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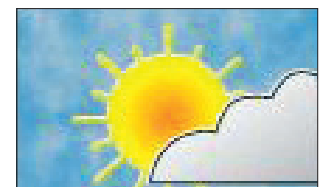


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Drop in mineral values stings entities

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
With mineral values down approximately 22 to 25 percent across the board, certified taxable values in Howard County are suffering, say local appraisal officials.
According to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District, the drop in mineral



McKibben

values has taken a heavy toll on local taxing entities, who received certified valuations this week.
The largest losses due to the ebbing of the recent oil boom were to Howard County and Howard College, which both had their

taxable values shrink from \$2.174 billion in 2008 to \$1.91 billion as of Jan. 1 of this year, a \$264.3 million shortfall.
"Howard County and Howard College are going to have the largest losses because both of them include everything in the county," said McKibben. "This drop is almost solely due to the mineral values. The oil business

booms up and down, but our values are taken as of Jan. 1 of this year, and at that time mineral values were most certainly down."
While the county and the local college both saw their certified values drop, the city of Big Spring bucked the trend and saw a substantial increase in values, up 34.2 million with \$558.34 million

this year, compared to \$524.09 million in 2008.
"The city of Big Spring isn't impacted by the mineral loss like a lot of the other entities," said McKibben. "However, there was plenty of new construction with all of the bond projects going on. That's why they saw their values rise

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Dr. John Lang, right, talks with Irene Galan during a welcoming reception in his honor at Malone and Hogan Clinic Tuesday. Lang, a Pennsylvania native, is joining the surgery practice of Drs. Alan Abel and Ladd Hoffman.

Schnier takes over as chief of staff at VAMC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center has a new chief of staff.
Dr. Martin S. Schnier was recently named the new chief of staff at the medical center, replacing Dr. Wilfredo Rodriguez, who transferred to a VA facility in Indiana.
As chief of staff, Dr. Schnier will have responsibility over all clinical programs at the hospital.
Schnier is relocating to West Texas from Orlando, Fla., where he served as chief medical officer for the Orlando VAMC's Community Based Outpatient Clinics program. During his five years with the VA, he has worked extensively in the area of expanding CBOC services, officials said.
Prior to joining the VA, Schnier was in private prac-



Schnier

tice, specializing in geriatric medicine, and directed several managed-care practices and physicians' groups.
He is an honors graduate from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey.
He has been awarded a fellowship by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and a Certificate of Added Qualification in geriatric medicine.
A welcome reception for Schnier will be held in the near future, VAMC officials said.
Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

NewsWest 9 tour coming Friday to Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

An ugly dog contest and ice cream and hot dog eating contests — hungry anyone? — will be among the activities planned when NewsWest 9 brings its Under West Texas Skies road tour to Big Spring



ValVerde

Friday.
The television station will broadcast live via satellite from the Dora Roberts Community Center Gazebo at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"This is Big Spring's chance to get out, visit and promote our community to everyone around West Texas. It's a great opportunity to show viewers just what we have to offer right here in our backyard," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce executive director.
Groups and organizations are invited to set up a booth at the event at no charge, ValVerde said.
"This is a great opportunity for organizations, Relay For Life teams, school booster

clubs and others to start their fund-raising. You will need to provide your own canopy, tables and chairs," she said.
Families are invited to bring their mutts and mongrels — on a leash, of course

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Large-item pickup set in District 4

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Residents in Big Spring's District 4 will get the chance to rid themselves of cumbersome and oversized trash needing a one-way trip to the city landfill, as city officials prepare for Friday's large-item pickup.
Having begun in April in the city's District 1, Friday's effort will concentrate on the district represented by Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, according to Assistant

To be placed on the large-item pickup list, call 264-2504 or 264-2501.

City Manager Todd Darden.
"We'll go through one district each month until we've completed all six," said Darden. "People have really been utilizing the program, which is exactly what we want, so

we'll keep going strong until we finish District 6 in a few months."
Darden said there's no charge to use the program, which aims to help area residents remove large, cumbersome items from their property they might not otherwise be able to transport to the landfill, such as appliances, furniture and other items.
However, residents do need to be aware of what can and cannot be picked up, he said.
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Obituaries

Elva Chavera

Elva Chavera, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 19, 1946, in Devine to Victoria and Florencio Velasquez. She married Rodrigo Chavera Dec. 14, 1968. She has been a resident of Big Spring since 1980. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Rodrigo Chavera of Big Spring; three children, Adam Chavera, Felipa Salazar, and Victoria Robles, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her father, Florencio Velasquez of Devine; two sisters, Mary Velasquez and Pauline Velasquez of Devine; two brothers, Lupe Velasquez of Devine and Johnny Velasquez of Natalia; one brother-in-law; six sisters-in-law; 10 step-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Ruth Brock

Ruth Brock, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at Stanton Care Center. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rodney Allison

Rodney Allison, 66, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in an El Paso hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- The Coahoma High School Alumni Reunion takes place Saturday at the Coahoma Elementary Building. Donuts and coffee will be served as registration takes place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There are several individual class reunions scheduled Friday and Saturday nights, and organizers are expecting a good crowd Saturday, including alumni from all across Texas, plus Wyoming, Oklahoma and Arkansas. In keeping with this year's sports theme, former coaches Bernie Hagins, Norman Roberts and Jody Sory will be sharing some of their Coahoma memories.

- A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

- An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.

- Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.

- The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19. Please contact Debby Salazar ValVerde at debbyev@bigspringchamber.com or Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@hotmail.com with any contact information.

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Police blotter

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

- JO ANN HIRZEL, 18, of 1805 Alabama, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DAVID LOWNES, 49, of 3911 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 49, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 35, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.
- JOSE MONTEMAYOR, 42, of 1111 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 200 block of Benton.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 2600 block of Alamesa.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2600 block of Alamesa.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.
- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct — language.
- JO ANN HIRZEL, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JULIANA RENEE JUAREZ, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- DAVID BRIAN LOWNES, 49, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOSE MONTEMAYOR, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of contempt of court — no seat belt.
- ANDREA OYLER, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- ALMA JEAN YANEZ, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

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.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Benton and E. Third Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting, 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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.

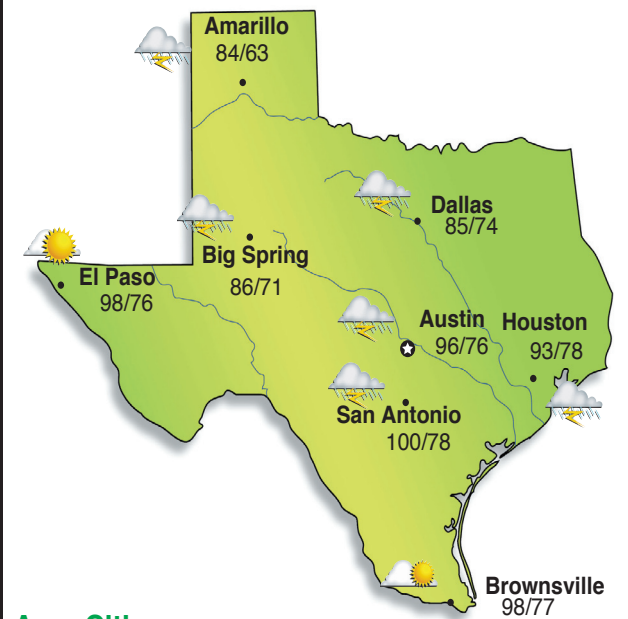
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/31	Sat 8/1	Sun 8/2	Mon 8/3	Tue 8/4
86/71 Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 86F.	96/71 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	94/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/72 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/72 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM

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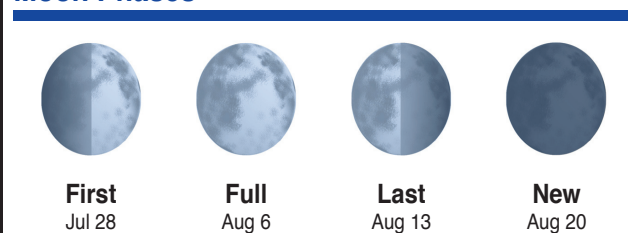
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	72	t-storm	Kingsville	102	78	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	63	t-storm	Livingston	92	76	t-storm
Austin	96	76	t-storm	Longview	84	73	t-storm
Beaumont	89	77	t-storm	Lubbock	86	67	t-storm
Brownsville	98	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	76	t-storm
Brownwood	88	71	t-storm	Midland	87	74	t-storm
Corpus Christi	98	80	pt sunny	Raymondville	103	78	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	73	t-storm	Rosenberg	95	77	t-storm
Dallas	85	74	t-storm	San Antonio	100	78	t-storm
Del Rio	96	81	t-storm	San Marcos	97	77	t-storm
El Paso	98	76	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	73	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	73	t-storm	Sweetwater	84	69	t-storm
Gainesville	83	71	cloudy	Tyler	84	73	t-storm
Greenville	84	71	t-storm	Weatherford	84	71	t-storm
Houston	93	78	t-storm	Wichita Falls	85	68	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	79	61	mst sunny
Boston	81	67	t-storm	New York	81	68	t-storm
Chicago	79	61	sunny	Phoenix	105	81	sunny
Dallas	85	74	t-storm	San Francisco	73	55	pt sunny
Denver	81	53	t-storm	Seattle	86	63	mst sunny
Houston	93	78	t-storm	St. Louis	83	66	sunny
Los Angeles	79	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	70	t-storm
Miami	92	80	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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9	11	11	11	11
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 8-15-19-38-39-53.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6 - 19 - 20 - 23 - 34. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3 - 9 - 5 - 6. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-5. Sum It Up: 14.

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Texas news in brief

PETA plans Dallas protest of Ringling Bros.

DALLAS (AP) — An animal rights group plans to show video of what it says is the abuse of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's circus elephants and tigers.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals on Thursday plan to converge on the American Airlines Center and show the video during a protest.

Circus spokeswoman Amy McWethy has previously denied the claims.

PETA says the footage shows circus employees digging sharp metal bullhooks into the skin behind the elephants' knees as well as whipping and jabbing elephants and tigers. The group says in a news release it filed formal complaints with numerous authorities.

The circus is scheduled for stops in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin through late August.

Hutchison says she'll leave Senate in fall

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Wednesday she will step down this fall to challenge fellow Republican Rick Perry for governor in 2010, setting the stage for what will be a crowded race to replace her.

Hutchison told WBAP radio of Fort Worth-Dallas in an interview that she'll quit the Senate in October or November, signaling that she'll return to Texas full time to campaign for the governorship. She reiterated that she would formally declare her candidacy in August.

"Then the actual leaving of the Senate will be some time — October, November — that, in that time frame," Hutchison said.

The Republican primary is in March 2010. The winner of that race will be heavily favored in the general election.

Hutchison told WBAP she is still working in Washington to fight President Barack Obama's health care plan and a cap-and-trade proposal on greenhouse gas emissions.

"I am trying to do everything that I can while I am in office to responsibly serve as a senator. But it is hard because my heart is in Texas," she said. "There are so many things that I think we have not done in Texas that we need to do. I think we need new leadership in Texas."

Perry is running for an unprecedented third full term, a span in office Hutchison says would be too long. She said she gave him a "free ride" by deciding not to run against him in 2006 and that no one expected him to run again.

Mom of decapitated baby: 'I didn't mean to do it'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas mother accused of decapitating her 3-week-old son screams "I didn't mean to do it. He told me to!" while her sister pleads for an ambulance to bring help in a desperate four-minute 911 call released Wednesday.

Otty Sanchez, who police say told them the devil made her kill and mutilate her only child, cries "I love him" and says she's stabbed herself in the heart and stomach while her sister tries calming down the 33-year-old mother.

At one point during the frantic call, Priscilla Garcia tries reassuring her sister that she is alive. "Otty, this time I told you to come to me," Garcia says.

"I tried, but you told me that you died," Sanchez responds.

"I'm not dead, Otty," Garcia says. "I'm standing right here talking to you."

Sanchez, 33, is charged with capital murder in the slaying of Scott Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez, who authorities found decapitated and grossly mutilated in a bedroom of her sister's house early Sunday. Police say Sanchez chewed off three of her infant's toes and ate parts of the brain. She used a knife and two swords in the attack, according to police.

Garcia tells the dispatcher that her sister has stabbed her child and that blood is all over the bed.

"She's gone crazy last night. She was hearing voices," Garcia says. "She kept bringing me the

baby. And finally she calmed down and I took her back the baby. And now I just woke up to hear screaming."

She continues, "The baby is dead. The baby's dead. Please, somebody come."

3 accused of fake sheep theft

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The theft of a fake sheep with a patriotic flag motif has led to real charges against three teens in San Angelo.

Police say the 5-foot-long fiberglass creation was tracked to the apartment of one of the suspects.

A woman reported seeing several men take the Freedom for Me and "Ewe" sheep from behind a building early Sunday. The nearly \$3,000 item was recovered hours later.

Individually decorated "Sheep Spectacular" sculptures, promoting art and the region's agriculture, are scattered throughout San Angelo.

The 19-year-old suspects, who posted bond Monday, are charged with felony theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000. The state jail felony is punishable by 180 days to two years in jail and a fine up to \$10,000.

Company sues Texas town for 'green' cement policy

DALLAS (AP) — The largest U.S.-owned cement company filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday accusing a Dallas suburb of unconstitutional discrimination for favoring the purchase of cement made in a more environmentally friendly process.

Plano is the latest of several local governments, including Dallas and Fort Worth, to be sued by Overland Park, Kan.-based Ash Grove Cement Co. over "green cement" laws. Ash Grove claims purchasing polices that give preference to cement from "dry kilns" that typically pollute less than older "wet kilns" violate state competitive bidding laws and don't clean up the air.

"With little to no consideration of state and federal public contracting rules, Plano adopted a cement purchasing resolution that is not only unconstitutional, but also highly prejudicial to Ash Grove," the company said in a statement.

VALUES

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while most of the other entities saw them fall this year."

Forsan Independent School District also rebuffed the trend by posting a \$239.7 million increase, up from 2008's \$499.03 million to \$738.82 million in 2009.

"Forsan was negatively affected by the mineral values, just like everyone else. However, they had more than \$300 million in new construction

during the past year, thanks to the influx of wind turbines in their district. If it weren't for the poor mineral values, they would have posted a much larger gain."

McKibben said Howard County and Howard College would have benefitted from the wind turbine boom as well, had they not agreed to tax abatements that called for payments in lieu of taxation.

While Forsan ISD saw a healthy increase, the city of Forsan wasn't so lucky, posting a \$2.94 million loss, dropping from \$11.67 million in

2008 to \$8.72 million in 2009.

"When the oil boom was going at full force, there was a lot more industry in the city of Forsan. The oil companies were keeping a lot more equipment there than they are now that it's slowed down, so the city saw a drop in its certified values."

The city of Coahoma saw a slight increase in its values, up \$75,056 with a certified value this year of \$20.003 million compared to \$20.079 in 2008. Coahoma ISD wasn't as fortunate, with values down \$56.7 million with \$394.47 this year

and \$337.71 million in 2008. McKibben attributed the loss to declining mineral values.

Big Spring ISD also saw a decline, down \$128.8 million with \$1.039 billion this year, compared to \$1.168 billion in 2008.

Outlying school districts didn't fare much better, as Sands CISD posted a \$1.42 million drop, coming in short of the 2008 value of \$37.17 million with \$35.75 million in 2008. Borden ISD posted a similar drop of \$1.27 million with a certified value of \$9.25 million compared to 2008's \$10.52

million. Stanton ISD rounds out the school districts with a \$871,306 drop, with certified values reported at \$15.01 million this year, compared to \$15.88 in 2008.

McKibben said the Permian Basin Underground Water District also took a sizable hit, down \$156.2 million with \$1.085 billion in certified values compared to last year's \$1.241 billion.

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— to the event for the ugly dog contest. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners of the

event, which will be held around 6 p.m.

Prizes will go to persons eating the most hog dogs during timed competition. The hot dog eating contest, also scheduled for 6 p.m.,

is sponsored by Sonic Drive-In and open to anyone age 12 and older.

Prizes will be awarded by the NewsWest 9 team to the winners of the ice cream eating contest,

which is scheduled to be held at 5 p.m.

Participants in the contests are advised to arrive early.

"We invite everyone to come out for some good family fun," said

ValVerde.

The Dora Roberts Community Center is located in Comanche Trail Park. For more information, call the Chamber office at 263-7641.

CITY

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

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

Darden said the program aims to help the community's elderly and disabled, but is available to anyone who needs it.

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

to provide as a courtesy to the people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up.

"To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up. If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

Darden said custom-

ers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up.

"A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

For more informa-

tion on the large-item pickup program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring Web site at www.mybigspring.com or call 264-2504.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Football coaches are busy planning, working and reworking their goals and strategies for the upcoming season. They wonder about the skill of their new players and worry about the skill of their competition. They seek ways of improving team strength, speed and agility. They strive to strengthen their motivational tactics. They mentally play and replay all the near misses and close plays of last year. They are excited because they are undefeated!

The Christian praises God for the freshness of each new day. The realization that the victory has been won through Christ motivates and encourages. While praying about the near misses of yesterday, the desire for growing in grace and knowledge frames the playing field of today. The mercies of God are not just available for a few weeks each fall; they are new every morning! "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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OUR VIEW

Consignment sale good idea, for a really good cause

Good causes ... there seem to be tons of them these days, but one would be hard pressed to find a better one than the American Cancer Society's annual Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life.

Today and tomorrow, local residents will be able to benefit the 2010 Relay, by doing a little shopping at the Wee Runs Consignment Sale at the Big Spring Mall.

The sale, which organizers say is similar to a flea market, began Wednesday. It gives the area's bargain hunters a chance to find quality children's merchandise, while at the same time, helping out the local Relay For Life.

"It's a community-wide event in which people bring in their items and consign them to us," said Zane Yeater, who is overseeing the event. "After their items are sold, they receive 70 percent of the profit. I then pay off expenses and a portion of what's left goes to the Relay for Life."

In other words, Yeater acts as a conduit between seller and buyer, and everyone comes out the better.

A wide variety of children's items are for sale, from clothing and toys to sporting goods and video equipment.

This is the sixth year Yeater has hosted a consignment sale at the mall. Past charities that have benefited include CASA of West Texas, the Methodist Children's Home and Big Spring State Hospital.

Sale hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday.

Perhaps as interesting as Yeater's concept is the way in which she came up with the idea of the consignment sale.

The idea came from a Bible study entitled "Conquering Debt God's Way."

"If you help lots of people, you'll be blessed both spiritually and financially," Yeater explains. "I help people sell things they no longer need ... and in return, people know that whatever they buy here is something that is of good quality at an inexpensive price."

What a concept!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are our life jacket, Lord, in the rough storms.

Amen

AARP finks out on health care

The Senate committee has approved its version of a health care bill, largely tracking the House version requiring Americans to get health insurance, with some subsidies to the poor to help them afford coverage.

The Finance Committee, where the going is likely to get a lot rougher, has yet to act. It has to figure out how to pay the tab and still garner at least a couple of Republican votes.

The health committee bill would establish a number of stringent federal health insurance rules to replace the hodge-podge of state regulations. Insurers couldn't deny coverage to people because of their claims experience or gender. Coverage couldn't be denied because of pre-existing conditions either.

And what about age? Here comes the rub — there's something called "age rating" that has sparked all-out warfare between groups that advocate for older Americans. We're not talking about those old enough for Medicare — they're likely to remain largely untouched by

whatever is approved.

It's the "young old" — those between 50 and 65 — who are going to get zapped big time if age rating goes into effect. Essentially it means older folks will pay some multiple of the premiums charged to younger people for the same coverage, just because of their years. Since everybody knows older people are more likely to have pre-existing conditions, it's a back door way to replace exorbitant premiums for preexisting conditions with exorbitant premiums for being older.

But it still ain't fair. A healthy 55-year-old who works out and watches what she eats could be asked to pay double what a 30-year-old 350-pound "biggest loser candidate" with diabetes and arthritis would get hit for.

The Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO), a coalition of 60 national not-for-profit organizations concerned with the well-being of people over age 50, has sent a letter to the finance committee arguing that age rating should be ditched altogether. They point out that for most people of modest means who wouldn't qualify for subsidies, the age-rating schemes could push premium costs to as much as 25 percent of pre-tax income.

The letter was signed by about half of LCAO's member groups

— not including the 900-pound gorilla AARP. Seems AARP wants to allow this blatantly age discriminatory policy to go forward. True, they would limit it to maybe having 50-somethings pay no more than twice the premium of younger people for the same coverage.

Sounds like they're saying a little bit of age discrimination is ok, as long as it doesn't go too far.

The Older Women's League fought hard to get enough sign-ons to send the letter. That's because the plans would particularly affect older single women, already lower on the income scale and less likely to have employer coverage. They rightly pointed out that if gender rating was on the table, every women's group would be raising holy hell.

So where are the rest of the advocates for those over 50? AARP already rakes in megabucks from its supplemental insurance business — you figure it out.

Profits over people — it's the American way.

Martha Burk is the author of "Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America and What Can Be Done About It." She is director of the Corporate Accountability Project, National Council of Women's Organizations.



Obama finds health care hellfire

President Barack Obama has completely discredited himself with his reckless, arrogant and high-pressure handling of his socialized medicine scheme. The only thing keeping his diving approval ratings above single digits other than blind partisanship and the dependency class he is voraciously expanding is the public's partial unawareness of the unmitigated horrors of this plan.

I have begun to go through H.R. 3200, the House bill Obama is telling us we must adopt (or some facsimile thereof) lest the world come to an end. It's a good thing for Obama that everyone doesn't have the time or inclination to do what I'm doing and that he still has an appreciable cult following that doesn't demand scrutiny in exchange for its unconditional support.

But his good will is fading fast and will fade faster the more people learn about this outrage, which explains his uncompromising demand that the bill be passed immediately — even before he realizes what it contains.

Can you imagine the arrogance of a man who insists we have to pass a bill while simultaneously admitting he is unaware of a provision that would prohibit the reacquisition of private insurance by those who lose their coverage? Can you imagine him — after getting caught with his pants down on this issue — saying he will not sign a bill with such a provision yet simultaneously browbeating Congress to push through the bill that contains that very provision so he can sign it? Way beyond amazing!

I urge you to read as much of this bill as you can stomach. If you do, you'll never again doubt

the Democrats' insatiable appetite for government control or their infinite trust in bureaucratic wisdom and efficiency. Marginally prudent people wouldn't place this much discretion over such an enormously complex operation in even Solomon's hands.

Let me just alert you to a few stunningly disturbing provisions in the bill, juxtaposed with certain patently irreconcilable statements Obama has made on these subjects.

First, his stated objectives for the bill are to control health care costs en route to fiscal responsibility, increase patient choices over their care, and secure health care coverage for all Americans.

Well, please tell me how Obama retains any believability on the issue of fiscal responsibility when he has deliberately saddled our heirs with a national debt they can't pay, through growth-crushing "stimulus" packages and a cap-and-tax boondoggle offered as a capitalist-sin offering to the earth goddess Gaia?

Further, how does he get around the fact that his bill, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office, would be some \$239 billion in the red assuming everything goes perfectly in this static world he only imagines to exist?

And the absurdity of saying that government, by fiat, can guarantee a lid on costs is criminally naive or dishonest and flies in the face of government's abysmal track record on wage and price controls and on predicting costs for Medicare and Medicaid.

For him to say he will not sign a bill unless it is revenue-neutral sets a new standard for hubris.

It is impossible for any mortal to predict — in a dynamic economy — whether anything this complex would come anywhere close to revenue neutrality.

But how about the security of health care coverage Obama is

promising? Well, read the bill itself (at least pages 29 through 37), which not only establishes a government committee to recommend and ultimately adopt a benefits package but also sets out annual dollar limitations on coverage of those benefits.

So not everything is covered, Mr. President, and even things that are are subject to dollar limitations. And yet you look the American people in the face and tell us the bill would "keep government out of health care decisions"? I'm telling you, this is mind-blowing deceit. It just can't be ignorance.

Also, check out the provision on Page 32 that injects political correctness standards into the committee's membership. The committee — to be appointed by the president and the comptroller general — shall include experts in "racial and ethnic disparities." Doesn't it just give you a warm and fuzzy feeling that Obama would place on the committee those who share his attitude, for example, about the institutional racism of the Cambridge Police Department?

If you assume these provisions don't smack of "1984," check out the Big Brother provision on Page 22, which establishes the government's power to audit employers who have the audacity to self-insure.

Maybe Obama should consider just ignoring the Constitution, bypassing Congress and unilaterally signing this bill into law, as he did the nuclear arms reduction fiasco he negotiated with Russia. After all, though I've just scratched the surface here, I have seen and reported enough to make the unequivocal statement that if this bill goes through, people will likely revolt when they fully realize the unconscionable, intrusive hellfire it contains.

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Annie's Mailbox®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

thing, or am I being selfish to discard my family for him and ask him to do the same? — *Lost in California*

Dear Lost: Not selfish, but perhaps a little premature. It is rarely a good idea to marry in secret, especially if it requires such a major sacrifice.

If you've known this man only a year and are already engaged, your families may not have had enough time to adjust.

You must be willing to stand up for your relationship and let them see how happy you are. First consider their objections and address their concerns. Then let everyone get to know both of you better. Spend more time with the families.

Eventually, they will get used to the idea and be more accepting.

Dear Annie: I would like to send a message to "Emotional Roommate." In many

ways you have described my marriage, and I understand the frustration and sense of abandonment.

I agree with the recommendation about counseling, but I have another suggestion: Build your life. Find emotional support and friendships outside your home.

Meet girlfriends for lunch. Volunteer. Mentor children. Visit women in prison.

Work in a homeless shelter one day a week

and become involved in your church. Train for a marathon, learn bridge, take French classes.

I discovered the only person I can change is myself. It was fruitless to wait for my husband to fulfill me. And this actually works well for both of us. — *San Marino, Calif.*

Dear San Marino: Thanks for the good advice for anyone who spends a great deal of time alone, married or not.

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Dear Annie: My brother's wife died two years ago while giving birth to her youngest daughter. She was a terrific woman and a great mother. She left behind two other daughters, ages 8 and 4.

My brother, "Alex," is now engaged to "Elizabeth," a 24-year-old woman.

Annie, when I first met Elizabeth, I thought she was a wonderful person who truly connected with the girls.

I later found out from my oldest niece that Elizabeth hits and screams at them and says terrible things about their mother when Alex isn't around.

When my brother is present, Elizabeth kisses and hugs the girls, and calls them "sweethearts" and "angels."

When the girls try to tell their father how mean his girlfriend is, he says they are making it up because they don't want him to replace their mother.

Annie, it's obvious Alex doesn't believe his daughters, but I have never known them to lie.

I also doubt my brother will believe me because he is blinded by Elizabeth's beauty and the act she puts on.

Now my niece tells me Elizabeth is pregnant. I can't imagine how she will treat the new baby.

I want to protect my nieces. Can you tell me how to make sure these kids are loved and safe? — *Worried Aunt*

Dear Aunt: Please urge your brother to get family counseling before making Elizabeth a stepmother to these girls.

Whether or not your nieces are being honest, there is obvious hostility, and the sooner it is dealt with the better.

Once Elizabeth has a child of her own, there is a great possibility that the situation will deteriorate for your nieces.

Make sure to stay in close touch with them, and if you see evidence of abuse, report it immediately.

Dear Annie: A year ago, I met my soul mate, and we were soon engaged. Everything is wonderful between us, but our families are another story.

My grandmother doesn't much care for "Pete," and his mother feels the same about me. My grandmother is still close to my violent and abusive ex and is constantly pushing for me to get back together with him.

Because of this, we are planning to marry in secret, but I am not happy about giving up things I really wanted (the big wedding, family dinners on the holidays, etc.). Am I doing the right

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Pros express regard for troubled Buick Open

DAVID GRANT

Associated Press Writer

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Two-time champion Tiger Woods will be making his ninth appearance in the Buick Open. In the face of Buick's plans to pull its tournament sponsorship after this year, he hopes it won't be his last.

"Obviously this area's been struggling a bit," Woods said. "I think the atmosphere, all the players have really enjoyed playing in front of the fans here. It is very intimate."

General Motors Co. will end its half-century run as sponsor of the Buick Open, a person briefed on the decision told The Associated Press this week. The person spoke only on the condition of anonymity because the announcement will not be made until the tournament ends.

Whatever the status of sponsoring agreements, several PGA Tour pros expressed their affinity for the Warwick Hills course's tree-lined fair-

ways, short layout and distinctly human feel.

It's the small-town atmosphere that makes the Buick unlike many PGA Tour stops.

"That kind of support, that kind of commitment and see us play, yeah," 2003 champion Jim Furyk said. "That's what makes a golf tournament special and what the guys enjoy."

Fifty miles north of Detroit, Grand Blanc has big-city ties without the need to compete with other major sports.

"It's easy to do Chicago or Boston. It's a big deal. It's the PGA Tour, it's still Tiger Woods and the best golfers in the world. But you have to go against the Phillies and the Celtics," Furyk said. "We really thrive in those small-medium size cities ... You can feel a sense in the crowd because it's a big deal around those towns."

Sometimes, this even includes

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AP photo/Carlos Osorio

Tiger Woods looks down the fairway at the ninth hole as rock musician Bob Seger takes a smoke break during the Buick Open golf tournament pro-am at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc Township, Mich., Wednesday.

Cowboys coach is refusing to let broken neck slow him

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Dallas Cowboys special teams coach Joe DeCamillis still wears a neck brace and has to sleep sitting up in a chair. Yet he refuses to let the broken neck he suffered when the team's practice facility collapsed keep him from doing his job.

Well, there has been one adjustment.

"In the past, I was able to run down the field after my guys on kickoffs," he said, smiling. "I'm not able to do that right now. That'll hopefully be down the road."

DeCamillis spoke Wednesday following the first practice of Cowboys training camp. It was his first interview with local reporters since the May 2 accident that he was lucky to survive.

His injury required surgery to repair broken vertebrae. Just 16 days later, he was back on the practice field for the start of summer workouts. The tough-guy approach to his recovery has impressed everyone in the organization, so much that Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips has held it up as an example to the club.

"I can show the players that hey, this guy's out there working and working hard and don't cry to me about, 'I feel tired today,'" Phillips said.

DeCamillis laughed off the idea that he's an inspiration, saying, "That's going to last for about a day, I can tell you that. They're going to be complaining about their feet and all of that anyway."

Still, he added, "That's basically how I look at it. I appreciate all those compliments

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AP photo/L.M. Otero

In this file photo, Dallas Cowboys special teams coach Joe DeCamillis, center, talks to players during a team practice in Carrollton. DeCamillis still wears a neck brace and has to sleep sitting up in a chair after suffering a broken neck when the Dallas Cowboys' practice facility collapsed on May 2.

Detroit pounds Texas

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Curtis Granderson opened the game with a bang, then the rest of the slumping Detroit offense followed his lead and took out its recent frustrations on the Texas Rangers.

Granderson led off with a home run and connected again in the second inning, and Justin Verlander equaled a career high by striking out 13 as the Tigers beat the Rangers 13-5 on Wednesday night.

"I'm not trying to hit home runs in the first at-bat," Granderson said. "I'm hard and hope the rest of the team keeps that edge."

Detroit scored in each of the first seven innings and matched a season high with 19 hits.

Miguel Cabrera, who had four hits and four RBIs, hit a three-run shot and Marcus Thames also homered for Detroit. The AL Central-leading Tigers improved to 5-8 since the All-Star break and scored more than three runs for just the fifth time in the span.

Detroit scored six runs in the first three innings, matching the total it scored in losing the past three games.

"(Granderson) set the tone and everybody fell in place," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said.

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Sports in brief

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for August

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will begin signups for football players and cheerleaders on Aug. 8 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each signup day. The other days to register will be Aug. 15 and Aug. 22.

Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

Two-a-days practice schedule for BSHS volleyball and football announced

Two-a-days for all Big Spring High School volleyball and football players — from incoming freshmen to seniors — is set to begin Monday.

Volleyball practices will last through Thursday, Aug. 6, and will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

All practices will be in the junior high gyms.

The week will end in the Lady Steers first scrimmage Aug. 7 in Big Spring. First game of the season is Aug. 11 at Sweetwater.

The first week of football two-a-days will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Aug. 7 at the Athletic Training Center. The schedule for the second week of practices is to be determined.

The Steers play their first scrimmage Aug. 15 against Monahans in Big Spring.

Any student entering the ninth or 11th grades must have a new physical to participate in any sport at BSHS.

BSHS football season tickets going on sale Monday at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season are now on sale for previous season ticket holders through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing

season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

Big Spring Tennis Camp begins Monday at Figure 7

Big Spring High School Tennis Coach Dana Jones is teaming with Big Spring Junior High Tennis Coach Jason Fisher and Certified Tennis Instructor Ted Olesen to host the Big Spring Tennis Camp beginning Monday and continuing through Aug. 7 at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Instruction begins daily at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Cost is \$65. Interested participants can register the first morning of the camp. All ability levels are welcome.

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"That's what we need to do. Get a bunch of our guys going hot. If we can get a bunch of them going at once, then we're in business."

Brandon Lyon and Casey Fien each pitched an inning of relief for the Tigers.

The trio combined for 18 strikeouts, the most for a team in a nine-inning game this season.

Verlander (12-5) tied for the major league lead in wins. He boosted his AL-leading strikeout total to 172 while pitching seven innings.

After starting the game throwing in the low 90s, Verlander ramped up it up near 100 mph in the later innings.

"That's what he does," Rangers center fielder Marlon Byrd said. "There's a reason he's leading the world in strikeouts."

When Verlander wasn't stifling the Texas offense, the Tigers were giving him ample run support.

Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux made six trips to the mound, five in the first four innings, to try and settle down his pitchers.

The Rangers' problems started when Granderson homered on the third pitch of the game from Scott

Feldman (9-4). It was his 20th career leadoff home run.

After escaping a bases-loaded jam later in the first, Feldman was touched up again by Granderson and the Tigers in the second.

Granderson's two-run homer and Carlos Guillen's RBI single gave Detroit a 4-0 lead. Ryan Raburn had an RBI single in the third, and Feldman was chased two batters later.

"Their bats woke up," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They got hits all kinds of ways. There was nothing we could do about it."

Feldman allowed a season-high six runs and 10 hits in 2 1-3 innings, his shortest start of the season. The righthander pitched eight shutout innings in his last start in beating Kansas City ace Zack Greinke.

"I did an awful job," Feldman said. "Bad command cost me the most. It was a frustrating night."

Verlander, who struck out 13 against Minnesota on May 14, improved to 6-1 against the Rangers lifetime with a 2.37 ERA.

"I expected us to turn it around," Verlander said. "We have the talent. It's a matter of stringing some hits together."

Andruw Jones homered twice and Michael Young had a two-run double for Texas, which lost for the only the second time in 10 games.

Phelps actually has day off at world championships

PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

ROME — Michael Phelps has a whole day off. In Rome, no less.

Will he tour the Vatican? Check out the Trevi Fountain? Visit the Colosseum?

"I've got to try to get as much rest as possible," Phelps said.

Guess his mother is here for the sightseeing. Phelps is all business, even when he's swimming a reduced schedule that actually provided him a break on Thursday.

"I've got most of the workload over with now," Phelps said, sounding a bit relieved after a tiring, stressful year.

He's also got another world record, and this one was particularly satisfying. One night after he was soundly beaten by Germany's Paul Biedermann in the 200-meter freestyle, Phelps broke his own record in the 200 butterfly Wednesday for his first individual title at these world swimming championships.

For good measure, he surpassed another of Mark Spitz's accomplish-

ments with the 34th world record of his career, one more than Spitz had during his brilliant run in the pool.

The 200 fly was an appropriate salve on Phelps' wound. That event produced his first trip to the Olympics in 2000 where he finished fifth as a 15-year-old. That event produced the first of all those world records in 2001.

"I've always done well in it," said Phelps, who's earned two golds and one silver in Rome. "I guess you can call it my bread and butter event."

He went out strong, fought off the pain over the last lap and touched in 1 minute, 51.51 seconds, more than a half-second lower than his time of 1:52.03 at the Beijing Olympics.

Phelps was a lot more relaxed for this race than he was getting ready to face Biedermann.

It showed.

"I actually had a really good night sleep for the first time this whole trip, so I was pretty happy about that," Phelps said. "I actually woke up this morning after my alarm went off. I hit snooze a couple times before I actually got up."

COACH

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and all those nice things being said. But I just look at it as I need to be out here doing my job and try to do it to the best of my ability every day."

DeCamillis was hired because that's what he does, get special teams to play better. This is his 21st year in the NFL and his 16th in charge of special teams.

The Cowboys struggled in that area in recent years.

When they decided to switch coaches, Phillips

brought in his pal Joe D., having worked with him in Atlanta in 2003.

Their connection runs deeper through their mutual boss with the Falcons, Dan Reeves — Phillips' longtime friend and DeCamillis' father-in-law.

DeCamillis was working with rookies inside a tent-like practice bubble when a burst of high winds made the structure essentially implode. DeCamillis and 11 others were injured, including a scouting assistant left paralyzed by a severed spine.

"I don't even want to talk about it all, to be honest with you," DeCamillis said. "Let's

go forward from that day."

He certainly did, surprising everyone by walking onto a practice field with his neck brace and guiding the first OTA workout in June. Doctors said it was OK and the team took all sorts of precautions. Among the little things were giving him a bullhorn to accommodate his weak voice and having his wife drive him to and from the field.

"She put the reins on me a couple of times pretty good," DeCamillis said. "She was a reluctant participant, for sure."

Why did he push to be back so soon?

"It was to set a tone, but at the same time you can't get those days back," DeCamillis said. "I mean, the Giants were working on special teams during OTAs. Philadelphia was working on special teams during OTAs. So if I wasn't there, it would've been hard to get those days back."

The one positive to come from the accident was the outpouring of support DeCamillis received.

It was especially meaningful for someone who'd only been part of the organization a few months.

"The fans, getting mail from them and the

prayers that people gave to me and for me were unbelievable," he said. "The organization was great, too. The players' wives would bring us dinner and all that stuff. I mean, it was a great feeling. ... I must've had 150 to 200 calls from people and letters and all of that stuff. It was a humbling experience, also."

DeCamillis has ditched the bullhorn, depriving the thousands in the Alamodome of the salty language that was heard so clearly during the summer workouts. He will see a doctor on Aug. 10 and is hoping the brace might come off then. His biggest challenge, beyond the

obstacles that come with the neck brace, is making sure he gets enough rest.

"It's sore but I'm not going to worry about it. I'm just going to keep going," he said. "I'm just trying to make sure I make it through two-a-days. That's my rehab right now."

The 44-year-old DeCamillis calls this the biggest challenge he's ever faced. When asked how hard it is being out on the field, he started to say it wasn't a fight. Then he changed his mind.

"I guess it is a fight," he said. "I'm going to keep slugging, I can tell you that."

BUICK

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running into some of the same fans and marshals year after year.

"You see the same people on the same greens, on the same tees each and every year.

You kind of get to know them, say hi to them, how's everything going," Woods said. "You don't get to say that in any other tournament, except for maybe the Masters."

The course's close-up feel extends to its geography. A generally flat layout and short holes dis-

tances emphasizes a solid short game and technical skill over booming drives, something 1995 winner Woody Austin said is lacking in many modern courses.

"I love traditional golf. I love old golf courses," Austin said. "You get courses like this when the guys can't hit it up

over the trees and they actually have to hit golf shots, which they're not comfortable with."

And then there's the 17th hole and its legendary grandstand.

"It's a tournament that you know regardless of how you're playing, what time of the day you're playing, you're

still going to have a big crowd around 17," Austin said.

Despite the lack of certainty on the sponsorship and wide support for the event, Wednesday's Pro-Am often felt like a going-away party.

Woods drew widespread gratitude for his appearance at the tour-

nament.

"I can't tell you how many times I heard out there, 'Thank you for coming, Tiger,'" said rocker Bob Seger, who played in a Pro-Am fivesome with Woods Wednesday. "I mean, everywhere he was walking: 'Thanks for coming.'"

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As Mercury, the messenger of the gods, opposes Big Daddy Jupiter, it may seem that the flow of generosity comes to a dead halt. If your numbers don't come up and the cards don't seem to be in your favor, it's a message to stop playing the game. Persistence won't make it better. Walk away and have fun doing something different.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Strengthen your power base. You are a survivor and a winner. There is always a way to get around, over or through the obstacles in your path. Your best ideas come while you engage in relaxing activity tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have strong feelings that need to be expressed physically. Move your body and you start to feel better. Exercises such as running or yoga will transmute your energy from frazzled to focused.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll meet a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

fantastic connection and hit it off immediately. You'll laugh, talk and discover what you have in common. The happy feelings born of this fortuitous meeting will have you sailing through the day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have extraordinary control over your emotions as you careen toward an important goalpost. Even when people say things that displease you or behave in ways that annoy you, you don't let it slow you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're so ambitious now that you'll likely try to cram too many activities into a short period of time. Give yourself more room to work at a reasonable pace. And if an appointment is not totally necessary, cancel it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To compare yourself to others is unfair because your circumstance is so unique. You'll feel fantastic about what you're able to accomplish as long as you stay focused on your own business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As far as a certain behavior goes, you've absolutely had it. You're fed up with how this habit makes you feel and you're not going to allow it anymore. It's an excellent day for putting your foot down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to see instantaneous results. The reality is that your progress is happening in increments that are too small to measure over the course of a few days. Keep going through the next three weeks in good faith.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may think it's silly that someone worries about

your loyalty. You see no reason why others should be jealous or uncertain of your devotion. But if you sense that a loved one is uneasy, provide abundant reassurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop thinking that others have some secret that you were not let in on. On days like today, everyone is equally clueless. The most successful people are the ones who make it up as they go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people give because it opens the flow to receiving. You give because it feels right. You don't even care about receiving. The more you give, the more you have to give.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Success cannot be measured by what you own. You realize and still crave a certain symbol of your position in life — or the position you hope to have soon. Maintain a healthy perspective as you proceed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 30). It's your most daring year to date. You think bigger and set yourself up for a task that many will say is impossible. Loved ones are a source of great strength as you climb the mountainous challenge. However, it is someone outside your immediate circle who champions your way. The finances come together in October. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 30, 20, 52 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm newly divorced and in desperate need of some good news. I didn't want to get divorced and the whole circus has put me in financial and emotional ruin. Will I ever meet a prince to carry me away from this horrible memory? (9/26/1960.)" The heavy Libran aspects in

your chart indicate that you sometimes feel incomplete without a partner. Ideally, a partner will enrich your sense of who you are and make you want to be better, stronger and more able. As you love and are loved by this person, you will find new sources of strength inside you. Looking for a "savior" to whisk you out of your self-created circumstances will not lead you to an empowering love. Instead, it secures your role as the helpless victim who cannot create a better life and needs someone to do it for her. So here's the good news: You are now free to create your new life and your new self. With the right attitude, this so-called "horrible memory" is merely a passage you had to go through to liberate yourself.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: For Leos, star quality has all the elements of magic tricks. Some of the steps are: capitalizing on strengths, distracting from weaknesses and putting on a big show. Body builder turned action hero turned "Governor" Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has his natal sun, Saturn and Pluto all in the sign of entertainment, applies his lion's share of star quality to every endeavor he chooses.

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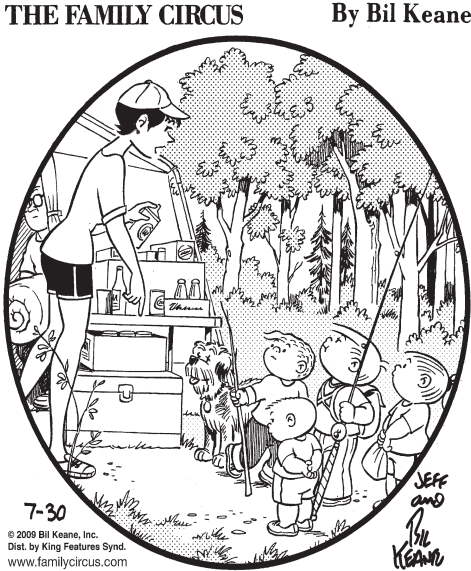
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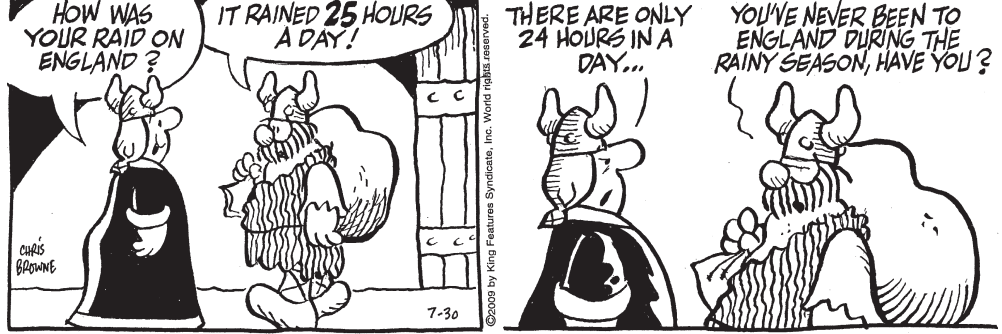
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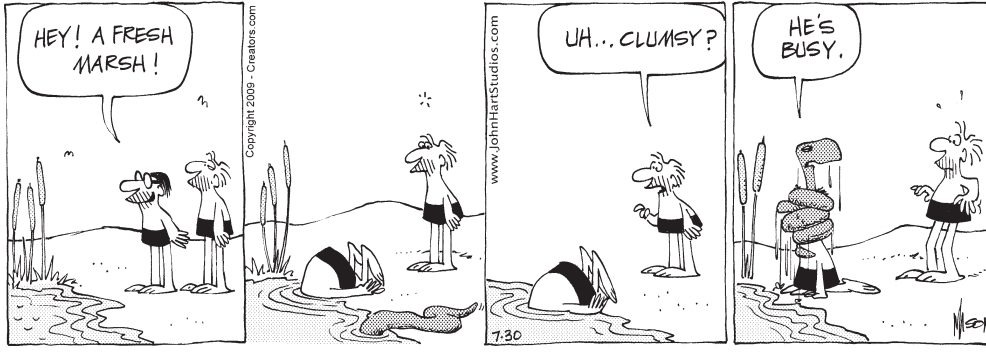
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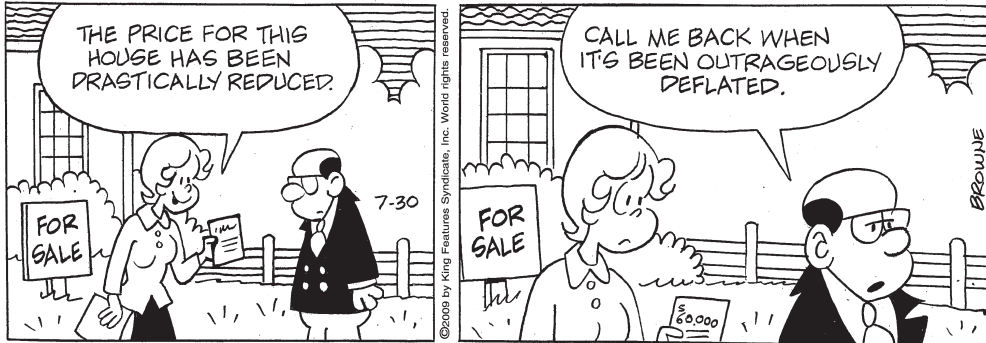
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 30, the 211th day of 2009. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the battle cruiser USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered components for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of some 1,200 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

On this date:
In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony.
In 1729, Baltimore, Md., was founded.
In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris by troops arriving from Marseille.
In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a

gunpowder-filled mine under Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1908, the first round-the-world automobile race, which had begun in New York in February, ended in Paris with the drivers of the American car, a Thomas Flyer, declared the winners over teams from Germany and Italy.

In 1918, poet Joyce Kilmer, a sergeant in the 165th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of the Marne in World War I. (Kilmer is perhaps best remembered for his poem "Trees.")

In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Johnson is 82. Actor Edd "Kookie" Byrnes is 76. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig is 75. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 73. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 70. Feminist activist Eleanor Smear is 70. Former U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., is 69. Singer Paul Anka is 68. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 64. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is 62. Actor William Atherton is 62. Actor Jean Reno is 61. Blues singer-musician Otis Taylor is 61. Actor Frank Stallone is 59. Actor Ken Olin is 55. Actress Delta Burke is 53. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 51.

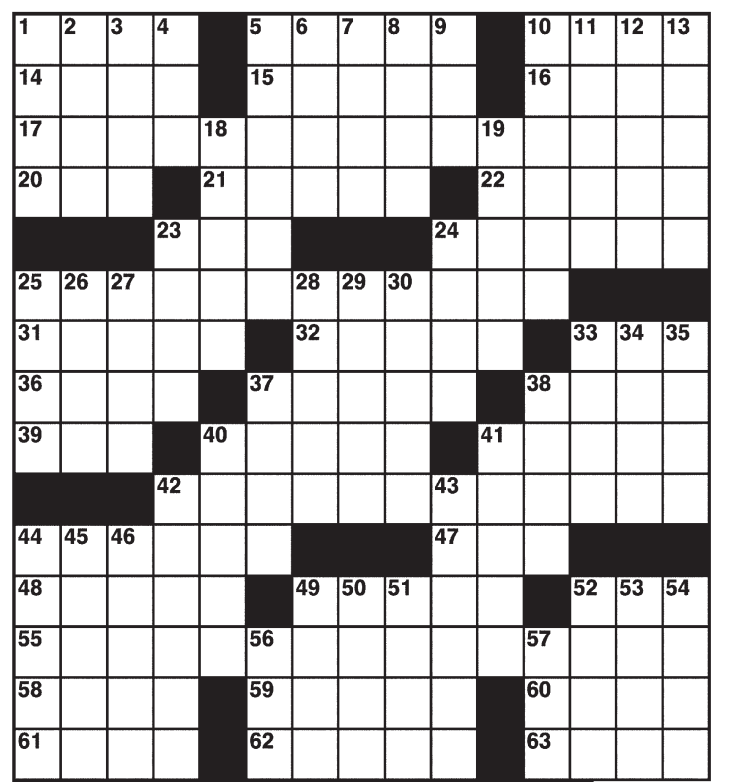
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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 One in charge | 1 Audi alternatives | 11 Present a view |
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| 14 African nation | 4 Knightly title | 18 Sign a register |
| 15 Cruise ship | 5 Type of tie | 19 Zoo beast |
| 16 Wall St. debuts | 6 Slangy negative | 23 Grandson of Adam |
| 17 Mystical dancer | 7 Bus Stop funnywright | 24 Is inactive |
| 20 Bottom line | 8 Funny Foxx neighbor | 25 Hard work |
| 21 Went (for) Norwegian skater | 9 Wash. | 26 Word-processor command |
| 22 Latin for "I" | 10 Entertain | 27 Funny fellow |
| 23 Warning devices | | 28 Diner need |
| 24 Outcome-altering moment | | 29 Coke rival |
| 25 Ring material | | 30 Vast expanse |
| 26 Verso's opposite | | 33 Extinct bird |
| 27 Slip into | | 34 Beasts of burden |
| 28 Altar exchanges | | 35 Big Board letters |
| 29 Calliope array | | |
| 30 Like moving vans | | |
| 31 Whole bunch | | |
| 32 Midwest oil center | | |
| 33 Subsidiary staffers | | |
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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News in brief

Health care deal with House 'Blue Dog' Democrats clears way for September vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats are determined to show progress on health care overhaul by pushing President Barack Obama's top domestic priority through two critically important committees before they head home for their August break.

They're closer, but they're not there yet. Democratic leaders in the House won agreement from conservatives on the Energy and Commerce Committee that would allow that panel to start voting on legislation as early as Thursday. In the Senate, negotiators on the Finance Committee say they are nearer to a bipartisan compromise that has eluded them for weeks.

The Finance panel and Energy and Commerce panel are seen as pivotal tests of prospects for the legislation because they reflect the broader composition of the Senate and the House. Three other committees that have already passed versions of the legislation are dominated by Democratic liberals.

The earliest that floor votes could occur would be in September.

What can we really learn from the Henry Louis Gates Jr. arrest?

(AP) — You can't solve a problem if you don't discuss it. That's why some say that despite all the accusations and emotions hindering the resolution of the Henry Louis Gates Jr. imbroglio, there is opportunity for racial progress in President Barack Obama's "teachable moment" sitdown with Gates and Sgt. James Crowley.

"If nothing else, it's an important national symbol of a discussion that needs to be held," said Clarence B. Jones, once a confidant of Martin Luther King Jr. and author of "What Would Martin Say?"

"If it's just regarded as the president bringing two guys together to clear the air, then it's meaningless," said Jones. "But if it's really intended to say in effect to the country, 'Look, the difficulties that occurred here are really emblematic of deeper issues,' it can work."

Beyond the symbolic, the meeting is an opportunity for the white cop, the black Harvard scholar and the biracial president "to say that they're wrong when they are wrong, to learn from one another's perspective as opposed to defending their own perspective," said Tali Hairston, director of the John Perkins Center for Reconciliation, Leadership Training and Community Development at Seattle Pacific University.

Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree, an attorney for Gates, said they hoped to settle the dispute and "create a springboard for a larger discussion about how law enforcement interacts with minority communities and how we can figure out a way to both enforce the law but also protect civil liberties and civil rights."

Nigerian troops shell Islamist compound and attack mosque, killing at least 100

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Troops shelled the compound of an Islamist sect blamed for days of violence in northern Nigeria then attacked its mosque, killing at least 100 militants in a fierce battle.

Sect leader Mohammed Yusuf escaped along with about 300 followers but his deputy was killed in Wednesday night's bombardment, according to Army commander Maj. Gen. Saleh Maina.

The army was conducting a house-to-house man-hunt Thursday on the outskirts of Maiduguri for Yusuf and his followers.

An AP reporter watched soldiers shoot their way into the mosque in Maiduguri on Wednesday and then rake those holed up inside with gunfire. The reporter later counted about 50 bodies inside the building and another 50 in the courtyard outside. The militants were armed with homemade hunting rifles, bows and arrows and scimitars.

Another five corpses were just inside a large house near the mosque. Maina pointed to the body of a plump, bearded man and said it the Boko Haram sect's vice chairman, Bukar Shekau.

In 1991 case in Pakistan, U.S. terror suspect nearly lost a hand in Islamic court

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Nearly two decades ago, an Islamic court sentenced Daniel Patrick Boyd to lose a hand and foot as punishment for robbing a bank in Pakistan's rough-and-tumble northwest.

An appeals court tossed out the ruling, but the brush with Shariah law did not shake Boyd's Muslim faith. Today, U.S. officials accuse the 39-year-old of being so extreme that he planned to wage holy war.

Police and court records from his 1991 trial offer a glimpse into Boyd's unusual life — and may provide some insight into what U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder says is a growing phenomenon in the U.S.: the homegrown jihadi.

Those who attended the trial in this dusty, chaotic city remember a well-behaved, composed young man who nonetheless was unwilling to submit to the harsh ruling. His wife said at the time that she and her husband considered America a nation of infidels.

His mother, Pat Saddler, told reporters at the time that Boyd came to Pakistan in October 1989 and worked as a mechanic helping Afghan refugees. His brother Charles joined him in Pakistan later, working as an engineer, she said.

Young Guantanamo Bay detainee faces return home to Afghanistan or criminal trial in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge who has grown impatient with the Obama administration's handling of a young Guantanamo Bay detainee is preparing to decide whether he'll go home to Afghanistan or to the United States for prosecution.

U.S. District Judge Ellen Huvelle was scheduled to hear arguments Thursday in the case of Mohammed Jawad. He has been held for 6½ years at the U.S. detention facility in Cuba for allegedly wounding two U.S. soldiers and their interpreter by throwing a grenade at their jeep in Afghanistan.

Government attorneys said in court filings Wednesday that they were prepared to release Jawad, but they didn't specify where he would go next. Prosecutors are trying to build a criminal case against Jawad, but in the meantime they also are preparing for the possibility they cannot get a grand jury indictment or that Huvelle compels them to release him.



By Steve Becker

Oops!

Declarer went up with the ace and drew trumps, ending in her hand. She then led a club to the queen, losing to the ace. At this point, West realized she could have defeated the slam earlier by leading her singleton club. Unable to contain herself, she now said, "Sorry, partner."

This spontaneous remark was not lost on South, who naturally concluded that West had started with a singleton club. And so, when East returned a heart, declarer ruffed, led a low diamond and finessed the jack!!

Declarer then played a club from dummy and, backing her judgment, finessed the seven. Next came the king of diamonds to the ace and another club finesse, and the slam was home.

Certainly, South would not have played the hand in this fashion without West's untimely remark. The highly unusual diamond finesse, followed by the deep club finesse — both plays were absolutely essential — would not have been taken had West not let the cat out of the bag with her comment.

It is interesting to note that West could have recovered from her indiscretion had she played the diamond queen when South led the five from her hand. This would have killed one of declarer's entries to dummy and made it impossible for South to take more than one finesse in clubs.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 7 2
♥ A Q J 8
♦ A J 9
♣ Q 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 8 3
♥ K 10 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 4
♣ 3

EAST
♠ 9 6
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 7 6 3 2
♣ A J 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 5 4
♥ 5
♦ K 5
♣ K 10 8 7 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♠ Pass 5♣ Pass
6♣

Opening lead — four of hearts.
This deal occurred in a women's pair championship. The bidding indicates that North-South were not gunshy in undertaking slams.
North's five-spade bid, following her two previous forward-going responses, clearly shows she did not come from the shrinking-violet school.
West chose a heart lead rather than a club, hoping to put declarer under early pressure. (Of course, a club lead and club return would have quickly settled South's hash.)

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Baby found after being cut from mother's womb; woman is arrested

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A baby girl cut from her mother's womb was found and a woman arrested after acquaintances became suspicious of her claims that she was the baby's mother, police said.

The body of the girl's mother was found Monday in a closet at her Worcester apartment. It was not until an autopsy that authorities discovered the fetus was missing.

The girl appeared to be in "fairly good health" at a New Hampshire hospital Wednesday, Worcester Police Sgt. Kerry Hazelhurst said.

Julie Corey, 35, of Worcester, Mass., and a male companion were arrested in Plymouth, N.H., where police found them with the child.



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