referees, who can help assist officiating football games

throughout the Crossroads' region.

No experience is needed as the Chapter will provide training.

Anyone interested can call Jessie Mendoza at 268-5833 or Delvin Guinn at 264-8502.

### Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups continue

The final early sign-up date for the Crossroads Youth Football Association is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Late sign-ups for football only is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no late sign-ups for cheerleading.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa. For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading contact Trish Hobby at 393-5647.

### Meet the Mustangs Aug. 28 in Ackerly

A chance to meet all Sands athletes participating in fall sports in 2008 has been arranged for 6 p.m. Aug. 28 in the school's cafeteria.

A hamburger supper will accompany the event. Cost is \$5 a person and \$15 for a family.

### Registration open for v-ball league

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Volleyball League continues through Aug. 30 at the local YMCA.

The league is open for children entering grades 4, 5 and 6 this school year.

Registration fee is \$50; financial assistance is available for families that qualify.

Teams will be formed at a coaches' meeting Sept. 2 and games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 20.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Stanton site for Sept. 1 5K run

Stanton will host a 5 kilometer run/walk Sept. 1.

Registration will be held at 7:30 a.m., with the race starting an hour later at 1101 W. Broadway (the Martin County EMS Building).

Early registration costs \$15 — race day registration will cost \$20.

There will be awards to the top three male and female runners in several age groups.

For more information, call Bob Teveni at 661-8597 or pick up entry forms at Dr. Pablo Teveni's office at 109 E. First St. in Stanton.

## Obituaries

### Michael 'Mike' Robert Creel



Michael "Mike" Robert Creel, 18, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A candlelight vigil will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Longshore Road.

Michael was born Dec. 2, 1989, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. Michael graduated from Forsan High School in 2008, where he played football, basketball, and was active in the welding and metal trades. He had also worked with his father at Creel Auto Care. Michael's hobbies were fishing, poker, antique cars, motorcycles, and anything mechanical or automotive.

Michael is survived by his parents: Joye and Michael Creel of Big Spring; one brother: Anthony Creel of Big Spring; one sister: Cassie Creel of Big Spring; grandparents: Janice Creel and Nita and Don Ellison, all of Big Spring; great-grandmother: Tommye "Maw Maw" McGuire of Lamesa; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, great-aunts and great-uncles, and many friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Robert Creel and Johnny Jones; great-grandparents: Winnie Pusley and Van McGuire; his great-great-grandmother: Jane Turner; and his uncle: Craig Creel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)  
*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

- A benefit barbecue for local resident Larry Williams will be held at the Ice House Saturday from 5 p.m. until sold out. Williams will be returning to Houston to undergo treatment for cancer. For more information, call 264-7216.

- Yearbooks have arrived at Forsan High School. Pick up your copy at the front office.
- Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit [www.free-webs.com/bshs1998](http://www.free-webs.com/bshs1998) or contact Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.
- BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or [kent\\_rice@murphyoilcorp.com](mailto:kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com)

- Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or [reibel@suddenlink.net](mailto:reibel@suddenlink.net) for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

- A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

- The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to [www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625). For the survey in Spanish, go to [www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626).

- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

- The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

- 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.

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## Police blotter

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

- THEFT was reported: in the 500 block of Johnson. in the 1800 block of Fm 700. in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 1900 block of Main Street. in the 1100 block of Birdwell Lane. in the 300 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: in the 1300 block of Utah. in the 1500 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: in the 100 block of Lockhart. in the 3200 block of Avenue C.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- MELITON VIERA, 44, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 33, was arrested by deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHNATHAN PAUL BUSTAMANTE, 19, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/two ounces or less.
- JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR., 18, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- RAUL MENDEZ, 29, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of aggravated assault and possession of marijuana/two ounces or less.
- VICTOR MANUEL FRAYRE-SANCHEZ, 29, was arrested by deputies on a failure to appear warrant.
- ANTONIO JOE FLORES, 27, was arrested by DPS on charges of speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Rosemont and Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

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## Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

**TO DAY**  
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.  
• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.  
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.  
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.  
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

**FRIDAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 20-32-17-28-36.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 3-18-29-28. Bonus Ball: 35.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 3-18-29-28. Bonus Ball: 35.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-0-8. Sum It Up: 16.

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Deng Linlin and Li Shanshan.

The federation said it would forward its conclusions to the IOC. If it finds evidence that the gymnasts were underage, it could affect four of China's six medals. In addition to the team gold and He's gold on uneven bars, Yang won bronze medals in the all-around and bars.

"It is in the interests of all concerned, not least the athletes themselves, to resolve this issue once and for all," the FIG said in a statement.

So far, however, all the information the Chinese gymnastics federation has presented supports its insistence that its athletes were old enough to compete.

"We believe the matter will be put to rest and there's no question ... on the eligibility," Davies said. "The information we have received seems satisfactory in terms of the correct documentation — including birth certificates."

With the games wrapping up Sunday, the IOC wants to quickly end any lingering doubts about underage competitors.

No one would be happier to finally have closure on the controversy than the gymnasts' parents.

China coach Lu Shanzan said the parents are "indignant" over persistent questions about their daughters' ages.

"It's not just me. The parents

of our athletes are all very indignant," Lu said. "They have faced groundless suspicion. Why aren't they believed? Why are their children suspected? Their parents are very angry."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Lu said Asian gymnasts are naturally smaller than their American and European rivals.

"At this competition, the Japanese gymnasts were just as small as the Chinese," he said. "Chinese competitors have for years all been small. It is not just this time. It is a question of race. European and American athletes are all powerful, very robust. But Chinese athletes cannot be like that. They are by nature that small."

He said the governing body of gymnastics was given additional documents Thursday night to try to dispel lingering questions. Those documents included He's current and former passport, ID card and family residence permit. Lu said the documents all say she was born in 1992, which would have made her eligible to compete. Gymnasts must turn 16 during the Olympic year to be eligible.

"Surely it's not possible that these documents are still not sufficient proof of her birthdate?" Lu asked. "The passports were issued by the Chinese Foreign Ministry. The identity card was issued by China's Ministry of Public Security. If these valid documents are not enough to clarify this problem, then what will you believe?"

**OLYMPICS**

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The U.S. baseball team lost its shot at gold when it lost 10-2 to Cuba in the semifinals.

The day begins with the women's basketball team hoping to send Leslie out of international competition with one final victory. Leslie has never lost in

**VOLLEYBALL**

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legend Karch Kiraly won the inaugural men's event in Atlanta with Kent Steffes.

"It feels good to bring it home," Dalhausser said.

Spitting out a tough challenge like the sand he washed from his mouth in the second set, Rogers played steady for three sets and Dalhausser came alive in the third.

**COWBOYS**

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first start for the Cowboys.

Jones, who hasn't yet been cleared by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for the regular season, had been primarily at right corner behind Anthony Henry before

"The Chinese government and the Chinese athletes must be respected," he added.

The coach dismissed Chinese media reports and online records that suggested that He, Yang and a third team member, Jiang Yuyuan, might be as young as 14.

"If you trust every Web site but not a government...," he said. "There are so many Web sites, so much hearsay. These are not official. It is possible that all news on the Internet is accurate?"

The federation has said repeatedly that a passport is the "accepted proof of a gymnast's eligibility," and that China's gymnasts have presented ones that show they are age eligible. The IOC also checked the girls' passports and deemed them valid before the games began.

Neither the IOC nor the FIG gave details on what new information prompted it to act now, three days after the gymnastics competition ended.

"With some questions still remaining, we asked the federation to take a closer look," Davies said.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said it sent a letter to the IOC and the FIG on Friday, asking that the matter be resolved.

"We certainly believe that it's important for the IOC and the international federation to review the issue and hopefully lay it to rest because the questions surrounding the age of some of the athletes have been out there for quite a while and

it's unfair to them and unfair to the other athletes to continue to linger," USOC chief executive Jim Scherr said.

"So we have sent a letter to the IOC and to the international federation asking them to review the matter and see if they can't resolve it for the good of the competition, the integrity of the competition and the good of all the athletes."

The Chinese women won six medals, including the team gold and He's gold on uneven bars. Media reports include a Nov. 3 story by the Chinese government's news agency, Xinhua, that suggest He is only 14. Asked again earlier this week about her age after winning the uneven bars title, beating American Nastia Liukin in a tiebreak, she said:

"I was born in 1992, and I'm 16 years old now," He said. "The FIG has proved that. If I'm under 16, I couldn't have been competing here."

Earlier this month, the AP found registration lists previously posted on the Web site of the General Administration of Sport of China that showed both He and Yang were too young to compete. He was born Jan. 1, 1994, according to the 2005, 2006 and 2007 registration lists. Yang was born Aug. 26, 1993, according to the 2004, 2005 and 2006 registration lists. In the 2007 registration list, however, her birthday has changed to Aug. 26, 1992.

"We played fair at this Olympic Games," Liukin's father and

coach, Valeri, said after they arrived back in the United States. "... If somebody cheated, shame on them."

Added Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics: "USA Gymnastics has always believed this issue needed to be addressed by the FIG and IOC. An investigation would help bring closure to the issue and remove any cloud of speculation from this competition."

Age falsification has been a problem in gymnastics since the 1980s after the minimum age was raised from 14 to 15 to protect young athletes from serious injuries. The minimum age was raised to its current 16 in 1997. Younger gymnasts are considered to have an advantage because they are more flexible and are likely to have an easier time doing the tough skills the sport requires. They also aren't as likely to have a history of injuries or fear of failure.

North Korea was barred from the 1993 world championships after FIG officials discovered Kim Gwang Suk, the gold medalist on uneven bars in 1991, was listed as 15 for three years in a row. Romania admitted in 2002 that several gymnasts' ages had been falsified, including Olympic medalists Gina Gogean and Alexandra Marinescu.

Even China's own Yang Yun, a double bronze medalist in Sydney, said during an interview aired on state broadcaster China Central Television that she was 14 during the 2000 Games.

In track and field, the Americans attempt to bounce back from the disastrous 4x100 relays. The men should have no problem — they had a 1-2-3 sweep of the 400. LaShawn Merritt led the way, upsetting Jeremy Wariner in Wariner's first major defeat since his gold four years ago in Athens.

David Neville won the bronze by diving face-first across the finish line.

Marcio and Fabio led 6-1 and 9-3 in the first before the Americans took a 13-10 lead and closed it out on their third set point.

Brazil scored four straight points to take the lead in the second, then scored three straight to break a 15-all tie and needed just two tries to close out the set.

"Brazil is a very, very good at beach volleyball," Dalhausser said. "You can't be overconfident against a Brazilian team."

Olympic play and wants that fourth gold medal.

"It's the pink elephant in the room," said Diana Taurasi. "Nobody wants to talk about it, but everyone knows it's there."

The Americans play Australia for the gold in the third straight time the rivals have met in the title match. There's been no love lost between the two teams, beginning in 2000 when Aussie star Lauren Jackson yanked out

Leslie's hair extension in a bitterly contested game that started a rivalry that stretched into WNBA play.

For Jackson, the reigning WNBA player of the year, knocking down Leslie will give her the only win that's missing from her resume. Jackson has never beaten the U.S. in the Olympics, and Australia is 0-5 against the Americans.

"You don't come this far just

they get on a roll, good luck to you."

Brazilians in green and yellow wigs added a samba beat to the Chaoyang Park venue, while the Americans in the 12,200 seat-stadium had to make do with a few U.S. flags and a man in a red, white and blue Evel Knievel jumpsuit.

Dalhausser's bald head glinted in the sun, while Rogers wore his hat backward to keep the sun off his neck. In the stands, umbrellas were used for shade instead of shelter.

working on the left side Wednesday night in the team's last open practice before the game.

After that workout, Jones wouldn't say what the team had planned for him. But Phillips then confirmed that Jones will start at left cornerback against the Texans in place of injured Pro Bowler Terence Newman (groin) instead of rookie Mike Jenkins.

"I just like to compete, man, and whatever happens, happens," Jones said. "I'm learning the defense, and I'm playing without thinking right now, so that's the best thing."

The Cowboys expect to find out next week, before having to make their final cuts Aug. 30, if Goodell will fully reinstate Jones from the suspension that kept him from playing for Tennessee last season. Jones was traded to Dallas the week of the NFL draft, and was cleared in June by Goodell to take part in practices and preseason games.

Jones last week sent a letter to Goodell asking to be

cleared for the regular season, and saying he would stay out of trouble.

Newman, who got hurt July 28, likely will return to practice by next week and is expected to be ready for the Sept. 7 season opener at Cleveland.

The Texans, who have won both of their preseason games, also plan to play their starters for three quarters, including quarterback Matt Schaub. One notable exception will be Andre Johnson, who missed the first two preseason games because of a strained groin sustained three weeks ago.

Johnson is expected to start, but coach Gary Kubiak said the receiver "is the one guy that definitely won't play a full three quarters. He looks good. He's fine."

With the starters for both teams getting extended time, and the semblance of some rivalry with the Texans against Dallas, this game should provide a better indication for the Cowboys if they are prepared for the lofty expectations.

"It's our tuneup for the regular season," nose tackle Tank Johnson said. "It should give us a good feel for what's going on."

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**Bidding Quiz**

**Bridge is a partnership game,** and it's impossible to achieve good results unless you and your partner have a firm agreement on the meanings of certain bids.

**Below are seven bidding sequences.** You are to decide whether the last bid shown is Forcing or Non-forcing. A forcing bid is defined as one that cannot be passed. If the last bid merely invites your partner to bid again, treat such a bid as nonforcing. Answer all the questions first before reading the answers.

- North 1♠ South 1NT  
3♣ ?
- North 1♥ South 1♠  
1NT 3♣  
?
- North 1♦ South 2NT  
?
- North 1♣ South 1♠  
2♣ 2♦  
?
- North Pass South 1♥  
2♦ ?
- North 1♥ South 1NT  
3♣ ?
- North 1♥ East 1♣ South West  
3♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

- 1. Nonforcing.** Three spades asks responder to bid again only if his one-notrump bid, which indicates six to 10 points, is in the upper half of that range.
- 2. Forcing.** Unless agreed otherwise, a jump-bid by responder with an unpassed hand is forcing to game. The exception is mentioned because many players now treat jump-bids in previously bid suits as merely invitational.
- 3. Forcing.** Responder is showing 13 to 15 points, a balanced hand and stoppers in the unbid suits.
- 4. Forcing.** When responder, as an unpassed hand, names a new suit, that bid is unconditionally forcing. This applies not only to the first response, but also to any subsequent responses in a new suit.
- 5. Nonforcing.** Since North passed initially, his two-diamond bid can be passed. This exception to the rule stated in the previous problem has a very sound basis, as the opening bidder often knows there cannot be a game opposite a passed partner.
- 6. Forcing.** The jump in a new suit by an opening bidder (a jump-shift) is unconditionally forcing to game. It informs responder that even a six-point holding is enough to assure a game in some denomination.
- 7. Forcing.** Since South promised at least 10 points with his initial two-diamond response, he cannot pass North's jump-rebid, which shows at least 16 points.

**sudoku**

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.

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## News in Brief

### DPS: Texas crime database poorly updated by counties

AUSTIN (AP) — Too many counties are still doing a poor job of reporting criminal information to the state's crime database, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Although officials in Dallas and other poorly reporting counties promised in 2004 to do better, DPS says counties in the most recent assessment submitted outcomes on just 69 percent of criminal charges. That is the same percentage from four years ago. In 1993, Texas began requiring counties to report criminal information to DPS, but lawmakers didn't authorize funding or penalties for noncompliance.

Inadequate information in the database means gaps for officials who conduct background checks on school-teachers and volunteers who work with children. The poorly updated state crime database also can affect background checks run by employers on job applicants and landlords checking on prospective tenants.

Everyone from job applicants to people trying to adopt children or buy guns can be affected, according to Angie Klein, manager of the DPS criminal history records bureau.

She attributed the counties' lack of progress to slow resolution of many felony cases, and glitches in big urban counties, which can bring down statewide compliance rates.

"It's hard to keep trained personnel," said Klein in Thursday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

Of Texas' 254 counties, only 106 report to DPS electronically.

Allen Clemson, the Dallas County commissioners' court administrator, said officials in smaller cities may forget to tell DPS when they drop charges.

No one knows how many Texans didn't get a job because an acquittal or dismissal wasn't in the system, Klein said.

### Obese aunt faces new charges in La Joya toddler's death

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A grand jury indicted a nearly half-ton, bedridden woman Thursday in the death of her 2-year-old nephew.

Mayra Lizbeth Rosales, 27, was indicted on one count of first-degree murder and on one count of injury to a child in the death of Eliseo Gonzalez Jr. Rosales previously had been charged with capital murder.

The grand jury indicted her after a full autopsy confirmed investigators' suspicions that the child died March 18 because he had been struck. Investigators believe the toddler was struck at least twice, crushing his head.

Authorities recommended Rosales' bond be set at \$150,000.

The boy's mother Jaime Rosales, was charged earlier with injury to a child because she allegedly left her son alone with his aunt. Her bond has been set at \$100,000.

Prosecutors have to work out how Mayra Rosales will be detained and prosecuted because she weighs nearly 1,000 pounds. She is unable to fit through a door to leave her home. As of Thursday evening, she was not in custody.

Both Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra

and Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino promised that Rosales would somehow face the charges but they had little details about how that would happen. Trevino said holding her at the Hidalgo County Jail for her trial would be impossible because she needs extensive medical care.

"She would die," said Trevino in Thursday's online edition of The Monitor in McAllen.

Nevertheless, she will soon face arrest, he said.

### Texas man convicted of grooming children to perform sex shows at swingers club

TYLER (AP) — A 41-year-old auto body shop worker convicted of grooming children as young as 5 to perform in sex shows at a small-town swingers club was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

Patrick "Booger Red" Kelly also was ordered to pay restitution and pay a \$10,000 fine.

Kelly whispered to his attorney but showed no emotion after the verdict and sentence were read. Jurors deliberated about two hours before finding him guilty of engaging in organized criminal activity and another 15 minutes on the penalty.

"As we stand here, I still absolutely believe that my client is innocent," Kelly's defense attorney, Thad Davidson, said outside the courtroom.

Defense attorneys sought a suspended sentence of less than 10 years so Kelly could be placed on probation. Prosecutors had pushed for the life sentence, saying he had changed the lives of the five children he sexually abused.

"Let him change in that penitentiary," prosecutor Joe Murphy told jurors.

Authorities alleged Kelly was a member of the so-called Mineola Swinger's Club, though Kelly has testified he is innocent. They contended Kelly helped set up a "kindergarten" where young children learned to dance provocatively. To help perform at the club, prosecutors say the children were given Vicodin-like drugs the adults passed off as "silly pills."

After the sentence was read, one of Kelly's victims spoke briefly in court. The girl told Kelly he had abused her and needed to go to prison and find God.

During closing arguments Thursday morning, the prosecutor accused Kelly of sexually exploiting five children tied to the case who, he said, showed signs of sexual abuse.

### 'Ponytail bandit' pleads guilty to bank robbery in three states

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A Texas woman dubbed the "ponytail bandit" has pleaded guilty to robbing banks in three states.

Morgan Michelle Hoke admitted robbing banks in her hometown of Austin, in Roseville, Calif. and in Lynnwood, Wash. Federal prosecutors say the robberies netted her \$15,000 last year.

The 21-year-old's nickname is from surveillance photos showing her wearing a University of Texas baseball cap with her ponytail hanging down her back.

She was extradited from Thailand in February. She pleaded guilty to the three robberies Thursday in Sacramento federal court. Each count could bring 20 years in prison at her Oct. 30 sentencing.

## EDC board holds off on pact with Ryan Inc.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A possible contract between the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Ryan Inc., an economic development consulting firm, will have to wait, as the EDC's board passed on the issue Wednesday after a contract failed to make it in time for the meeting.

"The board agreed to pass on this agenda item," said Terry Wegman, executive director for Big Spring EDC. "Ryan didn't get the proposed contract or fee schedule to the board of directors in time. We had put the item on the agenda just in case the contract was ready, but they haven't gotten back to us at this point. The board won't take action on this item until they have had a chance to really look at the details of the contract."

According to Brint Ryan, manager of the Settles Hotel Development Company and owner of Ryan Inc., the contract calls for a one-time fee from Big Spring EDC that would purchase a "toolbox" of information identifying key industries suited for the area, state and federal credits and grants, as well as other useful information the EDC could use for economic development.

"The primary intent of the contract is two-fold," said Ryan. "First, it's to help the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation develop a first-class approach to economic development, using all of the tools at their disposal. Not just the local incentives they rely on so heavily today, but the federal and state tax credits, grants and other money that is available to put together a complete, comprehensive package. We think that is going to significant-

ly enhance their ability to attract new investment to Big Spring and new employers to Big Spring.

"The second part is we want to continue to develop our relationship with the economic development corporation. Since we started with the Settles Hotel, we've worked closely with them and they've been extremely supportive, and we want to grow that relationship further."

However, the cost of the contract — which was laid out for the Big Spring City Council and Big Spring EDC during a meeting last month — wasn't nearly as concise as Ryan's presentation.

According to EDC board member Larry McLellan, the cost of the contract — which includes all the information and help learning how to use it, according to Ryan — is between \$75,000 and \$90,000.

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John "Jay" Magers, 51, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Michael "Mike" Robert Creel, 18, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A Candle Light Vigil will be held at 8:30 PM Friday at Longshore Road.

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sion can make a difference in a community. All I can say is thank God that Brint Ryan has a passion for the Settles Hotel."

For his part, Ryan returned the credit, saying that without help from state officials such as Gov. Perry and local leaders like McEwen, the project would have never been possible.

"It would not be possible

to be here today, except for the strong support of this community ... and elected officials such as the governor," Ryan said. "Without their support, we would not be able to do this project."

Ryan paid particular thanks to Tommy Churchwell and others who, as part of the "Friends of the Settles" organization, fought a holding action for years to keep renovation hopes alive for the historic building.

"Tommy Churchwell and others ... saved what

was left of the building and made it possible for us to begin renovation," Ryan said.

Ryan promised that when the project is complete in October 2010, it will spark a renewed interest not just in the hotel, but in the downtown area as a whole.

"If you can get this one domino to fall, there's nothing else out there that can't be done," he said. "This is a great community and I want to see it back to the way it was when I was growing up ... This is

going to be more than a building — it is going to be a destination.

"We are certain that this project will have a significant and meaningful impact on the community," he added. "We're going to do this first class ... If you think this is an interesting ceremony, wait until you see the grand opening."

Ryan's brother, Kris, who will oversee the restoration project, said work will begin Monday with asbestos abatement that is scheduled to take about three months. After that,

he projected between 14 and 18 months for renovation work before the project is completed.

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boom," Burr Lea said. "He wanted to do something for Big Spring, so he decided to build this hotel."

Although the Great Depression robbed W.R. Settles of most of his money, his legacy — in the form of the hotel — remains, and his great-nephew believes the renovation project will return it to its former glory.

"When all the work is done, I believe it will be a shining star of West Texas," he said.

Ralph and Billye McLaughlin have little trouble recalling their favorite memory of the Settles.

"We are about to celebrate our 60th anniversary," Ralph said. "And we had our wedding reception in that building. That's my fondest memory of the place."

When long-time resident Pat Porter and her husband returned to this area in 1974, their furniture was delayed en route, so they needed a place to stay overnight.

They chose the Settles. "And, of course, I drank a gazillion cups of coffee in

the coffee shop there," she said. "I'm delighted (about the restoration). This will be one of the biggest boons this community has seen in years."

Tommy Churchwell's memories of the building are a mixed bunch.

His first impression came as an 11-year-old who, along with his Little League baseball teammates, were honored by the local Rotary Club for making the state tournament.

As an adult, however, Churchwell and a group of people who called themselves "The Friends of the Settles" fought a some-

times desperate battle to restore the vacant, decaying building. The group's most significant action was to install windows in the building to keep out the elements and slow the rate of deterioration.

"We had such a jewel and we let it go," Churchwell said. "I think (the restoration) will transform the entire downtown area. Once we get this big project out of the way, everything else will fall into line."

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**GARAGE SALE:** 2507 Larry Dr., Saturday 8-? Lots of boys 3T & 4T clothes. Lots of odds and ends some baby furniture. One of a kind Steer T-shirts for the 08-09 year. Sizes from child x-small to x-large. Sizes are limited! Burritos will be sold.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## An Olympic lesson about trash talking

He had his ears flicked by kids. He had his baseball cap thrown off the bus. He had a middle school teacher tell him he'd never be successful.

Yet Michael Phelps, winner of eight gold medals in the Beijing Olympics, didn't wallow in his pain or become paralyzed by anger or fear. His Sunday interview with NBC's Bob Costas ("Phelps, Costas break down historic 8-gold run") revealed a valuable character trait. Phelps got sweet revenge by proving the bullies, the taunters and the doubters wrong with his own successes.

Not that he forgot. When a swimmer who had humiliated him verbally at a junior high meet came up to congratulate him on an Olympic win, Phelps brushed him off.

At the Beijing Olympics, when a French swimmer taunted that his relay team would "smash" the Americans, Phelps responded: "When one of the French guys was talking stuff about the 400 free relay, we use that as fuel. So, I always welcome comments, and it fires me up even more when people do say things."

Phelps will have all sorts of opportunities for commercial endorsements ahead of him, but he's really a poster child for kids who overcome bullying. His inspiring message to every kid who has ever been slighted is to get fired up, get working, get even.

And Phelps is not the only one.

Russian pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva faced trash-talking American Jenn Stuczynski, who said, "I hope we do some damage and, you know, kick some Russian butt."

Isinbayeva took note: "I am not deaf," she said. "It made me really angry." She went on to win the Olympic gold and set a world record.

These Olympics have a welcome self-esteem message: Walk softly, prepare yourself and excel. That'll get 'em every time.

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## 'Tropic Thunder' and the R-word

I refuse to join the boycott of "Tropic Thunder." When I saw the e-mails from fellow disability rights activists to denounce the movie because of the repeated use of the R-word — "retard" — I groaned. Don't they know what the word "satire" means? "Tropic Thunder" is a satire about how Hollywood doles out rewards. The movie is meant to be offensive, from having Robert Downey Jr.'s character play a black man to having Ben Stiller's character muse on how retarded he must act to win an award.

The R-word, according to some accounts, was used a total of 17 times, and this offended the good people of the Arc, the American Association of People with Disabilities and others so much that they took to the streets.

Any person with a disability who has been the target of the R-word knows it is painful. But for decades, many of us have tried to get the media, especially Hollywood, to realize it's even more hurtful to exploit dis-

ability-themed inspiration and pity in order to get a prize of some sort.

It seems if an actor wants to get an Oscar nomination then all he has to do is play a guy with severe cerebral palsy, like Daniel Day Lewis did in "My Left Foot." Or play a depressed blind guy, like Al Pacino did in "Scent of a Woman," who can be saved only through the ministrations of a young, idealistic nondisabled person.

Or play a guy who is so simple he runs across the country on a whim and finds himself central to tremendous historical events that he has no understanding of, like Tom Hanks in the insipid "Forrest Gump."

These films laced with stereotypes encourage viewers to have the following thoughts: "Those people are so heroic, I could never live like that. ... Oh, how wonderful that handicapped boy could overcome adversity. ... Oh, how tragic that poor young crippled boxer in 'Million Dollar Baby' must live such an awful life through no fault of her own, no wonder she wanted her coach to kill her." And on and on.

Movies like these depend on nondisabled audiences dehumanizing or infantilizing us.



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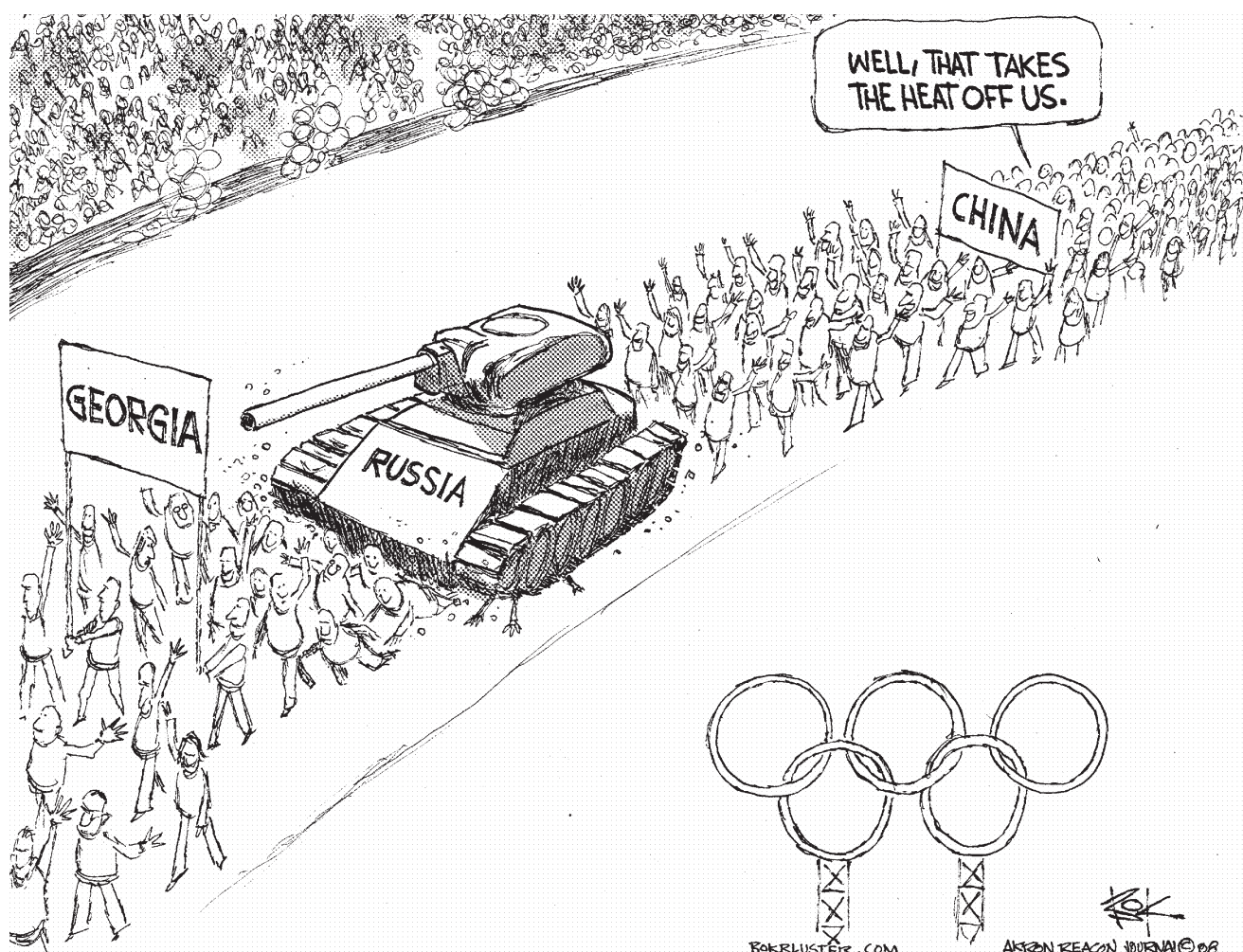
What we don't see coming out of Hollywood are people with disabilities as three-dimensional characters who love their lives. Nor do we see disabled actors playing roles that have nothing to do with disability. Now that would be progress.

As misguided as the calls for a "Tropic Thunder" boycott are, I have to acknowledge that they've been successful in one important way. Many news and morning shows have finally reported on the real pain that slurs cause people with disabilities.

Perhaps some of the folks who saw these reports will be able to take this one step further and ask themselves why these slurs are so hurtful, and what it would take for a disability to be considered just another personal characteristic, maybe akin to wearing glasses or being tall.

I'd like to see a movie about that.

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## Are political conventions worth it?

At my first political convention, Adlai Stevenson unexpectedly left his vice-presidential choice to the delegates. It led to an exciting two-ballot battle but saddled him with a running mate he didn't much like.

In the 1960s and 1970s, I covered three conventions at which uncertainty about the nominee sparked several tense days of maneuvering.

All four nominees — Democrats Stevenson, Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern, and Republican Gerald Ford — lost. Ultimately, leaders of both parties decided certainty was a safer path to victory.

Still, next week's Democratic National Convention in Denver starts with some doubts, mainly regarding how enthusiastically Hillary Clinton's troops will back Barack Obama.

Mostly, however, Obama's Democrats and John McCain's Republicans the week after in St. Paul will display a carefully scripted facade aimed at giving their party its best chance of winning. That raises the question of whether conventions are still worth the time, effort and money that are spent by the political parties and the nation's news media.

Here's one enthusiastic vote in their favor. It's based on more than nostalgia for what politics was like before television turned raucous convention halls into large TV studios.

The reason: Obama or McCain will be the next president. However scripted and flawed, the conven-

tions and the upcoming televised debates offer voters the best chance to scrutinize them and their supporting casts.

Voters will see not only how the candidates present themselves and their ideas but get a picture of the two parties' very different personnel, demographics, approaches and views.

The formal speeches may seem simplistic and one-sided. But reporting and analyses of news organizations — from mainstream print and broadcast media to a multiplicity of independent voices — will augment the presentations.

The nation's major television networks again are limiting coverage and will mostly stick with their regular sitcoms and reality shows. They include a new NBC series, "America's Toughest Jobs," which presumably does not include the presidency.

But there will be no shortage of opportunities to read and watch everything from the formal speeches to the interviews and analyses on the 24-hour cable news outlets.

Convention viewing requires a big investment of time. But those who are interested, or undecided, can get a good sense of their options.

The two parties, after all, are markedly different.

The Democratic convention will display greater racial diversity, along with endless speculation on the potential impact of having the nation's first black president.

Its platform and other issue debates may indicate how an Obama administration would deal both with the nation's economic woes and with the fiscal mess that developed during the Bush years.

By contrast, the GOP gathering will confront — or avoid — the

question of how much McCain would break with Bush administration policies.

It may show whether he would stick to its strategy of slowing any Iraq withdrawal until convinced that ground conditions will ensure political stability.

The GOP convention may demonstrate the degree to which religious conservatives still hold sway, given that some leaders seem unenthusiastic about McCain.

Each party will seek to dispel the notion that it appeals to only a narrow segment.

The Democrats, while maintaining their support of abortion rights, have allotted speaking time to Sen. Bob Casey, an abortion-rights foe whose father was denied a similar spot 16 years ago.

Republicans, though officially against abortion rights, will spotlight two pro-choicers, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. There's even talk of a McCain running mate at odds with the party orthodoxy.

In any case, these four-day extravaganzas will provide viewers with the best sense to date of what Obama or McCain would do if elected.

That may be less entertaining than past floor fights, but it endows what critics call relics with much modern-day value.

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## Church News

### Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway Baptist Church (formerly Crestview Baptist) is at 2305 Gatesville St. Big Spring. Sunday school is 10 a.m. Come early for coffee and donuts. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday activities begin at 6:15 p.m. including food and fellowship, followed by devotion and a time of prayer.

The church is located north of I-20 and east of the Snyder Hwy. Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for information or directions. The pastor is Jim Mills.

### First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a meet and greet time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of two interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building. The youth are invited to "Youth Ex-

plosion!"

Kids, don't miss out on "God Wants You! Bible Boot Camp," throughout the summer each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

Our schedule is as follows: Wednesday's camp: 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.) to 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning camp: 1000 hours (10 a.m.) to 1130 hours (11:30 a.m.).

Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be this Sunday at 2 p.m. Please call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

### First United Methodist Church

Saturday, one of the new Sunday school classes will have passed the planning stage. The "Myth Busters" led by Stacy and Mark Barr and Joan and Waylon Pierce is having a kick-off party at the parsonage beginning at 7 p.m. They will hold their first class meeting Sunday in Room 305 of our Education Building.

And it's "back in the saddle" Sunday for all classes. Dress western, come to classes, stay for church and attend the barbecue lunch in Garrett Hall following the late service. Bring a covered dish and be prepared for good food,

fun and fellowship.. Class prizes will be announced in a special ceremony at Lord's Acre Oct. 4.

The Rev. Sharon Wiese has begun a new sermon series titled "Everybody Is," This week It's Everybody Is Included. based on Acts 15;1-21.

Services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with mid-week Bible study and lunch at noon Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

### Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Mt. Bethel invites you to share in our 36th Annual Women's Day, Sunday at 3 p.m. Speaker for the hour will be the Rev. R.T. McNeil of St. James Baptist Church in Odessa. Our theme is "How to Live in a Changing Society." Scripture reference Hebrews 13:8. We look forward to the fellowship as we lift up the name of Jesus for He is worthy to be praised.

Saturday, we invite you to share in our morning workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come and get a blessing as our keynote speaker, Bethine McNally of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ, addresses our annual day theme. McNally is the district missionary with the New Beginnings District.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9 a.m., worship service at 10:15 a.m., Bible study at 5 p.m. each Sunday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth ministry meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We were blessed this past Sunday with three baptisms and have three scheduled for this Sunday. We want to say "Welcome Home" to C.G and Joyce Evans as they have returned to Big Spring and East Fourth after living in Carlsbad, N.M., for several years.

The Old Settler's Pavilion in the city park will be the site for the association-wide prayer meeting for school teachers, administrators and students for the upcoming year. This will be held Sunday at 7 p.m.

All church members are urged to participate.

Promotion Sunday (for our Sunday school) will be Aug. 31. We will also have our Fifth Sunday Singing starting at 6 p.m. Following this service we will have a church wide baby shower for our nursery. We are needing to update some much-needed items.

We want you to come visit with us. Our church is easy to find at 401 E. Fourth St. Sunday school starts at 9:45 am; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday; adult, youth and children's Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Satur-

## FBC to celebrate Erven Fisher Day

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Features Writer

If everyone has a day then for 81-year-old Erven Fisher that day is Sunday.

This Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008, will be designated Erven Fisher Day in Big Spring to recognize his 30-year volunteer service as media director to First Baptist Church.

Fisher is a life-long Baptist and member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He first joined in 1954 and except for two intervals — one five years, the other 12 when he moved to other towns for employment — he can count 37 years of membership to this church alone.

Since 1988, Fisher has been responsible for updating, selecting and cataloging the more than 9,000 books in the church's library.

"It's a very large library for a church," Fisher said. "I don't know of another church here in town that has this kind of library."

Three days a week and when the need arises, you can find Fisher at work in the library.

"I make all the book selections and I usually buy from Christian book stores and from known authors but I do try to review or read most the material that goes in," he said. "Of course I can't read it all. It's too much but I at least know something about the authors and their writings and that sort of thing."

Volunteers help him keep the place in order and his wife, Dean, helps to create a display on the table.



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**Erven Fisher will be recognized for serving 30 years as media director of First Baptist Church in Big Spring Sunday with a proclamation from the mayor declaring Sunday as Erven Fisher Day.**

And Fisher is quick to point out that contributions from the public really make the library run.

"This library is pretty much operated by benevolence," he said. "People use it to honor their friends and their loved-ones with donations. I keep new books here that they may purchase in memory or in honor of so most of the books that we get now are provided by the generosity of the people."

Reading of the proclamation signed by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will take place during morning service at the church.

## Dying Moments

As a hospital chaplain, it seems to me that death makes many people uncomfortable. Sometimes people ask me, "What do I say?" Here are some thoughts:

### What to say

Often, we want to express our caring concern with words. Sometimes it is OK to reflect on your own feelings and express them. For example, "When I hear that diagnosis,



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it sounds scary. Does it affect you the same way?" This gives the hearer the opportunity (and the power) to accept, reject, or modify the statement.

### What not to say

If words just fill the air, then they do not touch the heart. If we open our mouths just to break the uncomfortable silence, is what we say what needs to be said? Conversely, words spoken randomly can hurt. I have heard that someone said to a young mother whose baby had just died, "Oh, you're young. You can have another." Well, perhaps that may be true, but neither the words nor the concept can restore the promise unfulfilled of a life not lived, nor truly replace the life just lost, nor repair the pain when it feels like your heart has been torn from your chest. In other words, they do not help at that particular moment. Truth be told, they do not help at all. If words fail us when these opportunities arise, consider the eloquence of silence, the communion of tears and the power of touch.

### The Eloquence

### of Silence

In the Bible, we find the Book of Job. There is a passage where Job's friends come by to visit him. In Job 2:13 we find, "Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. And no one said a word, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words." For seven days they say nothing. For seven days they share his grief. For seven days they do the right thing. On the eighth day they open their mouths — and ruin the moment. When words do not suffice, a shared silence speaks volumes eloquently.

### The Communion of Tears

Let me quote the eminent philosopher Spock from Star Trek. When Spock found his friends were hurting, he said, "I grieve with thee." Notice the preposition: not for, but with. Compassion is "with passion," a shared pain. Sometimes when words do not come, tears may. Tears come from the heart and speak to the heart, often clearer than words. It is a communion, a meeting of hearts.

### The Power of Touch

Are we afraid of touch? Yes, it can be misused. But when expressed appropriately, a touch can be powerful. A squeeze of the hand or shoulder, a side hug, or a pat on the back can be a warm expression of humanity. Aren't there times when we all need a simple touch?

This is just a sample of common sense ways to express care and concern for both the dying and the living.

*Scott Jimenez is chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.*

day at 7 a.m., a men's Bible study.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 1:8-12:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

### Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church would like you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship and Children's church at 11 a.m., and evening worship at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For further information, please call 394-4655.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Youth group, from 6-8 p.m., and choir practice, 6 p.m., met on Aug. 20.

The congregation heard a report from Meredith Morgan on the youth group's summer mission activities: the mission/work trip to Port Arthur and the Youth Synod Workshop to Tulsa, Okla., during the worship service Sunday, Aug. 17. All women in the church are invited to a

Get Acquainted Tea at 11 a.m. in the church parlor Saturday, Aug. 30. This is a correction in the date as stated in last week's church news.

The youth trip will be to MO Ranch Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Youth Director Gary Holoman is the person to call at (432) 770-2122 to reserve a place.

Please mark your calendars for Rally Day, the start-up for Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 7.

The lectionary for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. Rev. Bert Bronaugh has chosen as his sermon topic: "Had It Not Been for the Lord," based on Matthew 16:16. The choir will offer the anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Thomas Matthews and, during the offertory, "Built on a Rock" by Jay Althouse.

### Chapel of Faith

Do you want to learn more about the stories from the Bible? If so, you are invited to come to Chapel of Faith Sundays at 10:30 a.m. That is when Pastor Joel Miller will give the "rest of the story" to some of the Bible stories and personalities we are so familiar with. We may recognize some of the names and places, but may not know the background that led up to why it was included in the Bible.

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. each week and if you come a few minutes early, you can join us for coffee and cookies. Chapel of Faith, located at 14th and Goliad, is an interdenominational church. Remember God loves you no matter who you are!

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We have a special time of prayer led by our youth and children's pastor, Christ Tucker.

Our pastor is Dennis Teeters who will be continuing his sermon series titled "Deal or No Deal..." with a sermon titled "Service," found in Matthew 20:20-28.

This Sunday night we will celebrate the Lord's Supper as we remember what Jesus has done for us. Come join us for this special time at 6.

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

A hearty welcome for King Sun, now moving into the constellation of Virgo. Virgo energy is infused with the qualities of discernment, improvement and natural, practical magic. Virgo is charged by quick-thinking Mercury, who happens to be talking up an electrical storm with shocking Uranus today. Get ready to shock and be shocked.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The ones you love the most know exactly how to push your buttons. You're a passionate person, so you wouldn't want it any other way. Much of your evening is spent in a heightened emotional state.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Once in a while (and not too often) you get in just the salty kind of mood that invites confrontation and enjoys conflict. Luckily you're able to keep it relatively light-hearted. Keep it all in good fun.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). At every decision and every turn you're finding your heart. What you do for the love of doing it will bring more money to you than the things you do for the cash. Your connection with Scorpio is meaningful.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Good things come to those who believe they are worthy. Consider strongly what your personal glass ceiling entails. Figure out what you need to break through, and the breakthrough is imminent.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in the mode to pick up new friends, and should be extremely tough with your criteria for adding them. Look for the "keepers" -- the ones who are likely to show up when the going gets tough.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your belief system emanates from you -- you don't have to say a word and the people around you will know what you're about. Of course, what you do and say bring a more detailed understanding.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of the adventures of your life just come together magically. But right now it's better to make concrete plans for your future fun. Your leisure life is too important to be left up to chance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's amazing how many loved ones you'll be able to visit with in the upcoming weekend. Luckily for them, you're also in a generous mood. You'll be bringing a warm smile, open heart and

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude is so winning, people want you to get closer to them, join their teams and be a partner in revelry. It's as easy as thinking about the whom and what you want to do, and then doing it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who have what you want are good people to get to know better. Offer genuine friendship. Get close enough to identify the successful moods and methods these people are using.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're holding on to classified information. This is not exactly a secret. It's just that most people don't need to know it. You wisely show social restraint. And it's fun to be a little mysterious.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Someone's trying to get your attention -- that much is obvious. They have something for you. Find out what it is.

**TAURUS:** You entertain casual acquaintances this weekend to discover more in common than you thought.

**GEMINI:** Sure, you may change your mind about a relationship later, but for now, be confident in what's true for you.

**CANCER:** Your agenda is full; remember to make room for fun weekend diversions.

**LEO:** The creative gifts you nurture in others come back to you in unexpected ways.

**VIRGO:** You're more alike than you are different. Consider the same thing that vexes you is also what makes this person exceptional.

**LIBRA:** A person from the not so distant past makes a brief reappearance in your life.

**SCORPIO:** Others show you what they're all about. You're intrigued by what you see.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Ask for help from loved ones this weekend and their advice hits home.

**CAPRICORN:** A partner encourages you to see something close to your heart from another angle.

**AQUARIUS:** You receive the support to follow your heart.

**PISCES:** Having quality people in your life gives you higher standards to live up to, and you wouldn't want it any other way.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** An enthusiastic air-and-fire combination ignites major passion, but their tendency to turn heat into hot August wildfires is something to watch. As such, they're rarely bored, easily entertained by the other's zeal. For this pairing to work, Aquarius must honor Leo's need for physical affection and praise, while Leo appreciates Aquarius strength at making life easier with crystal-clear communication.

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7 :PM	Movie: Collateral, Jada Pinkett Smith	Movie: Collateral, Jada Pinkett Smith	Diablo-Guapos	You Smarter?	NFL Preseason Football: Houston Texans at Dallas Cowboys.	El Juramento	Seinfeld	Update	Wash Wk NOW	Made	Project Earth	Movie: Starchy & Hutch	CSI: Crime Scn	Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Liv Tyler	Hell Date	Montana	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series -- Food City 250.	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.
8 :PM	20/20	20/20	Rosa Guadalu	TMZ	Raymond	Sin Senos	Doña Barbara	Light of the Southwest	Bill Moyers Journal	Buildings-Other	Project Earth	Movie: Bride of Chucky, Nick Stabile	Amazing Video	Disorderly Con.	Truth	Games	Boxing	SportsCenter
9 :PM	News ABC	News ABC	Impacto	Two Men	News CBS	XXIX Summer Olympics (SS)	Commercials	Church	Cortes	Made	Made	Movie: Pupp Master	MXC	(-45) Movie: Unleashed	Diff Wrd	Games	Boxing	NFL Live
10 :PM	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond	Late Show	Late Late Show	News	Sex & Joe	Smiley	Made	Made	Movie: Magic, Burgess Meredith	MAN	Game	Diff Wrd	Games	Boxing	Baseball
11 :PM	Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Extra	Amarte-Pecado	RENO 911	Faith	Insider	Update	CCM	(Off Air)	Project Earth	(-45) Movie: Soldier, Connie Nielsen	MAN	(-45) Movie: Highwaymen	Diff Wrd	Games	Boxing	NFL Live
12 :AM	Paydirt	Detox	Clasicos	Lopez	Entertain	Pagado	XXIX Summer Olympics	Best of Light of the	Light of the	Best of Light of the	Project Earth	MAN	Movie: Highwaymen	Diff Wrd	Games	Boxing	NFL Live	Baseball
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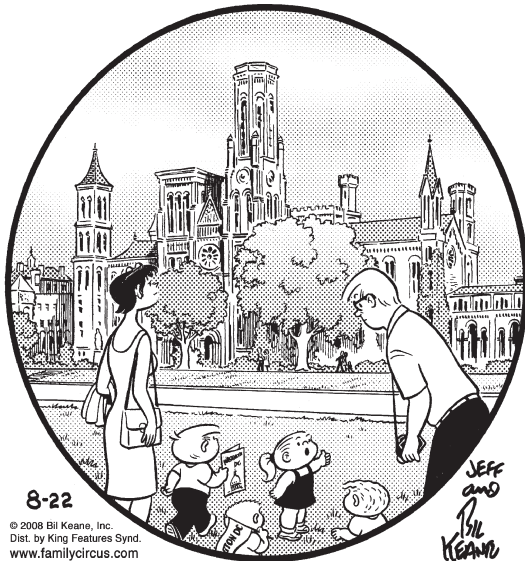
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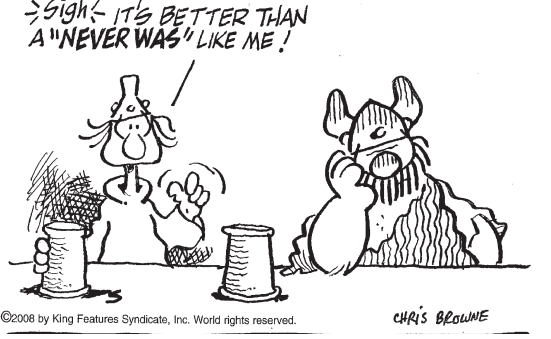
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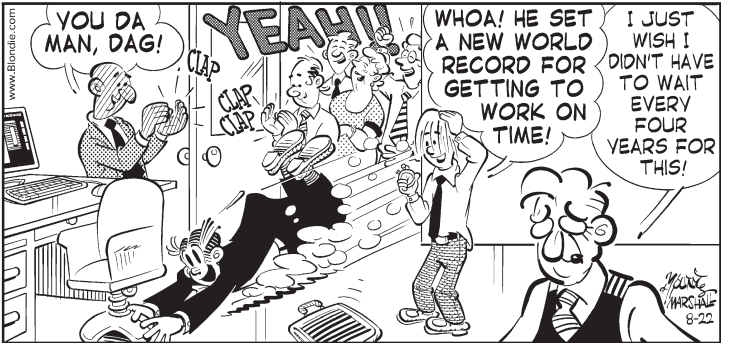
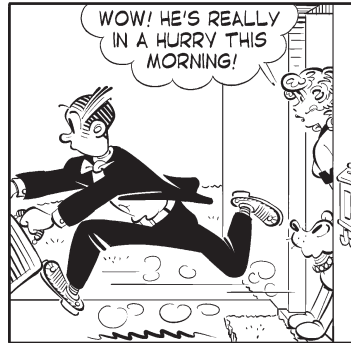
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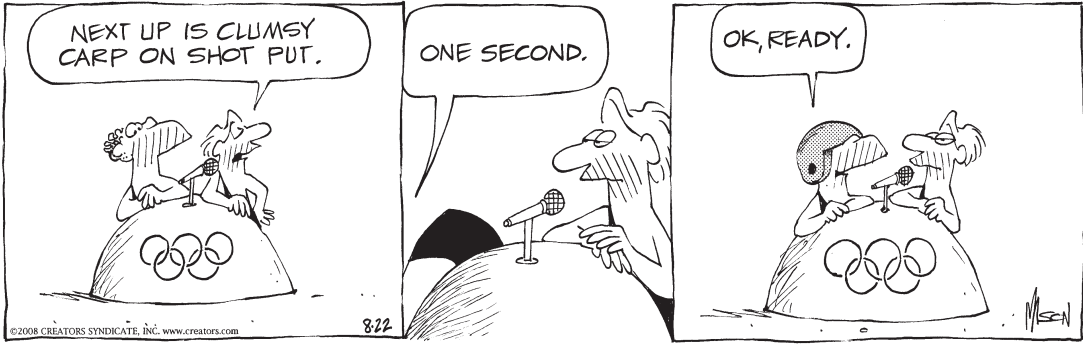
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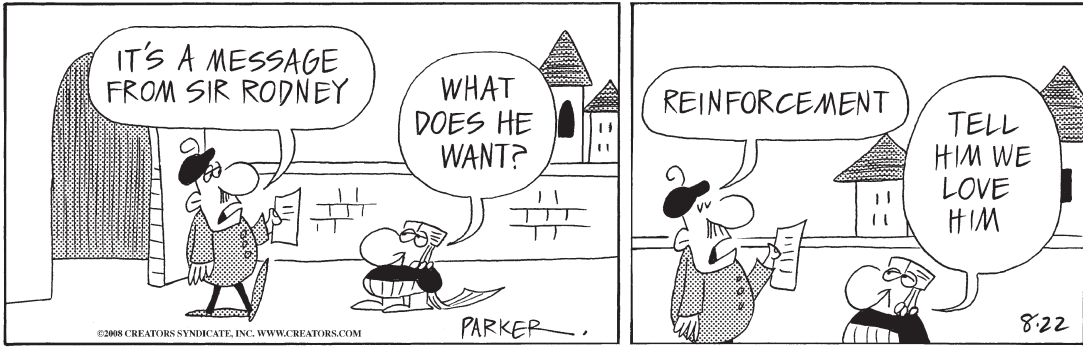
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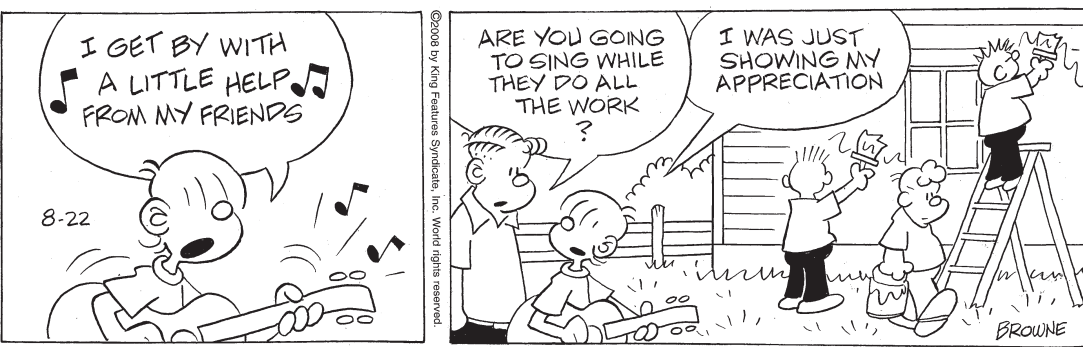
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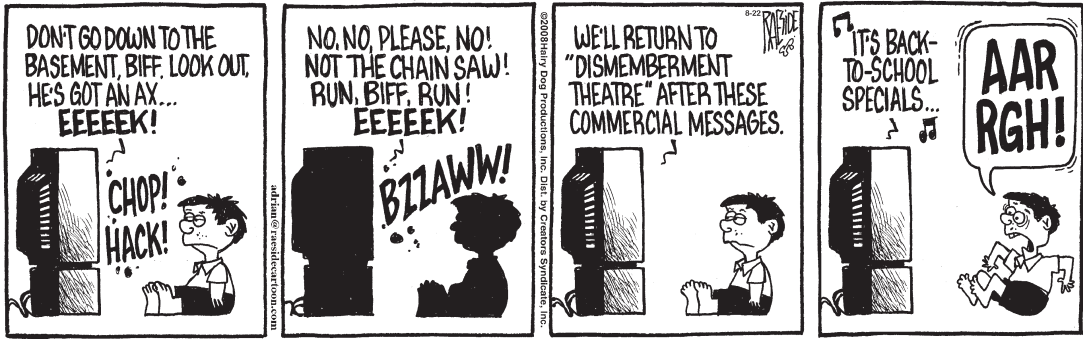
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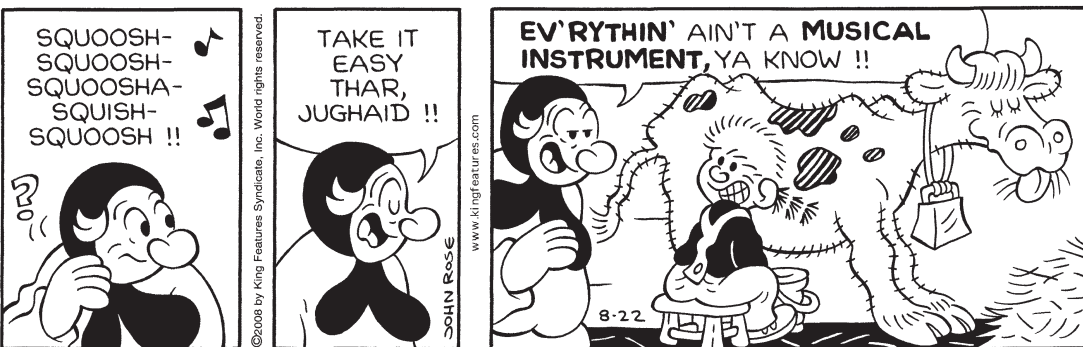
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2008. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to South America.

On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1904, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping was born in Sichuan province.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea,

which remained under Japanese colonial rule until 1945.

In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airways charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Author Ray Bradbury is 88. Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley is 88. Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is 74. Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 73. Writer Annie Proulx is 73. Rockabilly singer Dale Hawkins is 72. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 69. Actress Valerie Harper is 68. Football coach Bill Parcells is 67. CBS newsmen Steve Kroft is 63. Actress Cindy Williams is 61. Musician David Marks is 60. Country singer Holly Dunn is 51.

Rock musician Vernon Reid is 50. Country singer Ricky Lynn Gregg is 49. Country singer Collin Raye is 48. Actress Regina Taylor is 48. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 47. Rock musician Debbie Peterson (The Bangles) is 47. Rock musician Gary Lee Conner (Screaming Trees) is 46. Singer Tori Amos is 45. Country singer Milla Mason is 45. Rhythm-and-blues musician James DeBarge is 44. Rapper GZA/The Genius is 42. Actor Ty Burrell is 41. Actor Rick Yune is 37. Rock musician Paul Doucette (Matchbox Twenty) is 36. Rap-reggae singer Beenie Man is 35. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 35. Rock musician Jeff Stinco (Simple Plan) is 30. Actress Aya Sumika (TV: "Numb3rs") is 28.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | <b>63</b> Racing family name              | <b>9</b> Personnel              |
| <b>1</b> Latin 101 word                   | <b>64</b> Chromosome component            | <b>10</b> Levels of authority   |
| <b>5</b> Kalahari stopovers               | <b>65</b> Shambles                        | <b>11</b> Main point            |
| <b>10</b> Lingering effect                | <b>66</b> Abolitionist author             | <b>12</b> Male deer             |
| <b>14</b> Shipped off                     | <b>67</b> Word in a conditional statement | <b>13</b> Friend of Pooh        |
| <b>15</b> Two-headed fastener             | <b>DOWN</b>                               | <b>21</b> Cabinet dept.         |
| <b>16</b> Animal's stomach                | <b>1</b> Call upon                        | <b>22</b> Pavlova's outfit      |
| <b>17</b> Green Hornet's sidekick         | <b>2</b> Kernel                           | <b>25</b> Squelched             |
| <b>18</b> Anthony Quinn role              | <b>3</b> Southernmost continent           | <b>26</b> Composer Jacques      |
| <b>19</b> Fling forcefully                | <b>4</b> Dracula's creator                | <b>27</b> Spanish muralist      |
| <b>20</b> Erase?                          | <b>5</b> Greek liqueur                    | <b>29</b> Pvt. Bailey's boss    |
| <b>23</b> Sunburned                       | <b>6</b> Arabic prename                   | <b>30</b> Trolley sound         |
| <b>24</b> Worse than bad                  | <b>7</b> Somewhat, casually               | <b>31</b> Space starter         |
| <b>25</b> Cleans thoroughly               | <b>8</b> Pasta shape                      | <b>32</b> Religious gathering   |
| <b>28</b> Puccini work                    |   | <b>34</b> Pit gunk              |
| <b>32</b> Tangle                          |   | <b>35</b> Letters from Thessaly |
| <b>33</b> Overgrown Mediterranean region? |   |                                 |
| <b>37</b> "Take ___ from me!"             |   |                                 |
| <b>39</b> Calliope's sister               |   |                                 |
| <b>40</b> Play the lead                   |   |                                 |
| <b>41</b> Land set aside for a mixer?     |   |                                 |
| <b>44</b> ___-cone                        |   |                                 |
| <b>45</b> Tress distress                  |   |                                 |
| <b>46</b> Killy's sport                   |   |                                 |
| <b>48</b> Actor Quinn                     |   |                                 |
| <b>52</b> The Name of the Rose novelist   |   |                                 |
| <b>53</b> Camping-supply stores?          |   |                                 |
| <b>58</b> Elevated                        |   |                                 |
| <b>59</b> Grant entry to                  |   |                                 |
| <b>60</b> Comparable                      |   |                                 |
| <b>62</b> Simple organism                 |   |                                 |

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