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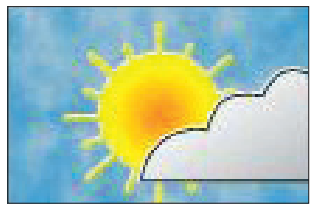


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U.S. to sign U.N. gay rights declaration

By **MATTHEW LEE**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration will endorse a U.N. declaration calling for the worldwide decriminalization of homosexuality that then-President George W. Bush had refused to sign, The Associated Press has learned.



AP photo
Barak Obama

U.S. officials said Tuesday they had notified the declaration's French sponsors that the administration wants to be added as a supporter.

The Bush administration was criticized in December when it was the only western government that refused to sign on.

The move was made after an inter-agency review of the Bush administration's position on the nonbinding document, which was signed by all 27 European Union members as well as Japan, Australia, Mexico and three dozen other countries, the officials said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Congress was still being notified of the decision. They said the administration had decided to sign the declaration to demonstrate that the United States supports human rights for all.

"The United States is an outspoken defender of human rights and critic of human rights abuses around the world," said one official.

"As such, we join with the other supporters of this statement and we will continue to remind countries of the importance of respecting the human rights of all people in all appropriate international fora," the official said.

The official added that the United States was concerned about "violence and human rights abuses against gay, lesbian, transsexual and bisexual individuals" and was also "troubled by the criminalization of sexual orientation

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HIGHWAY ADOPTION



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Pat Simmons of Keep Big Spring Beautiful watches as a Texas Department of Transportation worker puts the finishing touches on a sign announcing a stretch of FM 700 as an adopt-a-spot for KBSB. Simmons said the group will be responsible for a two-mile portion of FM 700 from Business 20 to Wasson Road.

Austin bound

Reservations for bus are due Thursday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Time is running out for Crossroads residents hoping to catch the chartered bus to Austin for Big Spring Day in Austin, according to local officials, with Thursday the last day to sign up.



Darden

Teresa Darden, executive assistant for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, said sign ups have been fairly slow the last few weeks.

"The buses we have chartered are about half full right now, so we're hoping to get a few more people signed up to go before the 5 p.m. deadline Thursday," said Darden. "When we announced last week we were extending the deadline, I had hoped we would get a lot more people in, but it's been pretty slow."

Darden said there are currently 200 people — including students with the Howard County Choir — signed up to make the trip, which is slated for March 25.

"We're down in numbers a little compared to years past, but it's nothing drastic," said

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Rattlesnake Roundup to strike again following a short hiatus

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The rattle is back.

After a one-year absence, the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup will return to the Howard County Fair barns March 27-28.

The event, sponsored by the local American Business Club, took a year off in 2008 because the dates conflicted with the Easter holiday.

"That's just not a good time to hold a rattlesnake roundup," said Dennis Burns, a coordinator for the event. Despite the one-year sabbatical, interest in the event remains high, Burns added.

"A lot of people have been asking about it," he said. "And we've gotten a lot of response from hunters. People seem to understand why we didn't have one last year."

The 45th roundup will begin with weigh-in of snakes at 1 p.m. March 27.

Public times will be from 10 a.m.

"We teach people what to do and what not to do and how to behave around the snakes."

—Dennis Burns,
AMBUCS member and event coordinator

until 6 p.m. March 28 and noon until 4 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 to 11.

This year's roundup will feature many of the same attractions as past events, including handling and milking demonstrations, snake races and vendors.

Fried rattlesnake, which is said to taste remarkably like chicken, also will be for sale.

Another major attraction at past events, professional snake handler

Jackie Bibby, also will be back again this year, Burns said.

The event is a hard one to describe to someone who's never seen a rattlesnake roundup, Burns said.

"I usually just tell them to come out and see it," he said. "It's really more educational than anything. We teach people what to do and what not to do and how to behave around the snakes."

Extracting venom from the snakes also has a medical benefit, he added.

"Almost all heart attack and stroke medicine has its roots in rattlesnake venom," Burns said. Venom collected at this year's event will be sold to BioTech, a medical firm, for further research.

For more information on the roundup, contact Burns at 270-3409.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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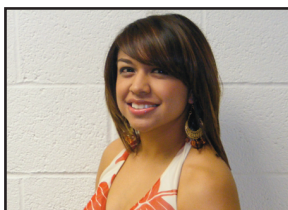
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Lady Steers drop district opener to rival Frenship

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Gremlins — and the Frenship Lady Tigers — proved too much for the Big Spring Lady Steers to handle here Tuesday.

Five errors and eight unearned runs proved the difference as Frenship posted an 11-4 victory over the Lady Steers in the District 4-4A softball opener for both teams.

Big Spring jumped out to an early 4-1 lead but defensive miscues allowed Frenship to take control.

“It was a tough loss, especially to start district play with,” said BSHS Head Coach John Sparks. “We’re just as good as Frenship — I honestly believe that. We just have to learn from this and know that we can play with these people.”

The Lady Steers did all their damage in the early going, posting a pair of runs in the first and second innings. Leading the way offensively for Big Spring was third baseman Jillian Valle, who had a pair of hits and scored twice.

Having gained the advantage, however, the Lady Steers were unable to maintain it as Frenship clawed to within one of the lead with a pair of runs in the third inning before retaking the lead for good in the fifth.

The Lady Tigers rapped out six hits in the decisive frame, but they were also the beneficiaries of a pair of costly Big Spring errors. Frenship plated seven runs — all but two unearned — to take a 10-4 lead and coasted home from there to take the victory.

Hope Baker relieved Frenship starter Kenvi Carnell in the second inning and held Big Spring scoreless the rest of the way to earn the victory. Kenzie Hunt took the loss for Big Spring, giving up four earned runs on 10 hits while striking out four and walking three.

The Lady Steers return to action Friday at home against Hobbs, N.M.

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Newton leads CHS over Abilene Wylie

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — For the second time this softball season, Coahoma Bulldogettes pitcher Heather Newton dominated Abilene Wylie.

Newton struck out 14 batters in a 9-1 win over Wylie Tuesday in Abilene. Earlier this season in a tournament game, Newton struck out 14 Lady Bulldogs in a 6-1 victory.

The Bulldogettes went down 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning after Wylie scored an unearned run. Coahoma’s bats started waking up in the fourth, taking a 2-1 lead and later put the game out of reach with a six-run seventh inning.

Leading Coahoma at the plate was Breanna Conner, who went 2 for 3 with three RBI. Joanna Gonzales was 3 for 4, scoring three runs and knocking another in. Kalea Neff had 2 RBI as part of a 2 for 4 night.

Newton’s record improves to 8-1 this season and has picked up a win in seven straight decisions.

Coahoma begins district play at 6:30 p.m. Friday, hosting Grape Creek.

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Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Henderson and Clay. W — Newton. L — Henderson. 2B: CHS — Newton, Jennifer Castilaw, Breanna Conner. RBI: CHS — Conner 3, Kalea Neff 2, Castilaw, Joanna Gonzales, Shelbi Paige.

Check www.bigspringherald.com frequently for updates on local sports action from around the Crossroads area.

BSHS dominates Brownfield, 14-4

Herald Staff Report

BROWNFIELD — Just a week away from starting District 4-4A play, the Big Spring Steers baseball team put together its most dominant performance of the season.

Big Spring registered 20 hits in a 14-4 win over Brownfield Tuesday. Every starter for Big Spring had at least one hit in a game called

after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The Steers opened up a 4-0 lead heading into the bottom of the third inning. Brownfield tied the score with a run in the third and three more in the fourth.

The Steers found their timing at the plate, scoring 10 runs in the fifth and sixth innings combined.

Cade Hollandsworth picked up

the win for Big Spring, pitching six innings and allowing four runs — two earned — on two hits and six walks, while striking out eight Brownfield batters.

The Steers host to Monahans at 6:30 p.m. Friday. They start district play at 7 p.m. Tuesday with a road game against Plainview.

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Hawks falter at NJCAA, drop opener to Kaskaskia

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SALINA, Kan. — Howard College’s women’s basketball team is grateful to be at the NJCAA National Tournament, but the Hawks aren’t exactly satisfied, either.

This is why Tuesday’s 61-55 loss to the 11th-seeded Kaskaskia College (Ill.) Blue Angels in the first round of the tournament is disappointing.

Adding to the letdown is the way Howard opened the game, leading by as many as 18 points in the first half.

“Without question, this is a game that got away from us,” said Howard coach Earl Diddle. “Early in the game, we were up 12-0 and I was sitting there thinking we should be ahead 24-0. We missed some wonderful opportunities early and the next thing you know Kaskaskia is coming back.”

Howard, which is a sixth seed in the tournament field of 16, scored the first 12 points of the contest. Kaskaskia didn’t make its first basket until almost eight minutes had elapsed from the game clock, when Keianna Harris connected with a jumper in the lane.

The Hawks’ lead ballooned to 18 points by the 9:03 mark, 23-5, and stayed in double digits until there was 3:22 to play in the first half.

Kaskaskia’s run started at the 3:57 mark. Down 28-13, the Blue Angels outscored the Hawks, 14-5, in the final four minutes of the first half, trimming what was once an 18-point advantage to six, 33-27.

“They were a tough group,” said Diddle. “They got some

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College’s Danielle Cota (22) shoots over Kaskaskia College (Ill.) guard Erica Lewis in the first round of the NJCAA National Tournament Tuesday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan. The Hawks fell to Kaskaskia, 61-55, moving into the consolation bracket. They play Vincennes University (Ind.) at 4 p.m. today.

Forsan falls to Miles, beats Loraine

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — Forsan played two district baseball games in two days Monday and Tuesday and came out of the consecutive games with a win and a loss.

The Buffs fell to Miles Monday, 5-2, but rebounded to smash Loraine Tuesday, 19-0.

Dylan Lowery took the loss against Miles, allowing five runs on four hits and three walks, while striking out three batters. Two of Miles’ four hits were home runs.

Both of Forsan’s runs came off

the bat of Jake Rhoton, who tied the game at two with a single that scored Michael Mims and Ryan Flores.

Tuesday’s win went to Rey Martinez as he gave up just three hits in three innings pitched. Payton Parker finished the game, relieving Martinez in the fourth inning and pitching the final two frames. Parker surrendered just one hit and struck out three batters.

Foster Burchett shined at the plate with a triple and four RBI.

Evan Burton and Patrick Robles each had two RBI.

The Buffs scored at least three runs in each of the four innings they went to the plate, including nine in the second. The game was called after the top of the fifth due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Forsan is now 2-1 in district play and travels to Winters at 5 p.m. Friday.

The Forsan softball team was in action Tuesday, playing host to Eldorado, but results were not available as of press time.

Sports in brief

Moss Creek hosting ATV and side-by-side races

The Texas Crossroads Racing Circuit is having an event hosted by Moss Creek Lake Sunday.

Events feature a variety of ATV and side-by-side vehicles.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the first races taking place at 8 a.m. A required \$15 for TCRC

membership will be charged along with entrance fees for each individual race.

For more information or directions to to event, visit www.texasrcr.net.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble April 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-per-

son scramble tournament April 4-5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course April 4 and practice rounds the day before.

Field will be flighted by first round score with number of flights determined by entries.

Obituaries

John E. Gibbs

John E. Gibbs, 75, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, March 8, 2009, in a Memphis, Tenn., hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in May, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the funeral home.

He was born June 2, 1933, in May and married Judy Word Aug. 25, 1962, in Midland.

He attended Texas A&M University and served in the U.S. Army in Germany in the early 1950s. He worked more than 40 years for Mobil Oil Corporation in the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico oil fields. He had resided in Big Spring for more than 25 years. He moved to Memphis, Tenn., to stay close to his grandchildren.

He was a member of the Salem Baptist Church. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, James "Chuck" and Lindie Gibbs of Brighton, Tenn.; his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Sylvia Gibbs; a nephew; niece; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; and his eldest brother and sister-in-law, James Hugh and Patsy Gibbs.

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

Police blotter

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

- DENNIS WAYNE BOSWELL, 37, of 1425 E. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
- GINNIFER ROSSANN BOSWELL, 28, of 1425 E. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams.
- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON was reported in the 2500 block of Allbrook.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHRIS CATALAN, 18, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - ANNA NICKLE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief.
 - SHERRY LYNN DRIGGER JOHNSON, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - RUSSELL WAYNE CLAY, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).
 - MARLA DEANNE LAUDAN, 40, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
 - MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
 - COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of expired driver's license, speeding – 79 MPH in a 65 MPH and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
 - PATRICK RIOS, 19, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
 - RONALD ELLISON, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Allbrook. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4800 block of Parkway. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.




Support Groups

- 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 Note

- Michael Quinn Sullivan will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the West Texas Pachyderms, set for 7 p.m. this evening in Howard College's Hall Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact Melanie Gambrell at 267-7387.
- Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Your Local Weather

Thu 3/19	Fri 3/20	Sat 3/21
		
70/49	78/49	74/53
Partly cloudy. High near 70F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- 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.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 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

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's Mega Millions drawing were: nine, 15, 24, 28 and 31. The Mega Ball number was 17.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-29-18-7-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,845. Winning ticket purchased in: Rockwall.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-6-9. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-7. Sum It Up: 17.

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Channing Martin, a senior at Big Spring High School, has been named Rotary Student of the Month for January. She will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall, majoring in business with a minor in communications. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a Student Council officer. She is also a member of the Principal's Leadership Program and Interact. She has been a volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital, the Big Spring Chalet Shop, Keep Big Spring Beautiful Trash-Off, and Trick or Treat for the Humane Society. Channing is a member of The First United Methodist Church. Pictured from left are BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club President Dr. Keith Graumann, Rotary Student of the Month Channing Martin, and Channing's parents, Johnny and Karen Martin.



Colorado gas pump explodes in flames, killing 1

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A convenience store gasoline pump caught fire and exploded Tuesday, killing a woman and injuring at least one other person, police said.

Witnesses told The Gazette newspaper the pump caught

fire after it was hit by a pickup that had in turn been struck by an SUV. Police said the incident was under investigation.

The woman was pumping gas when the fire erupted, and she was trapped between the pump and a minivan,

witnesses said.

"She was standing there screaming 'Help me! Help me! I'm going to die,'" Greg Alderman told The Gazette.

Police Lt. Dave Whitlock identified the woman who was killed as 18-year-old Whitney Hendrickson of Colorado

Springs.

The SUV driver, 29-year-old Kelli Renae McKay of Colorado Springs, was treated at Memorial Hospital for bruises. She was cited for suspicion of careless driving involving a death, a misdemeanor, Whitlock said.

A passenger in the minivan was unharmed as was the driver of the pickup.

Alderman, who works across the street from the 7-Eleven store where the explosion occurred, said he tried to get to the woman but the heat was too intense.

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in many countries."

"In the words of the United States Supreme Court, the right to be free from criminalization on the basis of sexual orientation 'has been accepted as an integral part of human freedom,'" the official said.

Gay rights and other

groups had criticized the Bush administration when it refused to sign the declaration when it was presented at the United Nations on Dec. 19. U.S. officials said then that the U.S. opposed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation but that parts of the declaration raised legal questions that needed further review.

According to nego-

tiators, the Bush team had concerns that those parts could commit the federal government on matters that fall under state jurisdiction. In some states, landlords and private employers are allowed to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation; on the federal level, gays are not allowed to serve openly in the military.

It was not immediately clear on Tuesday how

the Obama administration had come to a different conclusion.

When it was voted on in December, 66 of the U.N.'s 192 member countries signed the declaration — which backers called a historic step to push the General Assembly to deal more forthrightly with anti-gay discrimination.

But 70 U.N. members outlaw homosexuality — and in several, ho-

mosexual acts can be punished by execution. More than 50 nations, including members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, opposed the declaration.

Some Islamic countries said at the time that protecting sexual orientation could lead to "the social normalization and possibly the legalization of deplorable acts" such as pedophilia and incest.

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Darden. "I'm not really sure why. I suppose with money so tight these days there are people who want to go but simply can't afford the cost."

Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said the deadline only pertains to those wishing to take advantage of the chartered buses and catered lunch, but he's hoping everyone who plans to go will sign up with their office before they go.

"We're asking everyone to register at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, regardless of how they are getting there or when they are

leaving," said Wegman. "For those planning to take advantage of the bus we have chartered, we'll be leaving from the east parking lot at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 4:30 a.m.

"It's \$40 to take the bus, and that included transportation to and from the capitol and a box lunch while we're there. The deadline to pay for a bus ticket or order a box lunch is Thursday. If you're not taking the bus but want to have a box lunch waiting for you, it's \$9. The Thursday deadline also pertains to the box lunches.

"Food and drinks on the bus will be the responsibility of those traveling, and on the way back we'll be stopping off at Coopers Bar-

becue, which will be Dutch treat. We expect to arrive back at Howard College at approximately 11 p.m."

Wegman said the time at the State Capitol will be well spent, featuring a number of events to help highlight Big Spring and Howard County.

"They will read the resolution on the floor of the House and Senate proclaiming March 25 Big Spring Day in Austin," said Wegman. "Also, students from the Howard County School Choir — made up of students from several different schools in the area — will perform in

the Rotunda. We'll have a box lunch on the East Grounds of the Capitol, as well as have a Coke and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception, followed by a group photo on the Capitol steps."

Residents planning to attend are being asked to follow a dress code while in the capitol, Wegman said.

"We're asking everyone to wear a Big Spring shirt and khaki pants or skirt," said Wegman.

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OUR VIEW

Symphony will close season with a change

Something new will be in store for the audience as the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra wraps up its 2008-2009 season Saturday night in the Big Spring High School auditorium.

Titled "The Bard and the Balladeer," the concert will feature cowboy music and poetry, including performances by guests Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell.

While one doesn't normally think of cowboy music and symphony orchestras together, Dr. Keith Graumann says those who attend Saturday's performance, set for 8 p.m., will think differently after the show.

"Don Edwards is an old farmhand, who sings cowboy songs and has a beautiful voice," Graumann said. "And he's written a number of the songs himself that work extremely well with the lush sounds of the orchestra.

"Waddie Mitchell is perhaps the best-known cowboy poet in the country," Graumann added. "He's won numerous awards and he's very funny."

Both Edwards and Mitchell performed here several years ago and were well received by the audience, Graumann said.

The performance of the Aaron Copland piece "Hoe-Down" will open the show and following the two guest performers' work, the orchestra will close the show with several works including "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "West of Yesterday" and "Santa Rosa Serenade."

Tickets will be available at the door. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. For more information, call 264-7223.

We hope you'll take advantage of what promises to be an extremely entertaining and fun-filled evening with the Big Spring Symphony.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we start anything of vital importance with You, Lord.

Amen

Obama: Both sides now

How the tables have turned. In September 2008, when GOP presidential nominee John McCain said "the fundamentals of our economy are strong," unemployment was 6.1 percent, the credit crunch had yet to reach the point that prompted President George W. Bush to propose a bailout, and Team Obama proclaimed that an out-of-touch McCain "just doesn't get it" on the economy.

Now with unemployment at 8.1 percent, the \$700 billion-plus Bush bailout has been followed by the \$787 billion Obama stimulus package, and some D.C. Democrats already are arguing for another stimulus package because the first Obama stimulus bill didn't do the trick. Yet top Obama economic adviser Christina Romer told "Meet the Press" on Sunday, "Of course, the fundamentals (of the U.S. economy) are sound in the sense that the American workers are sound, we have a good capital stock, we have good technology." (Those qualifying statements sound a lot like the McCain explanation for his positive diagnosis of the economy — "that the workers of America are the fundamentals of the economy.")

President Obama himself said last week, "If we are keeping

focused on all the fundamentally sound aspects of our economy ... then we're going to get through this."

If Obama is confident about the soundness of the U.S. economy, does that mean he "just doesn't get it?" No, it means that he is president. Now he has to pay the political price for incessant bad-mouthing of the U.S. economy. Now he has to prop up the very system at which he had been sniping for years.

And I do mean years. Of course Obama spent 2007 and 2008 talking down the economy — he was running in a Democratic primary. But as far back as 2002, before he became a senator, Obama suggested that Bush was waging war against Saddam Hussein "to distract us from corporate scandals and a stock market that has just gone through the worst month since the Great Depression." Factually, Obama was incorrect.

There had been four bigger one-month drops since the Depression — but there was little downside to over-trashing the economy, albeit inaccurately, during the Bush years.

Now Obama owns the economy — so the economy fear-mongering must end. As top White House economic adviser Larry Summers told the Brookings Institution, "We need to instill the trust that allows opportunity to overcome fear and enables families and businesses to again imagine a brighter future." In what he called "the central paradox of financial crisis," Sum-

mers observed "that while the problem was caused by excessive complacency and excessive optimism, what we need today is more optimism and more confidence."

That sounds like a column I wrote last September when I thought Democrats were being overly pessimistic about an economy that had been wounded by a government loan to AIG (then \$85 billion), a \$30 billion bailout in May for JP Morgan to buy Bear Stearns and the pricey shoring up of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Clearly, I was wrong about looming damage of overly swapped bad credit and Wall Street panic.

Six months later, two Washington administrations have thrown another \$2 trillion into the pit — and some Democrats are arguing that more spending is needed to stimulate the economy.

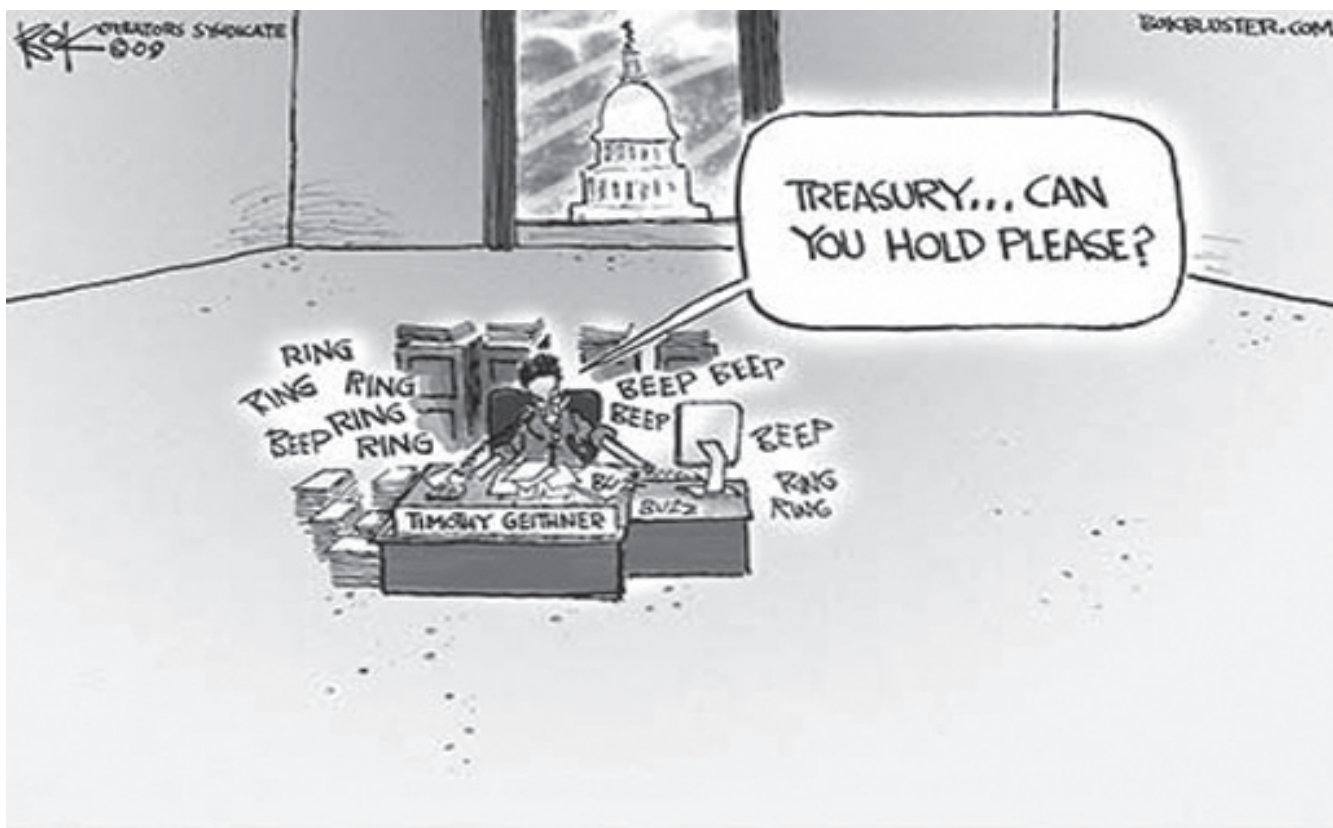
On the one hand, I think Summers is right. Fear and panic are stalling an engine that still has plenty of kick left — but it won't start purring until the public believes again.

Now that they're on the running-things side, Obama and company are learning that it's a lot easier to kick the economy than to jump start it.

Too bad that they were a lot better at kicking it.

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NOT-SO-BIG GOVERNMENT

Read my lips: 'Raise my taxes'

It seems everybody these days has a request for President Obama. "Bail out my bank." "Bail out my car company." "Bail out my industry." "Bail out my state."

But I have a request that the President doesn't hear too often: "Raise my taxes."

To help explain why, let's review where we were as a country eight years ago.

President Clinton had recently departed, leaving his successor a projected 10-year surplus of \$5.1 trillion. That's a pretty nice gift to leave an incoming president.

Think of how President Bush could have handled that awesome gift. He might have used that rare opportunity to invest in our country's future — through infrastructure improvements, rebuilding schools, investing in healthcare, or building much-needed affordable housing.

What did President Bush do instead? His top priority was to give most of the surplus away in tax cuts for wealthy Americans. Over 56 percent of his 2001 tax cuts went to the top 10 percent of taxpayers. Thankfully, a number of wealthy folks spoke out against his No. 1 priority — repeating the estate tax. But otherwise he got most of what he wanted.

Not satisfied with draining the public coffers to this extent, he came back for more goodies for

the have-mores in 2003, passing further cuts in individual and corporate taxes, including drastically reducing dividend taxes. Year after year, Mr. Bush's tax cuts phased in further, even as the projected surplus vanished, annual deficits grew, and we started two costly wars.

Fast forward to 2009. The "gifts" left by President Bush to his successor include: an economy in tatters, a roughly \$1.2 trillion annual deficit for FY09 (before Obama's stimulus spending), a projected one-year deficit of \$3.1 trillion, and a national debt nearing \$11 trillion. President Bush's real gift has been to wealthy individuals like me, and it's a gift that keeps on giving, year after year, even as we head deeper into a recession that has no end in sight. If you're curious how much you saved last year from recent tax cuts, there's a handy 5-minute calculator on Responsible Wealth's website.

In previous times of economic hardship, and especially during times of war, wealthy Americans have been called on to sacrifice along with everyone else, although not under Mr. Bush.

People all around the country (and indeed the world) are suffering from this recession. Homeowners have lost their homes due to unscrupulous lending practices. Workers are losing their jobs as the effects of the slowdown ripple and cascade through the economy. States are facing massive budget gaps that result in painful cuts on those who can least afford them. Reagan's trickle down never trickled down, but this current version of trickle down tragedy

is soaking everyone, especially those at the bottom.

It's time for those of us at the top of the economic ladder to share in the sacrifice.

President Obama seems to be having a hard time getting up the nerve to follow through on his campaign pledge to raise taxes on upper-income taxpayers. Those of us who benefited so handsomely from Bush's extravagant gifts need to raise our voices — to President Obama, to Congress, to the press, to our fellow citizens, and say forcefully, "It's our turn to sacrifice."

It's time to roll back the 2001 Bush tax cuts on upper income taxpayers (i.e., restore the 39.6 percent and 36 percent rates). It's time to reinstate the estate tax at a reasonable level (say \$2 million exemption per person and a 45 percent marginal rate). It's time to end preferential treatment of dividends and capital gains — they should be taxed at least as high as ordinary income. And it's time to end the tax advantages for extreme executive pay, including hedge fund and private equity compensation.

Those of us with higher incomes and greater wealth can afford to pay more, and we have a patriotic duty — yes, patriotic — to share in the sacrifice and pay our fair share of taxes during this economic crisis.

Mike Lapham is project director of Responsible Wealth, a network of more than 700 business leaders and wealthy individuals. Since 1997, members of Responsible Wealth (a project of United for a Fair Economy) have redirected their tax cuts to tax fairness ef-



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MIKE LAPHAM

Why Not Check This Out? At the library

While visiting some friends, the grandmother-to-be mentioned how cute her daughter's family was decorating the first grandchild's room. You can do the same thing with "Paint Can! Children's Rooms" (698.14 GOO S) by Sunny Goode. There are lots of great ideas and techniques to try out. It is a neat book to check out. Every relationship can go through some rough and rocky times. David H. Olson, along with Amy Olson-Sigg, has written "The Couple Checkup" (646.78 OLS D). Based on an unprecedented national survey of 50,000 marriages, "The Couple Checkup" presents the principles for creating a successful couple relationship.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

The free online profile includes 15 to 20 categories that are customized based on the relationship stage — whether dating, engaged or married, and whether children are involved. The book also includes the SCOPE Personality Profile and the Couple and Family Map of the relationship. Each chapter of the book matches a category in the free individual profile. While the book stands on its own, using the Couple Checkup with the book provides the maximum benefit. In addition, each chapter contains couple exercises to help build couple strengths in a variety of areas. This description is from Amazon. Here is a great book on a western cowboy. Ed Blanchard was recognized as a wild and reckless cowboy long before he became the maker of spurs. Jane Pattie, an independent writer who has written many books on western subjects, has meticulously researched Ed's life and times. Along with Tom Kelly, they have written "Cowboy Spur Maker: The Story of Ed Blanchard" (682.092 PAT S). Ed "cowboyed" in New Mexico and on up into Wyoming areas. He was a rascal, but also a good hand who could turn his hand to anything

the ranch life could throw at him. While I have not completely read Pattie's book, just dipping into it whets my interest. Sheila Walsh has written "Get Off Your Knees and Pray" (248.32 WAL S) which is a guide to prayer. Sometimes people think that prayer only belongs in church and proper words are required. Walsh disagrees (as do students when confronted by an unexpected quiz in school) with that opinion. This book is designed to guide a woman in prayer, from understanding the biblical basis to developing your own personal relationship with your God. On a related note, check out Sandi Patty's "Layers: Uncovering and Celebrating God's Original Idea of You" (248.843 PAT S). Like Walsh, Patty also promotes a journey on discovering God within your life. While these are written by women, men should not shy away from checking these out.

Here are a couple of soldier books, one from Korea, the other from Iraq. Both are about Marines and both paint a true, if painful, account of war. "The Last Stand of Fox Company" (951.904 DRU B) by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin is about Fox Company, a small and courageous unit of Seventh Marine Regiment. Just reading the opening book flap is a short account of the atrocity of the battle. The battle is only four days long, but lasts an eternity in the soldier's lives. Bing West and Major General Ray L. Smith have written "The March Up: Taking Baghdad with the United States Marines" (956.704 WES B). This is a definitive account of the 22-day march into Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both are well worth checking out. Here is a neat book (and I am getting hungry reading it). It is Betty Crocker's "Ultimate Bisquick Cookbook" (641.555 WIL P) from Wiley Publishing. There are hot sandwiches, appetizers, bar cookies and lots and lots of different quick ways to use Bisquick. You may not find it on the shelf, because I am checking it out.

The Library has just received a tremendously large amount of large print books. Please check the New Book binder for the list of new LP materials. Large print materials are not just for those people whose vision may be compromised; they are for everyone. Many times we may not find a particular book in the "regular" print, but do find it in large print. Authors run the gamut from Jodi Picoult to Debbie Macomber, Cormac McCarthy to Richard North Patterson. There is a small collection of non-fiction and biography in LP, but our main focus is fiction, mystery and westerns. Come peruse the large print aisle. Just a reminder, the Library is lo-

cated at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; currently it is down, but we are working with a new ISP provider to get it back up. Looking ahead, the Library will close for Good Friday April 10 and Saturday, April 11, for Easter Holiday. You can always return materials in the new book drop that the Friends of the Library graciously donated funds to purchase. It is designed to take books on the left-hand side and movies, BOT or BOCOD on the right hand side. *Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County library.*

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Dating Violence



What is it?
Dating violence is controlling, abusive and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination of them.

Controlling behavior includes:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends
- Calling or paging you frequently to find out where you are, who you're with, and what you're doing
- Telling you what to wear
- Having to be with you all the time

Verbal and emotional abuse includes:

- Calling you names
- Jealousy • Belittling you (cutting you down)
- Threatening to hurt you, someone in your family, or themselves if you don't do what they want

Physical abuse include:

- Shoving • Punching • Slapping • Pinching • Hitting • Kicking • Hair pulling • Strangling

Sexual abuse includes:

- Unwanted touching and kissing • Forcing you to have sex
- Not letting you use birth control • Forcing you to do other sexual things

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more, are more likely to punch their partner, and more likely to force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity. Some teen victims experience violence occasionally. Others are abused more often, sometimes daily.

If you are a victim of dating violence, you might...

- Think it's your fault • Feel angry, sad, lonely, depressed or confused
- Feel helpless to stop the abuse • Feel threatened or humiliated
- Feel anxious • Not know what might happen next
- Feel like you can't talk to family and friends • Be afraid of getting hurt more seriously
- Feel protective of your boyfriend/girlfriend

You're not alone

- One in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship.
- 50 percent to 80 percent of teens have reported knowing others who were involved in violence relationships.
- 15 percent of teen girls and boys have reported being victims of severe dating violence (defined as being hit, thrown down, or attacked with a weapon).
- 8 percent of 8th and 9th grade students have reported being victims of sexual dating violence.
- Young women, ages 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence.

Get help
Being a victim of dating violence is not your fault. Nothing you say, wear, or do gives anyone the right to hurt you.

- If you think you are in abusive relationship, get help immediately. Don't keep your concerns to yourself.
- Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school principal, counselor or nurse.
- If you choose to tell, you should know that some adults are mandated reporters. This means they are legally required to report neglect or abuse to someone else, like the police or child protective services. You can ask people if they are mandated reporters and then decide what you want to do. Some examples of mandated reporters are teachers, counselors, doctors, social workers, and in some cases, even coaches or activity leaders. If you want to help deciding who to talk to, call our Helpline at 1-800-FYI-CALL, or an anonymous crisis line in your area. You might also want to talk to a trusted family member, a friend's parent, an adult neighbor or friend, an older sibling or cousin, or other experienced person who you trust.
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Help Yourself
Think about ways you can be safer. This means thinking about what to do, where to go for help, and who to call ahead of time.

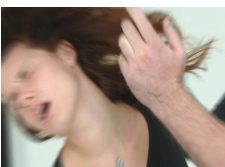
- Where can you go for help? • Who can you call? • Who will help you?
- How will you escape a violence situation?

Here are other precautions you can take

- Let friends or family know when you are afraid or need help.
- When you go out, say where you are going and when you'll be back
- In an emergency call 911 or your local police department
- Memorize important phone numbers like the people to contact or places to go in an emergency
- Keep spare change, calling cards, or a cell phone handy for immediate access to communication
- Go out in a group with other couples
- Have money available for transportation if you need to take a taxi, bus, or subway to escape

Help Someone Else
If you know someone who might be in an abusive relationship, you can help.

- Tell the person that you are worried • Be a good listener • Offer your friendship and support
- Ask how you can help • Encourage your friend to seek help
- Educate yourself about dating violence and healthy relationships
- Avoid any confrontations with the abuser. This could be dangerous for you and your friend.



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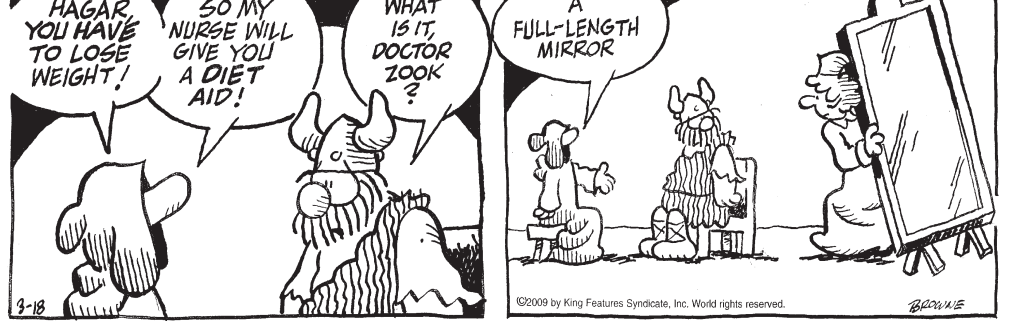
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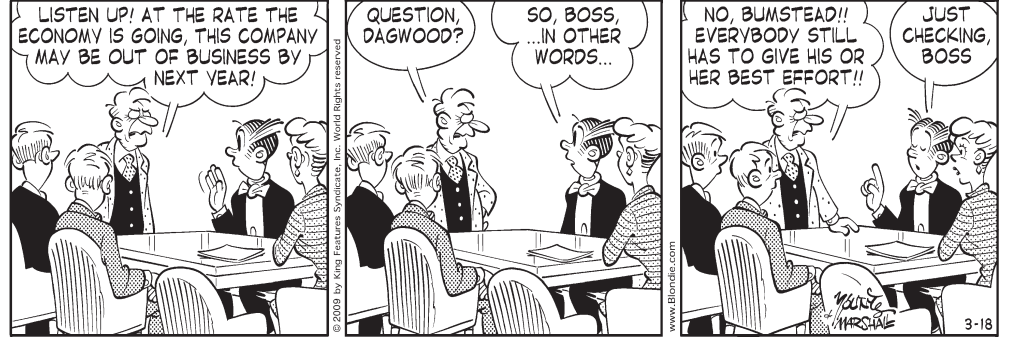
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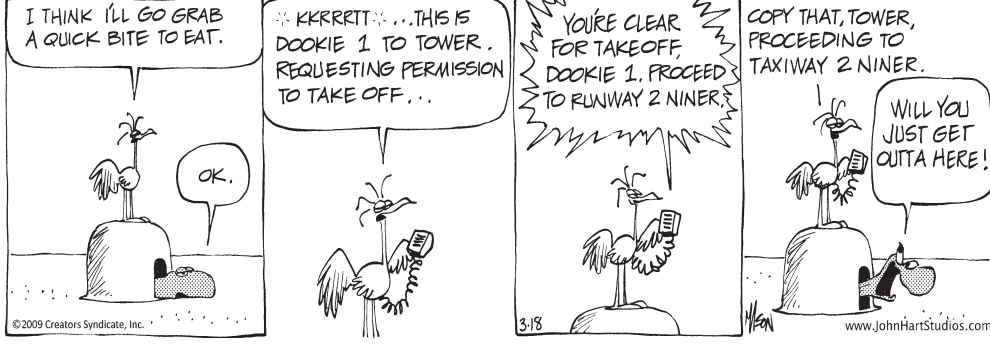
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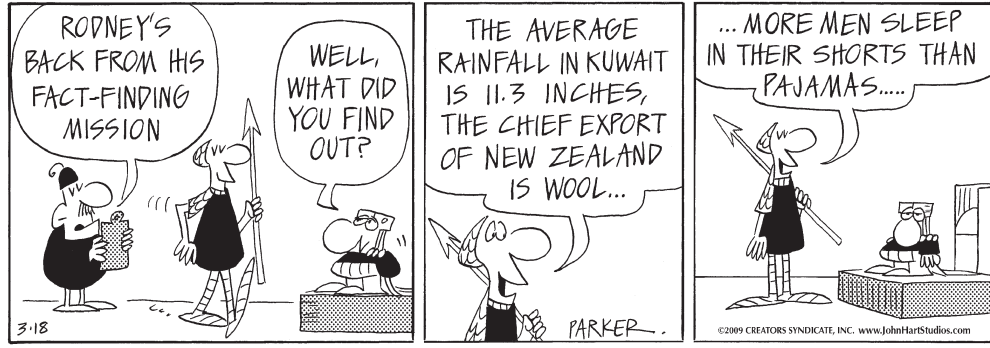
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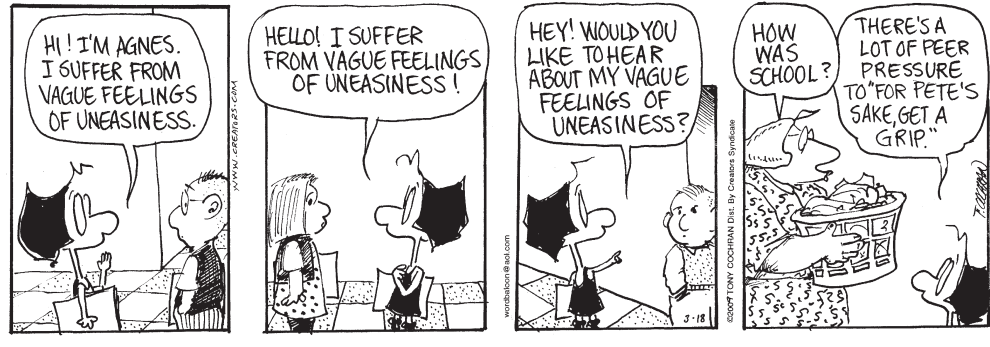
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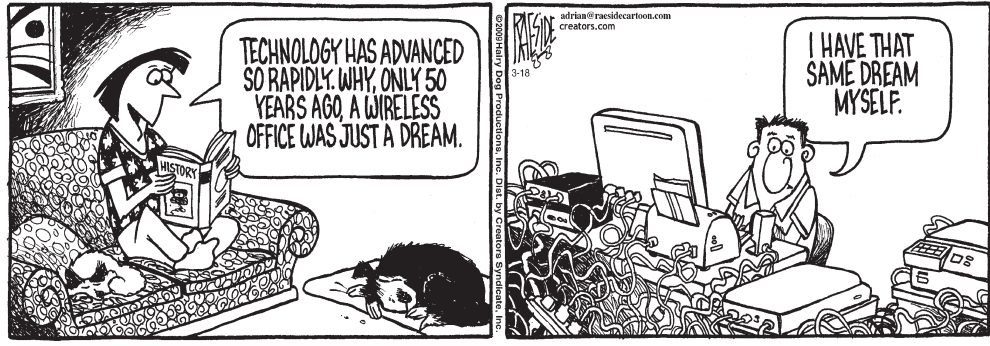
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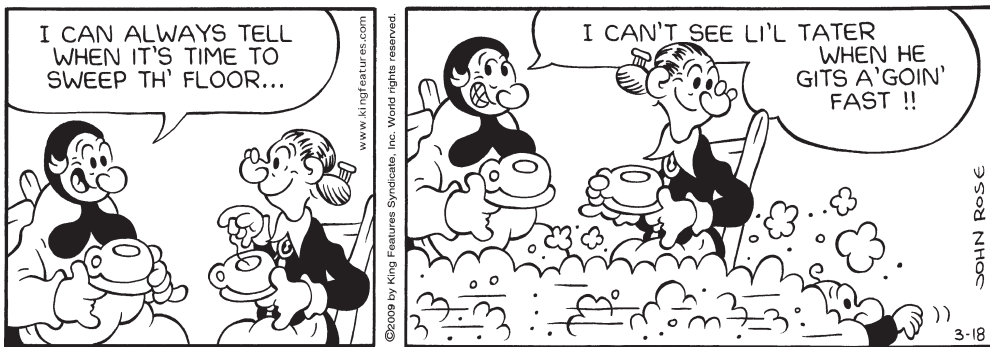
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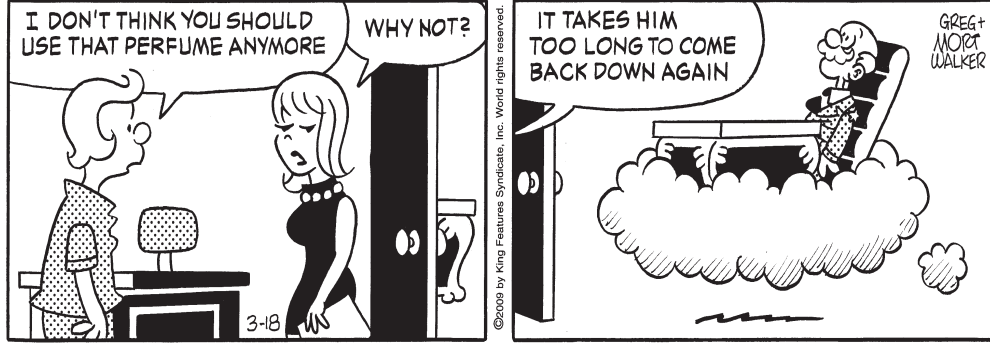
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 77th day of 2009. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765. In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J. In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator. In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years in prison for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1938, Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized his country's petroleum reserves and took control of foreign-owned oil facilities.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed a cease-fire agreement, which took effect the next day.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Graves is 83. Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 82. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 73. Country singer Charley Pride is 71. Actor Kevin Dobson is 66. Actor Brad Dourif is 59. Jazz musi-

cian Bill Frisell is 58. Singer Irene Cara is 50. Movie writer-director Luc Besson ("The Fifth Element") is 50. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 47. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 47. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 46. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 45. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 45. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 43. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 42. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 39. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 37. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 35. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 32. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 30.

Answer to previous puzzle

Grid with crossword puzzle answers.

Newsday Crossword BY THE NUMBERS by Norma Steinberg

Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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The World Wide Web turns 20

By Elise Ackerman

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — It all began 20 years ago with a frustrated 29-year-old programmer who had a passion for order.

Tim Berners-Lee, now famous as the founder of the World Wide Web, was working as an obscure consultant at Cern, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics, in the suburbs of Geneva. Berners-Lee loved the laboratory. It was full of stimulating projects and creative people, but his work, and the work of his colleagues, was stymied by the lack of institutional knowledge.

So Berners-Lee proposed adding "hypertext" to the Cern network, basically embedding software in documents that would point



Lee

to other related documents. And thus was born the Web, a global communications network that has shaken up industries, created enormous wealth and transformed the way ordinary people live their lives.

"When two years is a typical length of stay, information is constantly being lost," Berners-Lee wrote in his paper proposing a new system for information management. "The technical details of past projects are sometimes lost forever, or only recovered after a detective investigation in an emergency."

On March 12, Cern celebrated the 20th anniversary of Berners-Lee's proposal in its trademark wooden sphere called "the globe," which it touts as a symbol of the Earth's future. In Silicon Valley, where there is less appetite for pomp, the celebration took the form of hundreds of thousands of workers using the Web to build the future.

En route to Cern, Berners-

Lee declined a request for an interview.

What lies ahead? "The only thing that you can predict about the Internet is that there are going to be surprising applications that come along that you did not predict," said Len Kleinrock, a professor of computer science at UCLA who developed the mathematical theory of packet switching, the technology that drives the Internet, while he was a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the early 1960s.

Like other fathers of the Internet, Kleinrock was stunned by the power of Berners-Lee's idea.

"This was a fantastic application," Kleinrock recalls thinking.

Still, it took a while for the word to spread. Berners-Lee wrote his software in 1990 and put up the first Web site in 1991.

"I was trying to tell people

how — explain to people what it was going to do and what it was going to be like and why it was going to be interesting, and they'd look at me with blank stares," Berners-Lee recalled in an interview in 2002.

Then in January 1993, Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina, students at the University of Illinois, released the first graphical browser for the Web. Berners-Lee forwarded a message announcing their software to some news groups, and soon technically inclined people all over the world were downloading the browser.

Craig Partridge, the chief scientist at BBNT Technologies, the company that built the Internet in the late 1960s, recalls a colleague giving him his first tour of the Web later in 1993. Though there were only 200 Web sites, "it was clear that this was going to blow away competing information services," he recalled. "Tim got it right."

Right, but not perfect. All Web pages got names, called uniform resource locators, or URLs. It was like naming the books in the library by the shelves they were on.

"You can't move books around; you can't add new shelves," said David Clark, a senior research scientist at MIT who has been leading the development of the Internet since the mid-1970s.

And neither the Internet nor the protocols that Berners-Lee added to it were built with security in mind.

"We trusted everybody, made it very easy to get access to the network and made it anonymous," Kleinrock said. "The way we set it up was almost a perfect formula for the dark side."

But that won't stop its continued development, including plans to extend the network to outer space.

"You have to imagine, there is a whole lot more that can be done," said David Smith, an analyst with Gartner.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A Positive Approach

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ Q 2

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ J 7 6 4

EAST
♠ 8 2
♥ K 7 6
♦ K 4
♣ A K 9 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 5 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 10

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♣ 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♠
3 ♣ 4 ♠

Opening lead — four of clubs.

A defender should approach every deal with the attitude that the opposing contract can be defeated. This may sometimes require him to make what appears to be a suicidal play, but if that play offers the only hope of defeating the contract, it must be made.

Consider East's dilemma on this deal. He wins the opening club lead with the king and must then decide where the defense can get three more tricks.

As can be seen, if he tries to cash

the club ace, South makes the contract easily. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps and forces out the A-K of diamonds. The defenders cannot attack hearts effectively from either side while the diamonds are being established, and South eventually disposes of his heart losers on dummy's last two diamonds.

However, East should realize that South started with a singleton club, since West almost certainly has four clubs for his raise. East should further adopt the view that his partner is very likely to have an ace for his bid, as little else is missing.

The next step is to credit West with an ace that will allow the contract to be defeated. The possibility of West's holding the heart ace is therefore dismissed, since if he has that card (and declarer the other two aces), the most the defenders can hope to collect is two heart tricks.

Next, East throws out the possibility of West's having the trump ace, as in that case South will end up with 11 tricks.

The only hope therefore is that West has the diamond ace. If he also has exactly three diamonds, the defense is in business.

Accordingly, at trick two East lays down the king of diamonds. When it holds, he leads a second diamond to West's ace and then ruffs the diamond return to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: Rara avis.

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Capitol highlights

AUSTIN (AP) — Voting along strict party lines, the Republican-led Senate passed legislation Tuesday that would require Texans to produce a valid photo ID — or two alternatives — before being allowed to vote.

The measure was tentatively approved 19-12 after three hours of emotional debate, with Republicans saying the legislation was needed to combat voter fraud and Democrats warning it would rob eligible

citizens of the right to vote.

Given the GOP's 19-12 majority, the bill's passage was a foregone conclusion in the Senate. But it did undergo slight changes Tuesday. Though the financial impact of the bill was estimated at zero going into the debate, Republicans agreed to put at least \$2 million in funding behind a statewide voter education campaign.

Democrats say costs could climb because of

provisions requiring the state to give out free IDs and because the law will trigger lawsuits from opponents.

In another last-minute change, author Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, agreed to make it clear that a voter registration card can serve as one of the two pieces of alternative identification for voters who don't show a valid photo identification.

Under the new legislation, a driver's license, passport or military ID are among the most common forms of photo ID that would allow citizens to vote.

Those who don't have a photo ID could produce two alternative documents — including bank statements, mail from a government entity, a marriage license, a voter registration certificate or cards used for obtaining government benefits.

UTMB students' plea

Dozens of students from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston made the rounds of the Capitol Tuesday, asking legislators to support plans — and roughly \$300 million — to rebuild the school on the hurricane-ravaged island.

Medical students, faculty, doctors and residents were displaced in the weeks and months after the storm ripped through the island campus Sept. 13.

Students have been among the most vocal critics of suggestions to move part or all of the medical school inland, saying UTMB has a long history on the island and gives them uniquely broad experience. School facilities served many of the coast's uninsured population and kept 100 beds for prison inmates, officials said.

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Legislators look to expand cockfighting ban

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's ban on cockfighting would expand to prohibit profiting from or attending the rooster fights and owning or selling training equipment under legislation that went before a Texas House panel Tuesday.

The proposal by Rep. Wayne Christian, a Republican from Center, would make it easier for law officers to seize cockfighting equipment and money. Christian said the fights are well organized and are almost always accompanied by illegal alcohol and gambling.

Cockfights occur in large cities and small towns, and children often are present, law officers and animal protection groups testified before a House subcommittee.

"It's not just a rural problem," said Robert "Skip" Trimble, chairman of the Dallas Animal Shelter Commission.

Trimble noted there were two cockfight

raids in Dallas the past two years. He described the details of the bloody events and the equipment used on the roosters.

"They have these spurs and slashers, their comb has been cut," Trimble said. "They have the equipment there so that they can kill each other."

Rep. Terri Hodge, a Dallas Democrat, posed tough questions to those who support Christian's bill, saying she wants to make sure to separate the allegation of animal cruelty from allegations of drugs and gambling. But law officers said all are involved in the fights.

Questioning a representative of the Texas Poultry Federation, which supports Christian's bill because of worries of disease arising from cockfighting operations, Hodge said of poultry producers: "These are people, too, who kill poultry, but for a different reason — for the dinner table."

Along with outlawing

the arranging of a cockfight, the proposed legislation would ban participating in earnings from a fight; using a facility for cockfighting; owning or training a cock with the intent that the rooster be used in cockfighting; manufacturing, buying, selling or possessing a gaff, slasher or other sharp implement designed for use in cockfighting; or attending a cockfight as a spectator.

Some of the offenses would be state jail felonies, and others would be misdemeanors.

Ray Harris, of Magnolia, representing the Texas Game Fowl Breeders Association, said he opposes the bill because he wants to maintain the right to raise and own game cocks. He said some of his 40 to 50 birds have bloodlines dating to England in the 1800s. His son showed the birds in livestock shows and earned college scholarship money, he said.

"I raise roosters for their beauty," Harris said. "They want to take the right away from us to own a game chicken."

The roosters fight naturally, often beginning shortly after birth, he said. Chicks have been known to peck each other so hard they scar each others' eyes, he said.

The group Citizens for the Preservation

of Rural Lifestyle also opposed the bill. Its president, Dwayne White, a horseshoer, said he has owned game chickens his whole life. He said he wants to make sure lawmakers listen to all Texans.

But law officers said the cockfights they've raided aren't innocent events.

Nacogdoches County Attorney John

Fleming said officers in his county busted a cockfight last August. Though there were many spectators, most of them scattered into the woods and couldn't be charged, he said.

Fleming said there was a child present who provided a written statement about the event, but getting other written statements proved difficult.



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News in brief

AIG chairman in Capitol Hill hot seat defending bonus payment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Edward M. Liddy, chairman and CEO of American International Group Inc. since last fall, has become the reluctant defender of princely employee bonuses that members of Congress — and much of the American public — find indefensible.

AIG, the giant insurance company that has received \$170 billion in government assistance, is paying more than \$200 million in bonuses to keep employees from fleeing its troubled financial products division. On Wednesday, Liddy was to pull up a chair at a congressional witness table and take the heat.

The retention payments — ranging from \$1,000 to nearly \$6.5 million — were not his idea. Liddy himself is not getting a bonus. The deals were cut early last year, long before then-Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson asked Liddy to take over the company.

"I do not like these arrangements and find it distasteful and difficult to recommend to you that we must proceed with them," Liddy wrote to the current treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, over the weekend.

But the payments went out. Congress is in a lather and wants the money back. And Liddy, who had been scheduled to testify about AIG before the bonus story took root, is a timely target.

Federal Reserve scopes out options to revive economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a key interest rate already near zero, Federal Reserve policymakers are weighing what other tools they can use to jolt the country out of recession.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues resume their two-day meeting Wednesday, and at its conclusion they are all but certain to leave a key bank lending rate at a record low to try to bolster the economy, which

has been stuck in a recession since December 2007.

Economists predict the Fed will hold its lending rate between zero and 0.25 percent for the rest of this year and for most — if not all of — next year.

The hope is that rock-bottom borrowing costs will spur Americans to step up spending, which would aid the economy.

So far, though, hard-to-get credit, rising unemployment and other negative forces have forced consumers and businesses to retrench.

Austrian incest father pleads guilty to all charges

ST. POELTEN, Austria (AP) — In a stunning turn of events, an Austrian on trial for imprisoning his daughter for 24 years and fathering her seven children pleaded guilty Wednesday to all charges against him — including negligent homicide — after hearing his daughter's heart-wrenching testimony.

Saying he had a change of heart, Josef Fritzl calmly acknowledged his guilt on the third day of a trial that has drawn media attention from around the world for its shocking allegations.

"I declare myself guilty to the charges in the indictment," Fritzl, 73, told a panel of judges, referring at one point to what he called "my sick behavior."

Fritzl faces up to life imprisonment on the negligent homicide count for the death of a twin baby boy, which he initially had contested along with an enslavement charge. Prosecutors also had charged him with rape, incest, forced imprisonment and coercion.

Treasury Secretary has Obama's 'complete confidence'

WASHINGTON (AP) — If not distancing itself from Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, the White House is placing firmly on his shoulders responsibility for how the government handled the \$165 mil-

lion in bonuses paid to about 400 executives and traders at American International Group Inc.

"Secretary Geithner last week engaged with the CEO of AIG to communicate what we thought were outrageous and unacceptable bonuses," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Tuesday.

Then he volunteered the answer to a question being asked all over Washington: Did Geithner still enjoy President Barack Obama's confidence, given the whopping bonuses the failed insurance giant paid Friday after receiving taxpayer bailout money?

"The president has complete confidence" in Geithner, Gibbs said.

Is Obama satisfied that Geithner informed him of the impending bonus payments in a timely fashion?

Obama makes 2-day swing to nation's biggest state

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California was a refuge for Richard Nixon, a ranch for Ronald Reagan and a playground for Bill Clinton. But President Barack Obama's stopover here this week will be no vacation.

The state that is home to one in eight Americans has been ravaged by recession, a housing meltdown and double-digit unemployment. The public is seething over \$165 million in post-bailout bonuses paid to executives at American International Group Inc. — an issue certain to overshadow the two-day visit.

His first appearance as president in a state that was a getaway for his predecessors could instead become a political test for Obama, whose administration has been trying to find its voice on the economy. His schedule includes a stop on Jay Leno's stage in Burbank after town hall-style meetings in Orange County on Wednesday and downtown Los Angeles on Thursday.

With the furor over the AIG bonuses, "if he doesn't have some really good answers, this could be a nightmare. It's not going to be enough to say, 'I feel your anger and we are looking into it,'" said University of California, Berkeley, political scientist Bruce Cain.

"There has to be some sort of deci-

sive action."

Judy Chen-Lee, a laid-off job counselor for the city of Santa Ana, has a ticket for the Orange County event and hopes to press the president about getting people back to work.

Former President Bush says it's 'essential' to help Obama

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Former President George W. Bush, making his first public speech since leaving office in January, says he wants Barack Obama to succeed and that it's "essential" to support the new leader.

Bush declined to critique the Obama administration in Tuesday's speech, saying the new president has enough critics and that he "deserves my silence."

Former Vice President Dick Cheney has said that Obama's decisions threatened America's safety. Conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh has said he hoped Obama would fail.

"I love my country a lot more than I love politics," Bush said. "I think it is essential that he be helped in office."

Bush also said he plans to write a book that will ask people to consider what they would do if they had to protect the United States as president. "It's going to be (about) the 12 toughest decisions I had to make," he said.

2 octuplets return home from hospital

LA HABRA, Calif. (AP) — Two of the world's longest-surviving octuplets came home from the hospital Tuesday night, greeted by a crush of photographers, neighbors and curious onlookers gathered on a cul-de-sac where the mother will raise her 14 children.

Nadya Suleman was sitting with her babies in the back seat of a sport utility vehicle that waded through the crowd and went straight into the garage of her new four-bedroom, three-bath home in La Habra, about 25 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Many photographers shoved and pushed as their cameras flashed, clinging to the vehicle until the garage door closed. The door appeared to have been damaged, with dents visible on the outside.

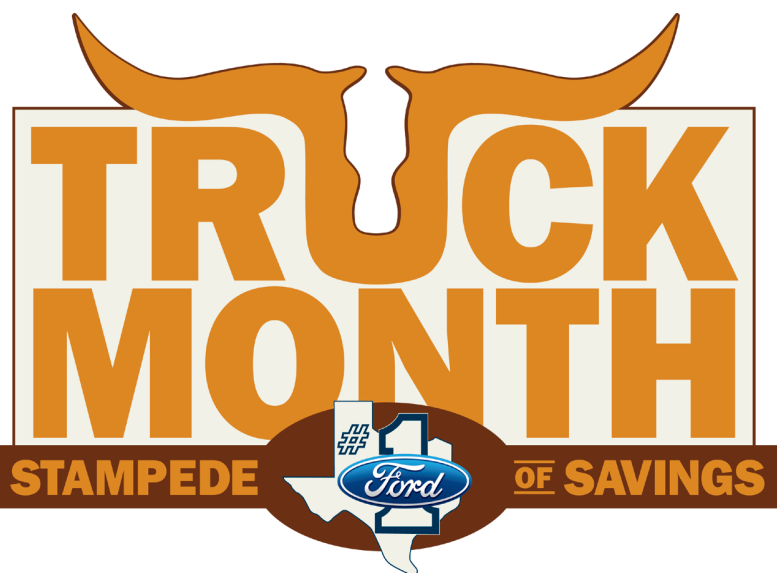
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