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Democratic presidential nominee, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., right, talks to his running mate Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., on stage at the Democratic National Convention at Invesco Field in Denver.

## Obama vows to restore a 'better place'

*Accepts Democratic presidential nomination*

By **STEVEN R. HURST**  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination, moving forward in his quest to become the first black U.S. president and asking Americans to join him in saying "enough" to Republican leadership of the country. Standing Thursday night before more than 84,000 supporters in a Denver sports stadium, with millions more watching on television, Obama answered criticism from Republican rival John McCain as he brought the four-day Democratic National Convention to an end. It is now up to voters to decide whether Obama

can pull away from McCain, with whom he has been running neck-and-neck after a summer of relentless attacks from the veteran senator.

Obama said his mission was to restore "that American promise that pushes us forward even when the path is uncertain; that binds us together in spite of our differences; that makes us fix our eye not on what is seen, but what is unseen, that better place around the bend."

He vowed to cut taxes "for 95 percent of all working families," to end American dependence on Middle East oil in 10 years, and to spend \$150 million and

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## Palin McCain's veep choice

*Alaska governor is self-styled 'hockey mom'*

By **STEVE QUINN**

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska — In just two short years, Sarah Palin moved from small-town mayor to vice presidential contender.

The 44-year-old Republican, Alaska's first female governor, arrived at the Capitol in 2006 on an ethics reform platform after defeating two former governors in the primary



Palin

condition

and general elections. On Friday she was ready to leap to the national stage as Republican presidential candidate John McCain's surprise choice for running mate, according to two senior campaign officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because

the announcement was pending. She already has a national reputation for bucking her party's establishment and Alaska's powerful oil industry back home. With ethics the centerpiece of her campaign, Palin defeated incumbent Gov. Frank Murkowski, who served 22 years in the U.S. Senate

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Eddie Vasquez, a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School, has been accepted to the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He joins the student body of the elite school Sept. 8.

## Berklee bound

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

A recent Big Spring High School graduate is preparing to enter one of the nation's most elite musical

schools.

Eddie Vasquez, BSBS Class of 2007, is leaving town Saturday to head to Boston after learning he's been accepted at the Berklee

College of Music.

Berklee, with an enrollment of 4,000, is unique among major

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## Sales tax receipts up 33 percent

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Sales tax receipts were up a whopping 33 percent for Big Spring this month, according to the State Comptroller's office.

Big Spring received \$680,541.13 this month, an increase of 33.82 percent compared to the \$508,524.91 received in August of 2007. For

the month, Big Spring has received \$4,003,788.47, up 10.14 percent.

Sales tax receipts fell 22.32 percent in Coahoma this month. The I-20 community received \$10,849.07, down 22.32 percent compared to August 2007, when the city pulled in \$13,966.70. Through August of this year, Coahoma has received \$76,969.07, a figure 31.27

percent off last year's pace.

Forsan enjoyed a strong, 40-plus increase in receipts for August 2008. Forsan received \$8,299.96 this month, up 40.6 percent compared to \$5,902.92 in August 2007. For the year, Forsan has received \$53,101.05, a drop of 3.85 percent.

Ackerly took in \$9,954.16 this month, up 95.1 percent when compared to the \$5,101.38 re-

ceived a year ago. For the year, Ackerly has received \$54,364.23, up 56.56 percent.

Abilene received \$3,441,498.39 this month, up 10.44 percent compared to the \$3,115,912.88 taken in for August 2007. This year, the Key City has received \$23,195,155.32, up 2.81 percent.

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# NFL reinstates Adam Jones

## Pacman knows he's not through proving himself

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Adam "Pacman" Jones let out an excited scream when he got the news he had waited so long to hear.

Yet that short verbal outburst in a parking lot and a phone call

to his mother were about the extent of his celebration after the cornerback-kick returner found out Thursday that he had been fully reinstated by the NFL and cleared to play this season for the Dallas Cowboys.

After missing all last season while serving his NFL suspen-

sion, Jones realizes he's only one misstep from messing up all he has accomplished to get back on the field 20 months after playing his last game.

"I've been waiting for this time for a long time, but it's not like we won a Super Bowl," Jones said after his suspension was

lifted. "I know my responsibilities to the NFL and I'm going to hold my own and do what I need to do to make sure I stay where I am right now, which is reinstated."

Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Jones in April 2007 after an accumulation of arrests

and legal problems while Jones was with the Tennessee Titans.

Jones, acquired by Dallas in April, has been arrested six times and involved in a dozen incidents requiring police intervention since Tennessee drafted

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# Early test

No. 8 Garden City face No. 7 Abbott

By **EVAN JANSA**

Special to the Herald

Texas high school football fans will finally find their cure for their Friday night football fever Saturday.

After suffering through the dog days of August and two-a-days practices the Garden City Bearkats will begin their season with a bang.

The 'Kats will be faced with the tall task of lining up across from the Abbott Panthers in the fifth-annual Six-man Super Saturday in Hico.

Coming into the 2008 season ranked No. 8 by sixmanfootball.com, Garden City will showcase their skills vs. the No. 7 ranked Panthers. The 'Kats are no stranger to playing top-tier teams in the season opener, as they have played top ten teams in each of their last two seasons.

"It's good to be tested at some time early during the season," offensive coordinator Koby Abney said. "We'll learn a lot more against a tough team than a cupcake."

"This game will help us identify things we've got to get better at."

Abbott has been a perennial power in six-man football the last few years, making noise in the postseason in each of the last two seasons.

"We know they have excellent athletes," senior lineback-



**Garden City running back Jake Schwartz sprints away from a defender in action from the 2007 season. Schwartz, an honorable mention all-state player, and the eighth-ranked Bearkats start their season Saturday against No. 7 Abbott in Hico.**

HERALD photo/James Schwartz

er Cole Schwartz said. "They have good backs that will definitely be hard to stop."

Along with a potent offensive attack, the Panthers are equally as dynamic on the defensive side of the ball. A well-coached defense will try to stymie the Garden City offense led by

senior quarterback Levi Schaefer.

"There defensive line is as strong as we've seen," head coach Vance Jones said. "We'll need to attack their secondary with our play action passing game."

Garden City will rely on its

talented core of seniors and strong underclassman in the six-man showdown of the year to this point.

"We've got a solid group of guys," Abney said. "Our young guys draw a lot of encouragement from the veterans who have been through the fire."

# Steers spotlight

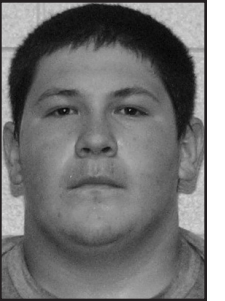
BSHS Center Zack Saldivar

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Steven Saldivar's arrival in Big Spring this summer served a more important purpose to the plan of the Big Spring Steers football team than he probably realized at first.

Saldivar moved into town from Lamesa with his family in June after accepting the assistant superintendent position with Big Spring Independent School District. However, it's a member of Saldivar's family that will start receiving Friday night lights fame in Big Spring as the Steers open the 2008 season tonight in Snyder.



Saldivar

Zack Saldivar is a 6-2, 260 pound senior, who fills a big need for the Steers.

"Zack is exactly what this football team needed," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "He will be our starting center. He's a good blocker and a great teammate. A lot of what we'll do offensively this year will be based on his abilities."

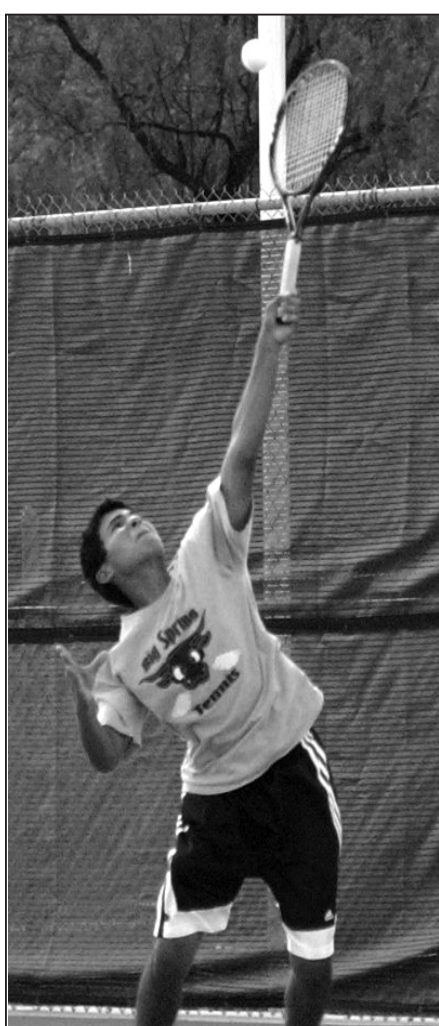
For Saldivar, the transition has been fairly smooth. He comes to Big Spring after playing varsity football in Lamesa for two years, earning second-team all-district honors his junior season. He's excited about the opportunity to play for a bigger program at a larger school.

"As soon as I got here in June, I committed myself to getting stronger and better," said Saldivar. "I'm hoping to play some college ball and I had some camps I needed to get ready for. I was named the most improved offensive lineman at West Texas A&M's camp. Coming to Big Spring will give me a chance to play a faster game and hopefully help me get more recognition from schools. It's all about how you do your senior year when it comes to college scouts. I think being in Big Spring gives me a better chance."

"I really like it. It's a better team and there will be better competition at the 4A level over 3A Lamesa," he continued. "I really looking forward to the first game with my teammates. They've really embraced me. We're a good football team."

One of the benefits Saldivar brings the Steers in their zero week match-up is a familiarity with the opponent.

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack  
**Big Spring's Michael Gonzales serves in a match against Sweetwater at Figure 7 Tennis Center Tuesday.**

# Sweetwater sweeps boys' matches in win over Steers

Herald Staff Report

Tuesday turned out to be an unfortunate day for the Big Spring High School tennis team.

Not only did the Sweetwater Mustangs sweep all nine matches from the Steers, but the Lady Steers lost their top player for at least two weeks. The result was a 14-6 Mustangs victory at Comanche Trail's Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Senior Keely Parnell was on the court long enough to win her doubles match with teammate Brandi Rigdon, 6-2, 2-6, 10-5, and to win the first set of her singles match against Sweetwater's Hanna Hunter, 7-5.

Unfortunately, Parnell suffered a leg injury in the second set, forcing her to forfeit the match and keeping her off the court for a couple weeks.

However, Big Spring Head Coach Dana Jones says the girls' team will be all right, though, and simply play on until Parnell is ready to

return.

"We have three senior girls still providing good leadership for a strong team," said Jones. "We'll be OK."

The girls' team was the highlight for Big Spring Tuesday, winning six of 10 matches including all three of their doubles matches.

Meanwhile, the Steers found it difficult to come away with a single set against what Jones called one of the better boys' teams on Big Spring's schedule.

"The boys faced the best lineup they'll see this year," he said. "Sweetwater is deep and talented with some big servers."

Big Spring's boys won only one set. Chad Boles and Tyler McKinley stole a set from the Sweetwater team of Aaron Ortiz and Clint Gonzalez in a 6-4, 4-6, 10-5 loss.

The Steers return to action Sept. 5-6, taking part in the Abilene Tournament.

Results

Sweetwater defeats Big Spring, 14-6

Girls singles

(Big Spring players listed first)

Keely Parnell (forfeit) loses to Hanna Hunter

Kristina Chang loses to Allie Myers, 6-2, 6-2

Brittany Farmer defeats Jessica Bond, 6-2,

6-1

Brandi Rigdon defeats Bekah Gray, 6-2, 6-0

Brionna Palmer defeats Sarah Ramirez, 7-6

(7-4), 6-0

Alyssa Byrd loses to Caitlin Moses, 6-0, 6-2

Anna Scott loses to Shela Holcomb, 6-0,

6-0

Girls doubles

Farmer/Rigdon defeat Bond/Myers, 6-2, 2-6,

10-5

Parnell/Palmer defeat Moses/Gray, 6-0, 6-1

Chang/Byrd defeat Holcomb/Ramirez 6-4,

6-1

Boys singles

Michael Gonzalez loses to Zack Gill, 6-2,

6-2

Jeremy Langford loses to Levi Cockrill, 6-0,

6-2

C.J. Burleson loses to Quincy Reddic, 6-1,

6-0

Matt Garza loses to Jeraco Cabrera, 6-3,

6-2

Chad Boles loses to Cameron Dahar, 6-0,

6-1

Tyler McKinley loses to Aaron Ortiz, 6-2, 6-1

Seth Yarbar loses to Clint Gonzales, 6-1,

6-0

Boys doubles

Langford/Gonzalez lose to Cockrill/Reddic,

6-0, 6-0

Garza/Burleson lose to Cabrera/Dahar, 6-2,

6-3

Boles/McKinley lose to Ortiz/Gonzales, 6-4,

4-6, 10-5

Mixed doubles

Ryan/Smith lose to Gill/Hunter, 6-0, 6-2

**Big Spring Steers  
vs.  
Snyder Tigers**

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight  
Where: Tiger Stadium in Snyder  
Radio: KBEST 95.7, KBST 1490AM,  
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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:

- LARRY WANE TURMAN, 51, of 9808 Kay Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SIMON JACOB ARENIVAZ, 17, of 2603 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JAMES TURNBO, 30, of 1407 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a Scurry County warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ JR., 19, of 2603 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and theft of a firearm.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 68, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATTHEW VANDERPOOL, 20, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 314, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- JENETTE RENAE VIERA, 17, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 314, was arrested Wednesday for running a stop sign and no driver's license.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 45, of 2621 Chanute, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 22, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on a local citation.
- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III, 35, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Thursday on 10 local warrants.
- CRYSTAL ANN BURCHET, 27, of 111 Shifflet Road, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- DONNI KAY ROBERSON, 23, of 101 Apache, was arrested Thursday on a local citation.
- ELEAZAR GARZA JR., 47, of 401 W. Fourth Street, was arrested Thursday on a Gonzales County warrant.
- STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 44, of 2109.5 Johnson, was arrested Friday on charges of assault causing bodily injury and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CODY ALAN WINGO, 20, of 1109 Lancaster, was arrested Friday on four local warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
  - in the 200 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported:
  - in the 2100 block of Johnson.
  - in the 1300 block of Airbase.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 700 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - in the 400 block of Hillside.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Circle.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of Circle.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 6900 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Oakglen. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### 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.



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## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

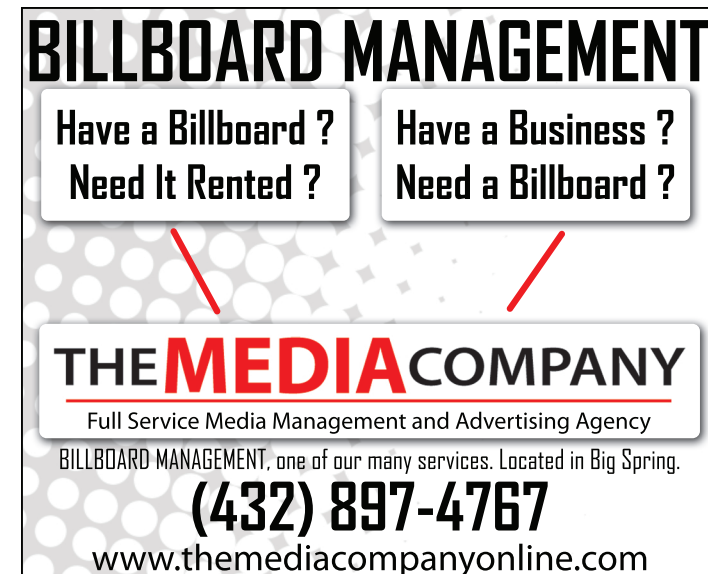
- BRIAN CHRISTOPHER ODLE, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft and bondsman off bond for burglary of a building.
- DAVID CHARLES PATTERSON, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear – theft, theft, a motion to revoke probation for theft by check and violation of parole – theft by check.
- AMBER BURKE, 26, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a Taylor County warrant for bondsman off bond – theft by check.
- DONALD RAY ALSBAUGH, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- JANIE AGUILAR, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense, open container.
- JUAN MANUEL BORUNDA JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation, burglary of a vehicle, graffiti (two counts), criminal mischief and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STEVEN ANDREW ISAAC, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no safety belt, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and no insurance.
- MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and theft of a firearm.
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- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
- LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
- ROBERT WAYNE MOSELEY, 44, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense, open container, a warrant for possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear.

## Take Note

- Colorado River Municipal Water District will hold a blood drive at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Sept. 3-4, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each donor will receive a special T-shirt. All donors at least 21 years of age will be eligible to win a trip for two to Las Vegas.
- Big Spring High School yearbooks are for last year's seniors. They may be picked up in Room 120. Yearbooks will be available for several weeks.
- Yearbooks have arrived at Forsan High School. Pick up your copy at the front office.
- The Howard County Pachyderm Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch is dutch treat. All concerned Republicans are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 267-7287. Guest speaker will be Republican candidate for Howard County sheriff, Stan Parker.
- 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.



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## Bulletin Board

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### TODAY

- 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.

### MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-28-16-24. Bonus Ball: 21. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-1-2-28-20.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$12,891.

Winning tickets sold in: Dallas, Houston.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-3-0. Sum It Up: 12.

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



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# Cowboys aren't ready to be called super

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens missed the perfect opportunity to raise his voice an octave or two and do an imitation of Jim Mora's infamous "Playoffs?" rant when the Dallas Cowboys receiver was asked yet again about the Super Bowl.

Imagine T.O. with that same quizzical, disgusted look Mora wore during his 2001 outburst that's a YouTube staple and was recently revived in a beer commercial.

"Super Bowl? ... Are you kidding me? Super Bowl? I'm just hoping we can win a playoff game," he might say.

Instead, Owens issued a level-headed response to what must be a tiresome question for a team that has fallen agonizingly short in the playoffs the last two Januarys.

The Cowboys have gone 11 seasons without a postseason victory, much less their record sixth Super Bowl title.

"Everybody keeps talking about the Super Bowl," Owens said. "We obviously feel we're going to make the playoffs. ...

We've got to win a playoff game first before we do anything. Until we get that done, there is no Super Bowl."

With Tony Romo and Owens among an NFL-record 13 Pro Bowl players back from a 13-win team that was the NFC's top seed, there seems to be no reason to question whether the Cowboys can get back into the playoffs for the third straight season.

But even the often hyperbolic and overenthusiastic Jerry Jones has deftly avoided making predictions — or uttering "Super Bowl" — all while acting like an owner who certainly believes his team should be able to get there.

Owens is among five Pro Bowlers with new multiyear contracts, a commitment of \$70 million by Jones. When offensive coordinator Jason Garrett was a finalist for two NFL head coaching jobs, Jones gave him about \$3 million to stay. And the Cowboys kept both first-round draft picks, getting players expected to help now: running back Felix Jones and cornerback Mike Jenkins.

"All that speaks volumes to what I think we ought to be," the owner said.

It has been a long wait for Jones, whose Cowboys went from 1-15 his first season owning the team in 1989 to three Super Bowl titles in a four-year stretch in the mid-1990s. Since winning its last championship during the 1995 season, though, Dallas has won only one playoff game.

Dallas was at home last January when Romo's fourth-down pass with 9 seconds left was intercepted near the end zone by the New York Giants, the NFC East rival and eventual Super Bowl champions the Cowboys had swept in the regular season.

A year before that, Romo flubbed the hold on what would have been a short go-ahead field goal in the closing minutes at Seattle.

"We feel like we are that good and we belong in those games," Romo said. "We belong in those situations and we are going to try to put ourselves in that situation for the next decade. And if we can, we'll eventually break through."

With the collection of talent

## Hull's take on Dallas

This is the most talented Cowboys' team since the mid-1990s. So talented that anything less than an appearance in the Super Bowl should be considered a disappointment and underachievement.

Also, expect a sweep of awards being won by Dallas. DeMarcus Ware is a very popular preseason pick as the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

I'm throwing out a not so common selection for Offensive Player of the Year, and possibly the NFL's Most Valuable Player. RB Marion Barber III is ready to rush for more than 1,400 yards and at least 15 touchdowns. Stacking those type of numbers on a Super Bowl team could easily earn him both awards.

Prediction: 13-3; lose to San Diego in the Super Bowl (Yes. The Chargers, even if they don't have Shawne Merriman.)

the Cowboys have assembled, Jones hopes eventually doesn't take too long.

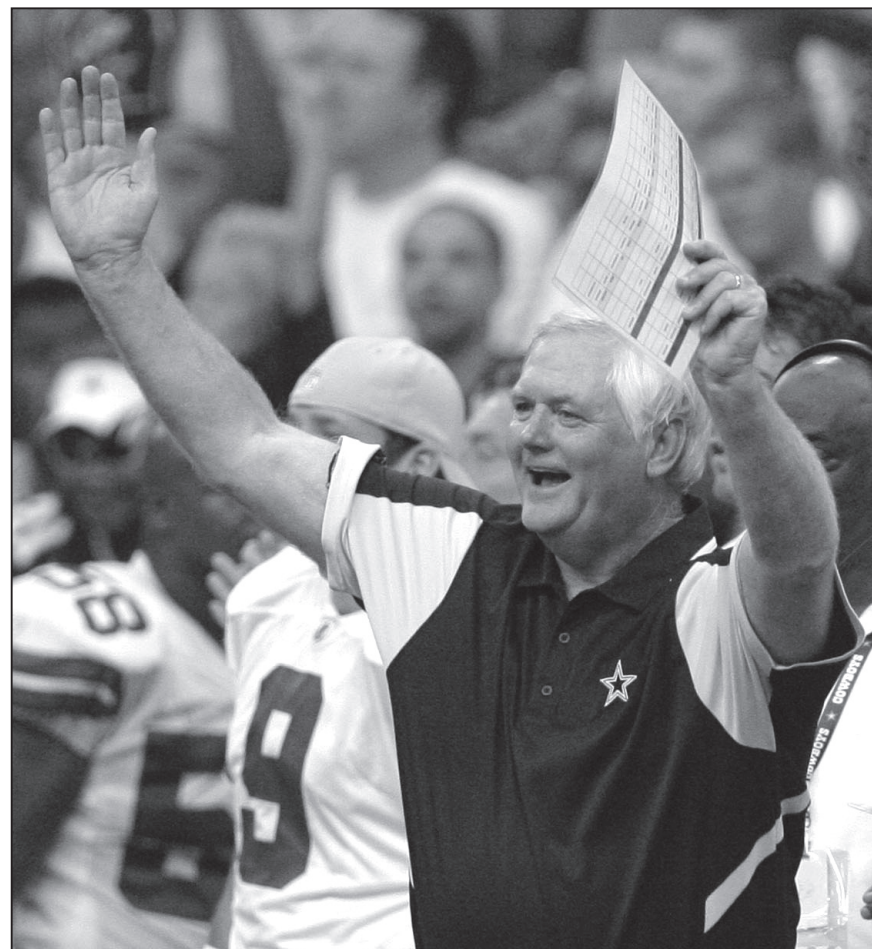
How about a championship to close out Texas Stadium? The Cowboys are leaving the iconic venue after this season to move into their new \$1 billion-plus facility that will host the Super Bowl at the end of the 2010 season.

Owens' 28 touchdown catches the last two seasons are the most in the NFL, and the 34-year-old receiver is seemingly content. There are no contract issues after getting his three-year extension this summer, pushing his deal through 2011 instead of expiring after this season.

Romo, already a two-time Pro Bowler, set team records with 4,211 yards passing and 36 TDs last year in his first full season as the starter.

The most significant offensive change is Marion Barber starting at running back, something he never did before the playoff game against the Giants, when he rushed for 127 yards. Julius Jones left in free agency, but it was already clear that Barber had taken over as the No. 1 back.

With Garrett still calling plays for basically the same group of players that set numerous team



AP photo/Matt Slocum

**Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips reacts after a 52-yard field goal by Cowboys kicker Nick Folk to end the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Minnesota Vikings Thursday in Irving. The Cowboys won 16-10. Phillips hopes to do a lot more celebrating in the regular season and, more importantly, in the playoffs.**

records and scored the second-most points in the NFL, the Cowboys will be building on instead of trying to learn a new system.

"No one has to adjust to any new players coming in and stuff like that," receiver Patrick Crayton said. "We know what we want to achieve, so I think that already everybody is on the same page. That makes it a lot easier to get out here and move forward."

There are a few changes on defense, but all should be beneficial.

Seven-time Pro Bowl linebacker Zach Thomas turns 35 the week of the season opener, but the Texas native comes home with the chance to be part of a legitimate Super Bowl contender and finally win a championship after 12 seasons in Miami.

Thomas gives the Cowboys a powerful 1-2 combination in the middle with Bradie James, the team's leading tackler the last

three seasons.

Tank Johnson played only the second half of last season after serving his NFL suspension. The nose tackle is now at ease and comfortable in the Cowboys' system, enabling him to have a more prominent role.

Adam "Pacman" Jones was fully reinstated for the regular season by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell Thursday after a forced yearlong hiatus.

The cornerback will fulfill a dual need by providing secondary depth and an explosive kick returner.

Put it all together, and those super expectations seem legitimate. But the Cowboys have those other steps to take, the ones they stumbled over in the past.

"We can't focus on the stuff from the past because it will haunt us," safety Roy Williams said. "We want to win a playoff game."

## Dallas Cowboys Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9-7	@ Cleveland	3:15 p.m.
9-15	Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
9-21	@ Green Bay	7:15 p.m.
9-28	Washington	3:15 p.m.
10-5	Cincinnati	3:15 p.m.
10-12	@ Arizona	3:15 p.m.
10-19	@ St. Louis	Noon
10-26	Tampa Bay	Noon
11-2	@ NY Giants	3:15 p.m.
11-9	Bye	
11-16	@ Washington	7:15 p.m.
11-23	San Francisco	Noon
11-27	Seattle	3:15 p.m.
12-7	@ Pittsburgh	3:15 p.m.
12-14	NY Giants	7:15 p.m.
12-20	Baltimore	7:15 p.m.
12-28	@ Philadelphia	Noon

## SALDIVAR

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"Snyder lost a lot of players last year, but they're still going to be a tough opponent. We're not going to be able to just run

over them," he said. "We're going to have to play our game and get focused. I think we're tougher than them honestly. We've got a great chance to win."

One of the biggest challenges the Tigers present for Big Spring is the type of defense they play.

Snyder utilizes a 3-3 stacked front highly dependent upon stunts and blitzes in order to confuse an offense.

The Steers are being thorough in preparing for the Tigers' defensive attack, spending extra time with its offensive line after practice to work on blocking the

various stunts Snyder might throw at them.

"My biggest responsibility this week is to know if anybody needs help," Saldivar said. "We struggled with some stunts against Monahans, but we didn't really prepare for any of it either. We were in a stage of just getting

our basics together. The coaches have thrown pretty much any stunt they can think of at us this week. We'll be ready."

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## JONES

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him in the first round in 2005.

That includes his connec-

tion to a shooting at a Las Vegas strip club.

"I work hard every day to make sure I don't make the same mistakes," Jones said. "Can I say I would never ever make the same mistakes? No, I can't say

that. I'll make sure I put myself in way better situations than I have put myself in the past." Goodell said in June that Jones could practice and play in preseason games. But the commissioner still waited to rule whether to let Jones play in the regular season.

The news finally came hours before Dallas' final preseason game. Jones didn't play Thursday night against Minnesota, wearing his No. 21 jersey and shorts while on the sideline with the Cowboys starters watching the game.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail that Goodell planned no comment regarding the reinstatement.

Jones said he spoke to Aiello, but not the commissioner.

The cornerback received congratulatory text messages from teammates as word of his reinstatement spread.

"Adam has worked hard to get to this point, but he also knows that there is still a lot of work ahead of him," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He is fully aware of the opportunity that he has been given, and he knows that

this is an ongoing process."

Two weeks ago, "Pacman" sent a letter to Goodell asking to be cleared for the regular season, and saying he would stay out of trouble.

On Thursday, Jones said that includes "surrounding myself around the right people and staying out of gentlemen's clubs, having a great relationship with God and spending more time with my family."

Jones played in the first three preseason games, and started the third one when he was at left corner in place of injured Pro Bowler Terence Newman after rookie Mike Jenkins started the first two games. Jones had eight tackles and a pass deflection in his three games.

Newman (groin) is expected to be back for the Sept. 7 opener at Cleveland, but Jones will still be a prominent player on passing downs and special teams.

Jones had punt returns of 18 and 24 yards during the preseason, and coach Wade Phillips said this week that he was considering Jones for kickoff returns because of injuries in that spot.

## 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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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the jack of diamonds. Assuming trumps are divided no worse than 3-1, how would you play the hand?

West  
♠ J 5 3  
♥ A J 9 6 2  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ A Q

East  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K Q 10 4  
♦ K 4  
♣ 10 8 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the five of hearts, on which South plays the jack. How would you play the hand?

West  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ K 10 8 3  
♣ J 10 5

East  
♠ K J  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ A K 9 6 3

1. Win the jack of diamonds with the king and draw the defenders' trumps. Next cash the A-Q of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy. Then, to assure the contract, you play the A-Q of clubs!

The defender who wins the queen of clubs with the king must either return a spade — in which case you lose only two spade tricks — or concede a ruff-and-discard by returning a diamond or a club.

The tempting club finesse should

be deliberately avoided because, if it fails, a club return might well result in your losing three spade tricks and the contract. There is no reason to incur such a risk when you have a sure thing by playing otherwise.

Of course, if you run into a 4-0 trump division (a 10 percent possibility), your best chance would lie in eventually attempting the club finesse. But if the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1, the suggested line of play is 100 percent certain to succeed.

2. Assuming North has heart length, the only threat to the contract is if North has five hearts headed by the ace and South has the club queen. In that case, you will go down if you win the first heart and the club finesse subsequently loses to South, who then returns his remaining heart.

To keep this from happening, you should refuse to win the first heart. South can't harm you by shifting to another suit, so let's assume he returns a heart. North can win and continue hearts, but now if the club finesse loses, North cannot regain the lead, so you are sure to finish with at least nine tricks.

Note that if North started with only four hearts, you can never lose more than four tricks — three hearts and a club — no matter how you or the defenders proceed.

# PALIN

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before winning the governor's seat in 2002.

Her task did not seem any easier in the general election, but she handily beat Tony Knowles, a popular Democrat who already served two terms as governor.

During her first year in office, Palin distanced herself from the powerful old guard of the state Republican Party, even calling on Sen. Ted Stevens to explain to Alaskans why federal authorities were

investigating him.

Since then, their relationship has warmed, and they have appeared together at several events. Stevens even said lawmakers should follow Palin's lead in her efforts to get a natural gas pipeline built.

Stevens is scheduled to go on trial Sept. 22 in Washington, D.C., on charges he failed to disclose more than \$250,000 in home renovations and gifts from executives at oil services contractor VECO Corp. He won the Republican primary on Tuesday with more than 60 percent of the vote. He has pleaded not guilty.

Palin also asked Alaska's congressional delegation to be more selective in seeking federal projects after what came to be known as the "Bridge to Nowhere" turned into a national embarrassment and a symbol of piggish pork-barrel spending.

She also successfully took on the oil industry, leading to a tax increase on oil company profits that now has the state's treasury swelling.

Typically seen walking the Capitol halls in black or red power suits while reading text messages on Blackberry screens in each hand, Palin made a recent

appearance in Vogue, the fashion magazine.

Palin is an occasional commercial fisherwoman. She lives in Wasilla, a town of 6,500 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Anchorage, with her husband, Todd, a blue-collar North Slope oil worker who competes in the Iron Dog, a 1,900-mile (3,057-kilometer) snowmobile race. He is part Yup'ik Eskimo.

Her previous political experience consisted of terms as Wasilla's mayor and councilwoman and a stint as head of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Palin's troubles with the

Republican Party began when Murkowski named her chairwoman of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. There, Palin exposed current Alaska Republican Party Chairman Randy Ruedrich, who was also an AOGCC commissioner, for ethical violations.

In 2005, Palin co-filed an ethics complaint against Murkowski's longtime aide and then attorney general, Gregg Renkes, for having a financial interest in a company that stood to gain from an international trade deal he was helping craft.

The Palins have five

children: Track, 19; Bristol 17; Willow 14; Piper, 7, and Trig, who was born in April with Down syndrome.

Track enlisted in the Army in 2007 on the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and has been assigned to Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks.

Palin was born Feb. 11, 1964, in Idaho, but her parents moved to Alaska shortly after her birth to teach.

She received a bachelor of science degree in communications-journalism from the University of Idaho in 1987.

# OBAMA

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create 5 million jobs over 10 years working on renewable energy sources.

Obama further renewed his promise to withdraw American combat troops from Iraq in 16 months and to negotiate from strength with America's foes. He took a sarcastic jab at McCain over Osama bin Laden, the author of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, arguing that the candidate's support of the Iraq war ignores Afghanistan.

"John McCain likes to say that he'll follow bin Laden to the Gates of Hell, but he won't even go to the cave where he lives," Obama said.

McCain's spokesman was quick with a rebuttal.

"Tonight, Americans witnessed a misleading speech that was so fundamentally at odds with the meager record of Barack Obama," said McCain spokesman Tucker Bounds. "The fact remains: Barack Obama is still not ready to be president."

In an audacious move, McCain sought to steal some of the political spotlight by spreading word

that he had settled on a vice presidential running mate.

After Obama's address, Hillary Rodham Clinton, who lavishly endorsed Obama in a Tuesday night speech, lauded the first-term Illinois senator for laying "out his specific, bold solutions and optimistic vision for our nation and our children's future."

"His speech crystallized the clear choice between he and Senator McCain. Four more years of the same failed policies or a leader who can tackle the great challenges we face: revitalizing our economy and restoring our standing in the world."

Obama pressed relentlessly with his theme that a McCain presidency would represent nothing more than four more years of the policies of the deeply unpopular President George W. Bush.

"Tonight, I say to the people of America, to Democrats and Republicans and independents across this great land — enough!"

Obama aligned himself with the frustrations of working-class Americans, whose votes went heavily to Clinton in their extended and occasionally bitter primary contest. His fate on Election Day Nov. 4 may lie with

that such voters.

"We measure progress by how many people can find a job that pays the mortgage; whether you can put a little extra money away at the end of each month so you can someday watch your child receive her college diploma," Obama said.

Obama's speech accepting the nomination came on the 45th anniversary of one of the most historic events in the American civil rights movement: Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

He declared America had reached a similarly "defining moment, a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil, and the American promise has been threatened once more."

"America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this," he said.

Obama did not dwell on the King speech anniversary, in keeping with his campaign's attempt to prevent his candidacy from being defined by his race and attempting to appeal widely to the American electorate.

At the convention, both Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, made powerful

appeals for the party to line up behind Obama. And a speech by Michelle Obama, the candidate's wife, highlighted his traditional values, subtly countering rumors that he is a black radical or a Muslim.

Sen. Joseph Biden, Obama's running mate and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke favorably of Obama's national security credentials, a target of McCain, a former prisoner of war.

Obama's speech was a return to a setting where he became a national star. He was a little-known Illinois state legislator running for the U.S. Senate when he delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

He won that race and, two years later, began his improbable quest for the Democratic nomination, defeating presumed frontrunner Clinton with his message of change.

On Thursday he was lauded by another popular Democratic figure, former Vice President Al Gore, who was awarded a share of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his work on climate change.

Gore joined Obama in saying McCain's election as president would be little more than a con-

tinuation of Bush's policies.

"Hey, I believe in recycling, but that's ridiculous," he said.

A Gallup poll taken during the first three days of the convention showed Obama regaining his lead over McCain, 48 percent to 42 percent. Candidates generally receive a bounce from their conventions, and the figures could tilt in McCain's direction after Republicans hold their convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, next week.

Obama said he wanted to give his acceptance speech at a large sports stadium so many supporters, not just party insiders attending the convention, could attend. Several celebrities performed, including singers Sheryl Crow, Stevie Wonder and will.i.am.

Republicans were quick to deride the stage setting of Roman columns as one that befitted a celebrity, a theme they used when Obama drew tens of thousands for an appearance in Berlin.

"This Roman-like facade, a facade with Roman columns, is a perfect metaphor or icon for the point that it's an interesting production, but behind it there's not much there," Pawlenty, the Minnesota governor, told ABC television.

# VASQUEZ

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music schools in the nation in that its curriculum focuses on jazz, rock and other contemporary music. Alumni include such popular artists as Quincy Jones, Bruce Hornsby, Melissa Etheridge and Branford Marsalis.

"It's almost scary," Vasquez said. "I'll definitely be with the top of the top over there."

Vasquez, who played euphonium in the BSBS

Steer Band, had intended on applying for the school right after graduation, but circumstances prevented his doing so at the time. So he spent two semesters at Howard College before getting another shot at the elite school this spring.

He traveled to Dallas in late March for an audition that didn't quite live up to his expectations.

"I had practiced and practiced and practiced for that audition," he said. "I went in there thinking I had 15 minutes, then I learned I had only 5 ... Nothing went as planned.

I didn't think there was any way I was going to be accepted."

After the audition came an interview — which Vasquez also thought was a disaster.

"The interview went just as bad," he said. "Afterward, I didn't want to go anywhere and talk to anyone. I just got back into the car and didn't say a word."

Thinking his chances of being accepted at Berklee were pretty much nil at this point, Vasquez started looking at other options, other schools. On March

31, however, he learned that his audition hadn't been nearly as disastrous as he had feared.

"I went home for lunch and saw I had an e-mail from Berklee," Vasquez said. "That's when I read the first line: 'We are honored to notify you of your acceptance to the Berklee College of Music.' ... I don't think I read any more than that. I just dropped my head and started crying."

Vasquez and his father took a trip to Boston in June to scout around the campus.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "They have top-of-the-line technology and the campus is beautiful ... It's everything I had hoped it would be."

Vasquez will study a variety of courses at Berklee, including music theory and history, music business and recording. What he plans to do with that education, however, is still a bit up in the air.

"I'm just planning right now on going to college and getting my degree," he said. "We'll see what happens after that ... I'm not sure if I want to teach

or what, but if someone wanted to place the Steer Marching Band in my hands, I wouldn't mind that a bit."

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# RECEIPTS

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Andrews received \$355,098.34 this month, up 22.17 percent compared to August 2007 receipts of \$290,653.38. For the year, Andrews has received \$2,144,323.26, up 15.74 percent.

Colorado City compiled \$56,185.15 for August 2008, up 13.85 percent when compared to the \$49,351.54 received in August 2007. For the year, the Mitchell County seat has taken in \$379,265.83, up 5.16 percent.

Sales tax receipts were up 41.96 percent for Fort Stockton, comparing this month's collection of \$319,841.29 to August 2007's receipts of \$225,297.08. For

2008, Fort Stockton has received \$1,929,738.17, up 39.04 percent.

Receipts increased 18.45 percent for Lamesa, comparing this month's take of \$138,721.11 to last August's figure of \$117,110.25. This year, the Dawson County seat has pulled in \$860,507.14, up 13.62 percent.

Lubbock received \$4,798,849.77 this month, an increase of 10.21 percent compared to the \$4,354,112.59 received in August 2007. This year, Lubbock has received \$32,858,638.61, up 5 percent.

Midland received \$4,055,720.14, up 27.73 percent when compared to the \$3,175,189.75 taken in for August 2007. For the year, the Tall City has received

\$25,411,095.83, up 12.81 percent.

Tax receipts for Odessa were up 20.16 percent, comparing August 2008 totals of \$2,527,614.61 to August 2007 receipts of \$2,103,434.85. For the year, Odessa has received \$16,240,325.72, up 10.69 percent.

San Angelo received \$1,904,946.32 this month, up 9.52 percent compared to the \$1,739,314.15 brought in for August a year ago.

So far for 2008, San Angelo has received \$13,063,887.71, up 4.01 percent.

Martin County seat Stanton received \$39,794.29 this month. That's a 23.79 percent increase over August 2007 receipts of \$32,146.36. For the year, Stanton has received \$244,740.58, up 38.5 percent.

Snyder took in \$257,701.12 this month, up 19.6 percent compared to the \$215,462.32 received in August 2007.

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## OTHER VIEWS

Nomination  
landmark  
achievement

**"M**y presence on this stage is pretty unlikely," Sen. Barack Obama said when most Americans heard him speak for the first time at the Democratic National Convention in 2004. Thursday night, in a moment that once would have seemed even more unlikely, if not impossible, he became the first person of African-American descent to accept the presidential nomination of a major political party.

His rapid ascent says a lot about Sen. Obama's political talent, especially his ability to inspire legions of young voters. But however one feels about his candidacy and that of his rival, Republican Sen. John McCain, his nomination also represents an event of historic proportions, a landmark achievement in a country where race has always been a major political factor.

Before Lyndon Johnson signed the civil rights acts of the mid-1960s, Democrats had won seven of 10 preceding presidential elections. Republicans won seven of the next 10.

Race was not the only reason, but it played a part. Fittingly, the Obama nomination takes place during a week that also marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Johnson, whose positive legacy will outlive the controversies of his times.

Obama's story is not about affirmative action because his appeal extends far beyond racial and ethnic boundaries. "I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story," Sen. Obama said in his keynote speech four years ago. Therein lies the drama of his campaign.

This story has a long way to go. Sen. Obama must still convince a doubtful public about his readiness for the White House. But his success suggests that a giant step has been taken toward achieving Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a country where an individual is not judged by the color of his skin. Sen. Obama's challenge is to show the country that the content of his character measures up to the greatness of the prize he seeks.

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## Invest in students under age 5

**T**he back-to-school ritual leaves our youngest children behind. Federal investment in children does not start until age 5 or 6 when — ready or not — they enter kindergarten. Attitudes toward the pivotal early childhood years are shifting, and both presidential candidates should consider effective preschool programs in their domestic policy platforms.

Good care early in life helps children grow up with the skills to become tomorrow's adult workers, caregivers, taxpayers and citizens. Traditionally we have regarded the care of young children as the almost exclusive domain of parents. Yet many young parents today are stretched thin, trying to care for their children while early in their own careers and family life.

Whether a single mother working the night-shift at a fast-food restaurant or a busy executive dashing home before the child care center closes, parents across the country struggle to balance both their children's developmental needs and the demands of their employers. Too often, policy-makers view the need for child care, keeping children safe so that parents can work, as separate from preparing children to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

It is time to consolidate the existing patchwork of early childhood policies and programs and move them forward.

What is needed is a universal,

but targeted pre-school program, under which the federal government would fund a half-day of high-quality prekindergarten services for children from low-income families and a partial (one-third) federal subsidy for services to children in higher-income families. Extended-day services should be available for children of working parents.

The estimated federal cost of such a proposal, if fully funded for all 3- and 4-year-olds whose families choose to participate, would be \$18 billion a year. This includes \$13.3 billion for the "free" part of the preschool program, \$8.6 billion for the federal share of the partly subsidized part and \$2.4 billion for "wrap-around" child care for working parents.

Subtracting out the \$6.5 billion currently provided through Head Start yields the \$18 billion figure in new costs.

We know through rigorous evaluations that children who participate in effectively designed preschool programs achieve more in elementary school, are less likely to be held back a grade or to need special education and are more likely to graduate from high school. Program participants, later in life, have higher rates of employment, greater earnings, lower levels of criminal activity, and, in some studies, less use of welfare.

Commitment to the American ideal of equal opportunity is another strong motivation for government to invest in high-quality early education.

Many of the racial, ethnic and income gaps found in school achievement begin before children set foot in kindergarten. Addressing gaps

in skills at an early age gives more children from disadvantaged families a fighting chance to achieve the American dream.

A long-term goal would be to bring together the burgeoning public pre-K programs now found in most states with the existing federal Head Start program, forming an expanded national pre-K initiative that provides comprehensive, high-quality services to all three- and four-year-olds. Integration of Head Start with local early childhood education program is possible; almost one in five Head Start grantees is currently a local school district and most state pre-K programs have some classrooms in non-school settings.

Some institutional, philosophical and political barriers remain to integrating the services. Initially, the federal government might have to continue separate funding streams for Head Start and the new pre-K initiative. But eventually the two programs should be fused and have a single funding stream at the federal level.

More important, the next president should offer clear directives that early investments in children have enormous payoffs. If we want all children to enter school ready to learn, public investment in children cannot wait until kindergarten.

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## Streets covered with strange Democrats

**D**ENVER — Political conventions aren't as glamorous as you might think.

On TV, the conventions are all about the slick packaging of beautiful people. But on the streets outside the convention hall, the gathering looks an awful lot like the creature cantina scene from "Star Wars" — you know, the bar on Mos Eisley where all the freaky aliens drink and argue and get into fights.

This year's event in Denver is packed with even more aliens than usual. There's the impeachment crowd, wandering the city's streets with dueling placards.

Some call on Congress to "Impeach Bush." Others urge that we "Impeach Cheney First." There are the Code Pink activists, who meandered through the popular 16th Street Market over the weekend with giant, carnival-style puppets, which are somehow supposed to symbolize a call for world peace.

Then there are the hard-core protesters. Denver's Gumm Mixed Martial Arts Gym has been offering self-defense training to radical groups such as DNC Disruption '08.

The radicals believe they need to protect themselves from the police because the city recently converted

a warehouse on the far end of town to serve as a processing facility for people who get themselves arrested this week.

Protesters actually showed up a week before the convention to protest the jail they might get sent to for later protesting. They've dubbed the facility "Gitmo on the Platte."

But here's the really freaky part: These groups are all made up of people who believe that Barack Obama's Democratic Party — which wants to raise taxes, ensure abortion on demand, create a crippling carbon cap-and-trade regime, commence a rapid pullout from Iraq, and abandon U.S. allies from Israel to Georgia — isn't liberal enough.

Of course, like all towns that host conventions, the Mile High City is trying to put its best foot forward. To that end, a panel of local officials passed a nonbinding resolution urging police to "refrain from arresting or citing pot smokers during the convention."

They know their audience.

To be extra hospitable, the city is trying to keep its socially conscious, pot-smoking guests from having to encounter any of Denver's great unwashed.

Local groups have given away movie and zoo tickets to the city's homeless for the week — as well as bus passes. For any homeless who decline to make themselves scarce, a downtown salon is giving free haircuts and shaves to the indigent.

Imagine the outcry if Republicans tried this sort of thing.

Being a Democrat means never having to feel embarrassed. Every spare bit of convention paraphernalia and signage here is hectoring people about being "green."

Yet convention officials are zip-ping around town in big, black SUVs. Don't worry, though, the Democrats assure us, they're hybrids. To highlight this fact, each SUV has the word HYBRID stenciled under the door panels in giant letters.

Of course, if the Democrats really cared about the environment, Obama wouldn't have given his acceptance speech Thursday in front of 75,000 people at Invesco Field. Just think about the impact: transportation for 50,000 extra attendees, additional power usage for the giant stadium, the need to create redundant logistical systems for setup, credentialing, security, etc. I suppose it's a small price to pay for what blogger Scott Johnson playfully dubbed the Democrat-sch-epparteitag der Einheit und Starke, or "Democratic Party Rally Day of Unity and Strength."

Never a dull moment at the creature cantina.

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We would also like to invite you to come and join us for Sunday services:

Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m. and then worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service start at 6 p.m. It is also our fifth Sunday sing along and after service there will be our ice cream social.

**First United Methodist Church**

"Everybody is Important" is the Rev. Sharon Wiese's sermon topic for this Sunday. Based on Luke 23:39-43, this lesson highlights the fact that God created everybody and he wants everybody at the table. You are too important to be left out of God's family. Services of worship are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with mid-week Bible study and lunch at noon Wednesdays in Garrett Hall.

The Beth Moore Bible Study, "Stepping Up, A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent," is scheduled to begin soon. There will be a Wednesday morning class as well as another scheduled for Tuesday evenings. Contact Joyce Choate 393-5722 or Muffett Bomar 935-5320. Deadline for registering is this weekend.

Our Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. Classes are growing, developing, and expanding horizons. The College Coffee House Ministry is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Spanky's. For more information, contact Brent at the church or e-mail him at youthguybrent@hotmail.com.

Several small groups are now organizing. Check on Character in Family, led by Brent and Amy Williams, Growing Disciples, led by Agustin Ypina, Marriage on the Rock, meeting on Tuesday evenings and new member classes, which will be held Supt. 14 and 28, both led by the Rev. Wiese.

It's First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church**

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church announces the following changes in personnel and worship times.

Jacque Mauch will now be joined by Allen Welch as co-pastor. Allen is beginning his certification studies and will be filling the pulpit two Sundays a month.

Beginning Sept. 7, we will hold Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship will remain at 5.

As host site for the Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring, we are proud to announce a new Senior Box to be added to the September menu. Be sure and check the Big Spring Herald for the September menu.

The church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's offices will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

We begin our monthly pot luck supper and worship time at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone be sure to bring their favorite dishes to share.

Sunday school starts for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. Adults, children and youth are all welcome to come join.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 7, our fall church schedule will include two services, Rite I at 8 a.m. and Rite II at 10:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

**Alive in Christ Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod**

Alive in Christ LCMS met Sunday, Aug. 24 in the Community Center, 306 North Ave. in Coahoma for their first worship service at 9 a.m. The motto chosen is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in Our Lives."

Our pastor for this first worship service was the Rev. Dr. Alan Abel, Lutheran missionary in the Phillipines prior to becoming a surgeon here in Big Spring.

We were blessed to have 46 in attendance at this mission church.

Following worship with Holy Communion and Sunday school afterwards, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings were enjoyed by all. Everyone helped to clean up, then all the volunteer boards met, chose chairmen and made plans for the future.

Next Sunday's church service will be held at the Community Center at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. The Rev. Boyce, retired pastor from Abilene, will be our guest pastor for this occasion.

The Rev. Steve Misch will conduct a demograph-

**Being green is really nothing new**

**G**reen is in! I don't mean the color green but green living. "Recycle" and "repurpose" are the buzz words these days. "Minimize waste" and "maximize energy" are the new mottos. Saving the economy and preserving the ecology are the goals of the green generation.



BONNIE WHEAT

Being green is nothing new. It is an old concept that has been renamed. I was born green. At least I was born into a green family. I toddled into the flour-sack age when a 25-pound bag of flour came in a colorful cloth bag that could be "repurposed" into anything from dish rags to shirts, and the scraps from most of my wardrobe got "recycled" into

quilts for some family member's bed.

Although my parents and grandparents knew nothing about solar energy, they were experts in the water-preservation department. They had a simple, but efficient, system of gutters that caught rain water and channeled it into a cistern to be used later. Sometimes they even caught water in a bucket or a rain barrel.

As a mother whose children wore cloth diapers, I think I have done my share to save the environment. Those stinky, smelly, cloth diapers weren't green, but they were washable, foldable, and reusable. They got "recycled" every day. And although the smell was offensive, cloth diapers didn't harm the environment. It's all those Pampers and Huggies that are filling up our landfills.

I admit that I'm not totally green. I haven't bought any cloth shopping bags to carry my

groceries home, but I do "recycle" my plastic Wal-Mart and H-E-B bags. They're great for lining trash cans. They don't look quite as nice as those sturdy, two-ply plastic trash bags, but I keep my trash can under the cabinet anyway.

Although green may be a new idea for some, it's not new to God. It was his idea in the first place: "And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them; and God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27-28 NASB) All along, God intended for humans to take care of His creation.

Green is good. Green living is responsible living. But I surely do dread the day that some green genius figures out that hanging

ic study of Big Spring and Coahoma prior to meeting with us Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Call for location information. The Rev. Misch has agreed to work with Alive in Christ toward establishment of our church. Texas District LCMS President Ken Hennings has given his approval for this help.

Trustees are hard at work finding land or buildings for sale or rent. "Pay as you Grow" was suggested for our theme.

The Education Board announced that the first Sunday in September will be "Rally Day" with a potluck dinner. There will be games for children and adults. A "useful" White Elephant Bingo and a fish pond were mentioned with the possibility of releasing helium balloons.

The Youth group is making plans for going to "Glory Bound" in Austin.

The Evangelism committee announced the short term goal of 60 in next Sunday's worship service. The long term goal is a community event.

The Stewardship board encouraged making pledges of time, talents and money.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us

in this exciting beginning of our new mission church.

Call 267-2594 for information (after work hours).

**First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring**

August 27, regular Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the youth group met from 6 to 8 p.m. There was no choir practice, but the choir will meet at 6 p.m. next Wednesday.

All women in the church are invited to a Get Acquainted Tea at 11 a.m. in the church parlor Saturday.

Our youth will be ending the summer with One MO Trip, a weekend at MO

Ranch near Hunt this weekend.

Saturday, Sept. 6, women from FPC Big Spring and Coahoma are invited to a lunch, at which Judia Foreman of Midland will share her mission visit to Thailand.

Rally Day, the start-up for Sunday school, will be Sept. 7. Classes will resume at 9:45 a.m.

The lectionary for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28. In addition to the regular offering, we will collect the Noisy Offering, which is used to alleviate hunger.

As part of the worship service, the choir will sing

"There Is a Redeemer" by Melody Green. We welcome Joyce Bronaugh as guest organist Sunday. She will offer "Fantasia on Racine" by Janelle Clark during the offertory, as well as accompanying the choir and congregation with the anthem and hymns. The subject of the Rev. Bronaugh's sermon will be "Keep in Touch," based on Exodus 3:14.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're the warrior. So you pretty much expect to get a few stray slings and arrows now and then. It works in your favor now. You're not at all surprised by the same information that knocks other people off their game.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The fireworks in your personal life make it challenging for you to focus on your work. Be proactive. Let others vent their feelings and you do the same. You have the whole weekend to sort out the details.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). How's your backup plan? Make sure it's a good one because you might have to switch to it for a while. Your plan A will come back into force after you give it a short rest.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your accomplishments might go temporarily underappreciated or

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unacknowledged. And then you get so much credit for something you consider to be extremely minor -- go figure!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Independence is highlighted. You may not know as much as the experts, but you certainly know enough for the job at hand. Your ability to self-start makes for a successful home improvement project, despite its ambitious scope.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know what you like. So it's kind of funny when you discover that there is very little of that spinning around in your world. When did it become less important to please yourself? Well, make it important again.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Is the term "hardworking" synonymous with "boring"? You're not about to find out. You're changing the routine, mixing it up, playing hooky on real life and making sure that there are a lot of laughs along the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best way to rid yourself of listless energy is to, quite literally, make a list. Start by focusing on the experiences you want to have and work backward. A Virgo can help.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Slow down. You need time to yourself to do nothing but listen to the sound of your own breath. Even it's only 15 minutes of this kind of down time, that will be enough to remember who you are.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're curious

about others. You'll be talking to people you normally wouldn't think to engage in conversation. What springs out of the exchange takes you to a new, refreshing place.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Enroll a skilled pro to help you in areas you know little about. Listening to sage advice puts you on a direct path to prosperity. Of course, you only arrive there if you actually act on the advice.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're thinking in terms of your daily habits. It's the small actions that affect you hugely. Changing even one habit takes incredible self-discipline, which you have now.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Someone special sees only beauty in you and through their eyes you see it, too. **TAURUS:** You can give a loved one what they need, but it's a lot easier to teach them how to do it for themselves.

**GEMINI:** The weekend's frisky planets implore you to work less, play more. **CANCER:** The heart may know no distance, but a change of scenery absolutely enlivens it.

**LEO:** Put a new twist on a person or thing you once cherished, and what's old becomes new again. **VIRGO:** You take the lead in a partnership and they're carried along by the newfound spring in your step. **LIBRA:** Love interests see only your effortless polish, but only you know how hard you work to

look this good. **SCORPIO:** If you're curious about what's really up with a person, privately pull them aside and ask. **SAGITTARIUS:** You plan for the future by embodying it. A treasured friend is featured in this vision.

**CAPRICORN:** When socializing this weekend, you're fabulous solo, but you're absolutely stunning as a pair. **AQUARIUS:** As wanderlust kicks up travel ideas, romance follows close behind. **PISCES:** Find the positive intention behind a partner's criticism. They're trying to help.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Whether shopping for CDs or romance, Libra's refined sensitivity for all things beautiful and lovely meshes nicely with Cancer's own. On matters of taste, they always agree; on issues of personal merit, they often don't.

The peace-loving cardinal signs must work on placing equal value on independent thought and action (even when the other disagrees) as they do on creating a copasetic coupling.

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**Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I was absolutely appalled by the letter from "Not an Enabler," the pharmacist's wife who said, "If an adult is hungry, homeless or uninsured in this country, they have made a conscious decision to remain so." There are many reasons why people need help. Some may be disabled or mentally ill, which prevents them from working, or they simply cannot afford the premiums. Not everyone is equally successful or



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

healthy. Many homeless people have suffered from domestic violence and mental illness, and a good number are veterans who have served our country. -- Ohio Social Worker

Dear Ohio: We're with you. That letter certainly hit a sore spot. Here's a sampling of the more printable responses:  
From Texas: You're a typical liberal destroying America. God helps those who help themselves.

Chicago: I am a 36-year-old woman who has had brain cancer. I was insured, but the stress of my illness caused my husband to divorce me and I lost my coverage. I couldn't afford COBRA at \$21,600 per year. For 18 months, I went through all the proper steps to get onto my state plan, only to be told I needed to speak with someone else in a different program. I'm still waiting.

South Carolina: No one told the single mother to bear the child. Yes, it could have been a child of rape, but she had options before giving birth. Struggling is good for the soul.

Colorado: I am a mother of three kids. My husband works full time, but his job doesn't offer insurance and we make too much to get help from the system. This government is really not working for families.

Iowa: Last summer, my 61-year-old mother was laid off from her job and left with no health insurance after her COBRA

ran out. Then this lifelong hardworking mother of four was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and bladder cancer and was denied private insurance. I resent "Not an Enabler" implying that my mother would take advantage of the government. I hope she never sees her husband or children fall on hard times. Maybe her husband could fill a prescription: Take two teaspoons of honey per day to sweeten up your disposition. Possible side effect: May cause you to lose the bitter taste in your mouth.

New York: After taxes and insurance, my income last year was less than \$24,000. I also work two part-time jobs at night and on weekends. But I don't dare do without insurance. One of my kids is a survivor of childhood cancer and another was hospitalized due to an illness that could flare up again. Two months ago, I finally paid off the last of the medical bills. The kids are now on school insurance.

North Carolina: I am a middle-aged woman with a middle-class income and two college degrees. My husband is self-employed so I carry him on my insurance. I recently changed jobs and had to pay for our health insurance for several months. The bill ate up half my pay. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see that a single parent or a couple whose employers don't offer insurance might have a tough time.

St. Louis: I'm 20 years old, going to college, paying all my expenses and simply cannot afford health insurance. Well, I could if I stopped eating, but I'm not planning on it.

Kansas: My husband was laid off at age 57. He was too old to get a job and too young for social security. We now have expensive insurance with a \$2,500 deductible,

renewing every six months. I was turned down by several companies because of a pre-existing condition that requires medication. And forget about tests like a colonoscopy that may save our lives.

North Carolina: I read this letter after being denied benefits and with mounting medical bills from an on-the-job injury that caused my termination. I was told to seek help from religious organizations. All this after paying taxes since age 14.

Dear Annie: I was recently diagnosed with the Epstein-Barr virus, which is a form of herpes. It is also connected to mononucleosis. The doctor made it sound like no big deal, even though he told me there is no cure. All he could recommend was to eat healthy, exercise and rest. I figured once we found out why I was constantly exhausted, I could get treatment. I was wrong. I feel so frustrated.

Do you have any more information on this virus? I have a wonderful husband and three beautiful children who need me. -- Tired of Being Tired

Dear Tired: While infectious mononucleosis tends to clear up on its own, the Epstein-Barr virus stays dormant in the system. It is actually quite common. Symptoms of infection can include a sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, persistent fever and fatigue. Unfortunately, there currently is no specific treatment beyond your doctor's recommendations. However, we suggest you contact the Chronic Epstein-Barr Virus Foundation at cebv.org for more information and the emotional support of others who suffer from the same diagnosis.

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

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## CHURCH

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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 Explosion!" with pizza and fellowship and Biblical messages addressing hot topics in the Salt Shaker.

Kids, "God Wants You! Bible Boot Camp Army of the Lord" is ending and certificates to each child will be received Wednesday.

Our Back to School and Caravan Party will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Parents are encouraged to come with their children to register them. Caravan is our midweek scouting ministry that teaches lessons that begin building towers of truth in our children's

lives.

Our children meet the second through fifth Sundays for their own service at 10 p.m. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 14, the children will begin participating in Discipleship Junction.

Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2 p.m.

Please call our church office for details or any questions at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

**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 share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The Session will have its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 4, at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

Please mark your calendars for the next Frolic on Saturday, Sept. 13, for an evening of shared talent and fellowship. The entire community is invited.

The lectionary for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 3:1-15;

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

**First Baptist Church, Coahoma**

The First Baptist Church in Coahoma would like to invite everyone to join us for a great time of worship, fellowship and inspiration this Sunday. Our day will begin with small group Bible studies for all ages at 9:45 a.m., followed by our worship service at 11 a.m. It will be our privilege to host Billy Don Fishback, who will be singing in our services this week.

Following our morning worship service we will celebrate an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds. Then we will again be blessed by Bro. Fishback as he shares the gospel in a musical concert at 2 p.m.

For more information, call (432) 394-4056 or come and see us at 201 South Ave. in Coahoma.

**Chapel of Faith**

If you want to learn more about God's love for each of us through the stories of the Bible, you are invited to attend Chapel of Faith worship services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Joel

Miller brings a Bible-based message each week and shows how God's love and protection relates to our current time.

This week's message is "Alive, Not Dead," taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:12-20. Services are informal and start with a time of fellowship shortly before 10:30. So come early and enjoy visiting, along with coffee and cookies.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 4, The members of Chapel of Faith will prepare and serve stew, cornbread and desserts. Everyone is invited. Serving will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Gateway Baptist Church**

This Sunday immediately after the morning worship service we are having a lunch, followed by an old fashioned fifth Sunday singing.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. with worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. with food and fellowship followed by devotion and prayer time.

Gateway is located at 2305 Gatesville St. You can find the church on north I-20 and east of the Snyder

Highway.

For more information or to ask directions, call pastor Jim Mills at 263-4883 or 264-1565.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek service is at 7 p.m./ Wednesday.

Children's Church is during the Sunday morn-

ing service for ages 3-12. For a ride to any of our services, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane and we welcome all visitors wanting to find a church to worship in.

Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m. we will go to the city pool for a Labor Day Fellowship.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## Club News

**TOPS TX No. 21**

TOPS TX No. 21 met Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad.

Laura Sickles conducted the meeting with nine TOPS and two KOPS present. She led the group in the TOPS cheer. TOPS pledge was led by Frank Sickles and Ethel Cassady led the KOPS pledge. All members then sang the welcome song.

The roll call was led by Hughetta Roberts. TOPS members lost seven pounds with two turtles and all KOPS were in the leeway. Frank Sickles showed to be the best loser of the week and best loser for August.

During the business portion of the meeting, member learned about pertinent information pertaining to awards to be presented at A.R.D. in September at the Midland Golf Course Church of Christ. That information has been prepared and sent to the TOPS coordinator.

Carol Smith presented a motion to have members bring and share readings about humor, weight management and loss

and items of interest to help members become encouraged or motivated in their weight loss or control. The motion was voted and passed by all members.

Two readings were presented: Olnee Menges presented "Six Tricks to Curb Your Craving," and Frank Sickles presented a humorous reading, "The Computer Swallowed Grandma."

The next program was "Water, A Vital Aid To Weight Loss." Eight glasses is the most important catalyst for healthy weight loss. Increased water will help reduce the fat stored in the body. Water helps the liver process and rids the body of stored and unneeded fats.

Laura Sickles called for the TOPS closing song and then adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about TOPS rules or membership, contact Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 432-263-6819. Visitors are welcome. Weigh-in begins at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church.

There will be no meeting on Monday in celebration

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# SWEETWATER DEALER SHOCKS COMMUNITY

**\$29 DOWN AND \$99 PER MONTH\* PRICING EVENT WILL GO ON THIS WED. - SAT., AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup>*****Due to the Overwhelming Response, Innovative Car Buying Program Will Continue  
Despite Local Competitors' Attempts to Pressure Dealer to Discontinue Event***

**SWEETWATER, TX – Mr. David Cochran, General Manager of Stanley Ford Mercury of Sweetwater,** announced today that he is planning another hugely successful "Insider" pricing event Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, regardless of any attempt by local competitors to pressure him to suspend the program. He began running this program periodically over the past few months and stunned a number of his competitors.

The program, also known as the "National Automotive 'Insider' Sales Event," has been conducted at dealerships throughout the United States. The customers who have participated in this unique sales event have been raving about the tremendous deals they have received and can't get over the fact that they have been able to buy new and pre-owned vehicles for only \$29 down and \$99 per month\*.

The next event scheduled at **Stanley Ford Mercury of Sweetwater** will be held this **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Cochran offers a simple explanation as to why these innovative events will continue, "Dealers today are facing stiff competition and, as one of the leading and innovative dealers in the area, we're committed

to turning over our inventory of new and pre-owned vehicles every month, as quickly as possible. Every day we receive pristine lease turns, factory-program cars, recent trade-ins, new vehicle duplications and bank repossessions. By aggres-

sively discounting these vehicles, we easily beat the competition on

a regular basis." He adds, "Rather than have them sit on our lot unsold and then be forced to sell them to wholesalers or strangers at auctions, we've begun taking a new approach — we're offering them at drastically discounted prices direct to the general public." During this upcoming event, vehicles will be clearly marked and sold for as low as \$29 down and just \$99 per month\*. Every effort will be made to secure credit approval for those who may have had credit problems in the past.

According to Cochran, "The selection of vehicles we now have to choose from is the best it's been in recent weeks. Many are late model vehicles with low mileage and the balance of their factory warranty remaining."

There will be many makes and models to choose from including Ford, Mercury, Cadillac, Hummer, Buick, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Chrysler, Dodge, Hyundai, Honda, Nissan and Kia. An abundance of SUVs will also be featured including Explorer,

Escape, Escalade, SRX, Rio, Tahoe, Rav-4, Jeep and more.

For auto shoppers looking for a very low monthly payment, there will be many choices including a 2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT with automatic transmission and only 85,000 miles for just \$29 down and \$99 per month.\* Sample payments will be clearly marked on vehicles. Simply pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that easy.

Cochran cites another example, a 2001 Ford Focus, 4-cylinder with automatic transmission for only \$29 down and \$99 per month.\* We'll even pay off your trade regardless of any balance due<sup>1</sup>. This is an unbelievable opportunity to buy a car, truck, minivan, or sport utility vehicle for just twenty-nine\* dollars down!

Loan processing and finance representatives will be on-site during

this event to ensure prompt credit approval and same-day delivery of all sold vehicles.

Cochran would like to remind customers that the event is first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you really want.

The exclusive site for this event is **Stanley Ford Mercury of Sweetwater**, located at 800 Northwest Georgia Avenue for 4 days only:

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am-8:00pm

Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am-8:00pm

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am-8:00pm

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
9am-5pm

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**www.stanleyfordmercury.com**

\*\$29 denotes down payment, subject to lender approval, and creditworthiness. Exact rate and term vary by vehicle. All taxes, title, license and fees are extra. Examples: 1) 2002 Ford Explorer, stk#6077A, \$29 down, \$99 per month for 60 months @ 10%APR. Sale price \$4641. 2) 2001 Ford Focus, stk#6103B, \$29 down, \$99 per month for 60 months @ 14%APR. Sale price \$4000.

<sup>1</sup>Any negative equity will be added to new loan.

All vehicles subject to prior sale.

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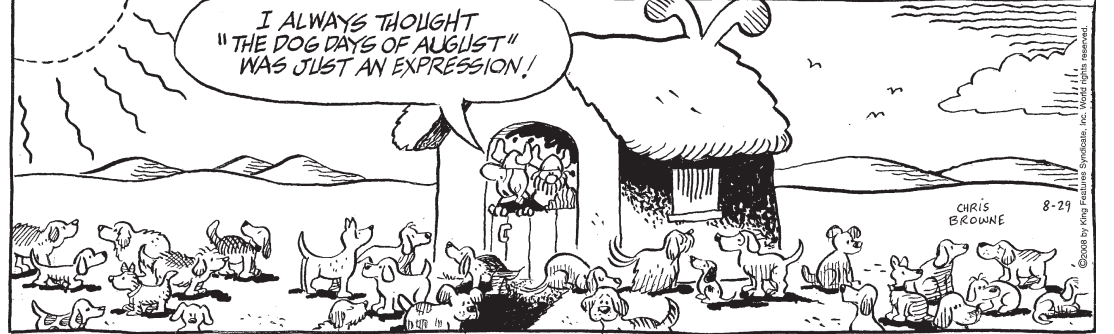
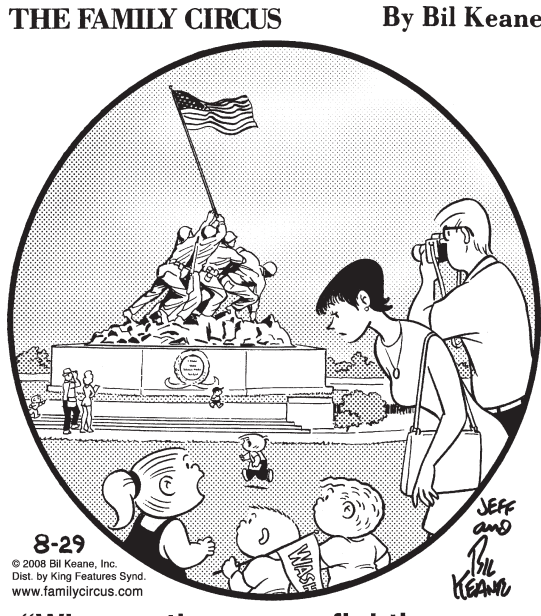
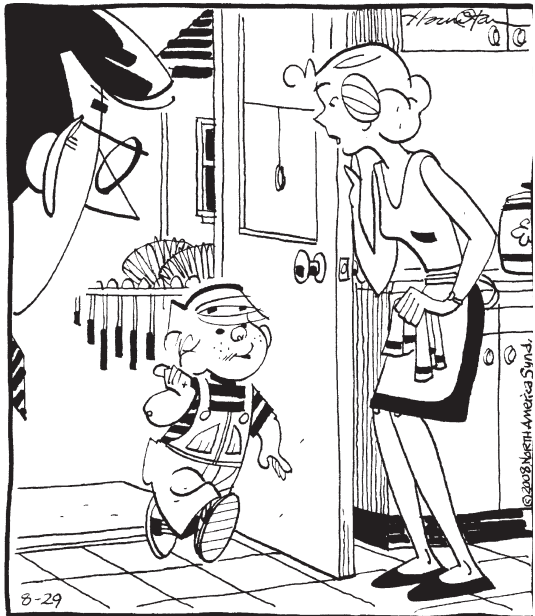
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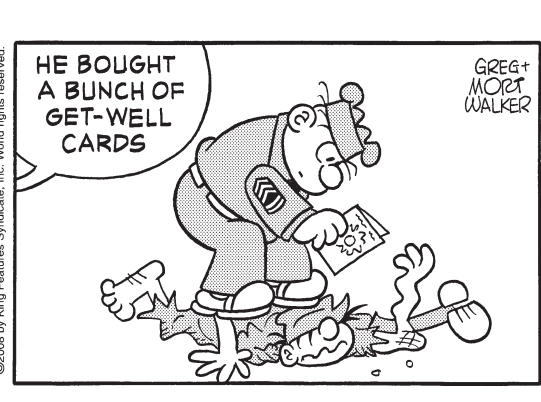
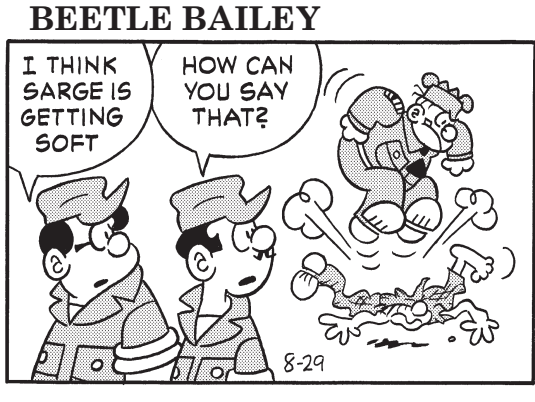
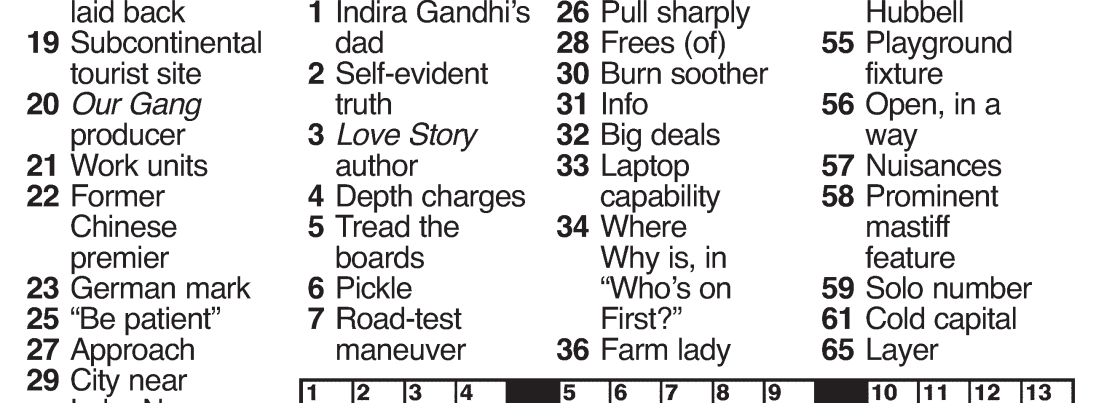
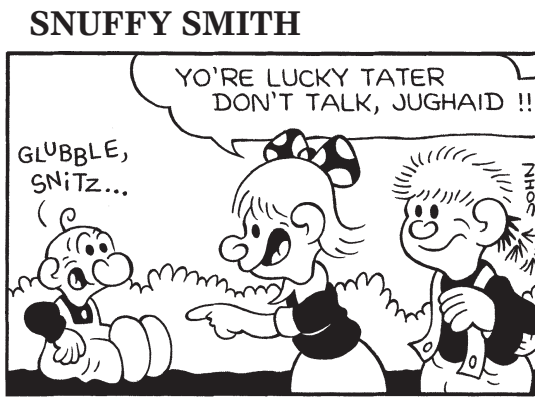
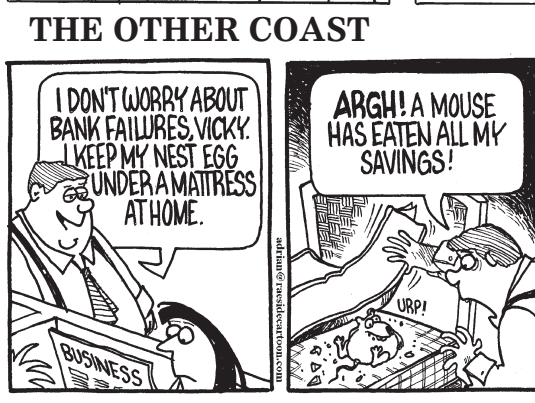
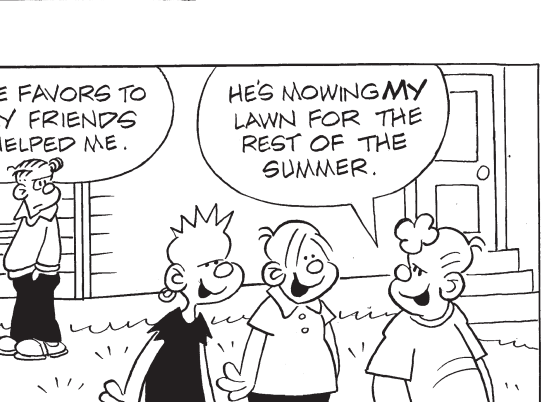
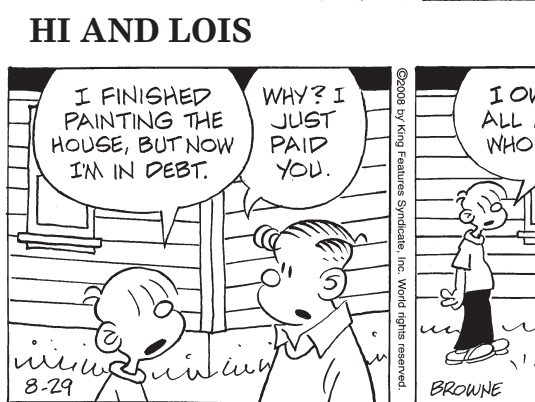
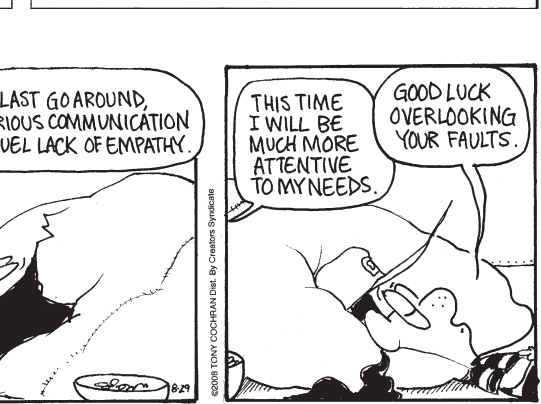
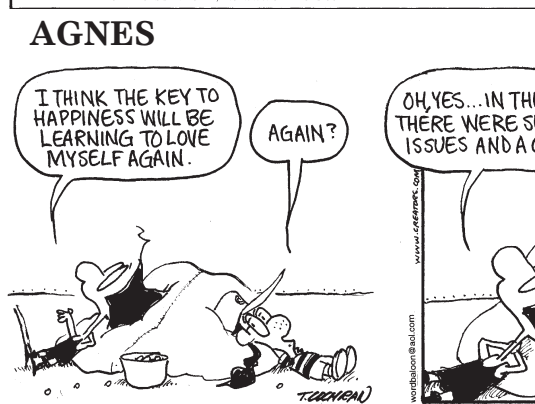
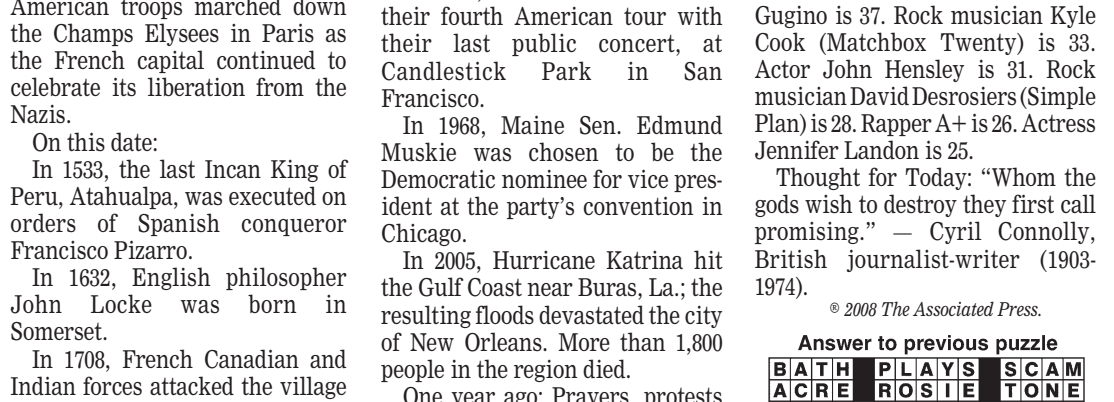
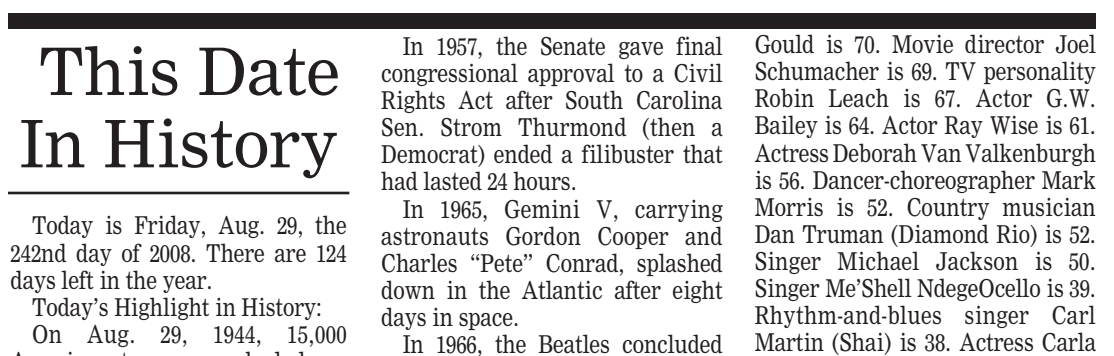
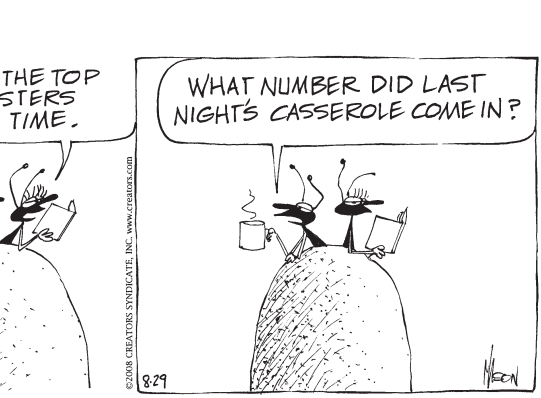
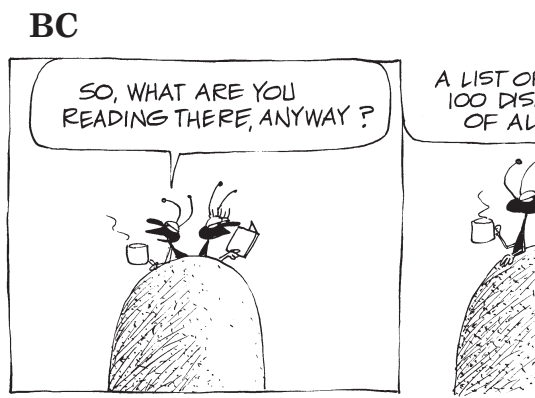
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"SORRY I'M LATE. I WAS TALKIN' TO MRS. WILSON, AN' SHE COULDN'T STOP LISTENIN'!"

"Why are those men fighting over that flag?"



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 29, the 242nd day of 2008. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

On this date: In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1708, French Canadian and Indian forces attacked the village of Haverhill, Mass., killing 16 settlers.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City at age 76.

In 1943, responding to a clamp-down by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1965, Gemini V, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles "Pete" Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1968, Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie was chosen to be the Democratic nominee for vice president at the party's convention in Chicago.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La.; the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

One year ago: Prayers, protests and a lingering disgust with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary in New Orleans.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Lord Richard Attenborough is 85. Movie director William Friedkin is 73. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 72. Actor Elliott

Gould is 70. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 69. TV personality Robin Leach is 67. Actor G.W. Bailey is 64. Actor Ray Wise is 61. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 56. Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 52. Country musician Dan Truman (Diamond Rio) is 52. Singer Michael Jackson is 50. Singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Martin (Shai) is 38. Actress Carla Gugino is 37. Rock musician Kyle Cook (Matchbox Twenty) is 33. Actor John Hensley is 31. Rock musician David Desrosiers (Simple Plan) is 28. Rapper A+ is 26. Actress Jennifer Landon is 25.

Thought for Today: "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising." — Cyril Connolly, British journalist-writer (1903-1974).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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