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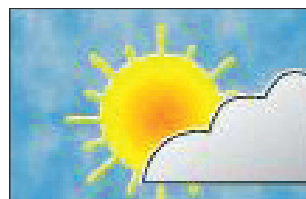


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## Area resident pleads guilty to drug charges

*Fifth Crossroads area alleged gang member to do so in federal court*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man alleged to be part of the Latin Kings street gang pleaded guilty to narcotics charges in federal court this week, the fifth person from the Crossroads area

to take a plea agreement in the investigation.

David Hellums, aka Cut-Throat, 35, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine

and 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. Hellums entered the plea before U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings.

According to court reports, Cummings ordered a pre-sentencing investigation be conducted and completed before

a sentencing date is set. Hellums faces between 10 years and life in prison.

An alleged member of the "Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation" street gang, Hellum's plea agreement joins a number of other guilty

pleas that have come on the heels of investigations by federal, state and local authorities.

Other Big Spring residents having pleaded guilty in the

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## City officials hope to avoid rollback election

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council gave the preliminary go-ahead for a proposed tax rate that eclipses the 2009-2010 rollback rate by more than 3 cents on a 6-1 vote Tuesday night, a decision city officials are hoping won't trigger a rollback election.

On a 6-1 vote — with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton the lone dissenter — the council gave the city staff the OK to move forward with a tax rate of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation. The rate, which is the same number used last year, will generate approximately \$90,000 more in revenue due to a rise in certified values in the city.



Walker

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, she and her staff calculated the effective tax rate — the tax rate necessary to collect the same amount in taxes as the previous year — at 95.0783 cents per \$100 valuation, and the rollback rate at 97.9398 cents per \$100 valuation.

Having set public hearings concerning the proposed tax rate for Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m. during Tuesday's meeting, Walker said the proposed tax rate will only generate approximately

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, right, and a Department of Public Safety trooper investigate the scene of a one-vehicle traffic accident near the intersection of Ranch Road 33 and U.S. Highway 87 Tuesday morning. According to Parker, the driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries in the accident, but was life-flighted to a hospital in Lubbock as a precautionary measure due to pre-existing medical conditions. The driver was traveling south on Highway 87 when he failed to negotiate the turn onto Ranch Road 33 due to his speed, Parker said.

## Trustees OK budget shift, call for election

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District voters will go to the polls Oct. 10 to decide whether to approve a tax increase that's more technicality than reality.

BSISD trustees voted to push the maintenance and operation portion of the district's tax rate past the rollback rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation during a special

meeting Tuesday evening, prompting them to call for a tax rollback election.

In reality, the district's overall tax rate will remain unchanged — trustees are simply shifting debt service payments over to the maintenance and operation side of the budget in order to take advantage of an opportunity to significantly increase state aid to BSISD.

By artificially zeroing out the district's debt service tax

**“The salient fact is that the (overall) tax rate will not change. This action just makes perfect sense. By doing this, we are being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the taxpayers' money.”**



—Steven Saldivar, BSISD superintendent

rate and raising the maintenance and operation tax rate at the same time, trustees can realize a net increase in

revenue of up to \$1 million in 2009-2010.

The new rate adopted Tuesday is \$1.1195 per \$100 valua-

tion, the same as in 2008-2009. The only difference is the new rate does not technically account for debt service.

Like other Texas public school districts, BSISD's tax rate is split into two parts — maintenance and operation (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S). M&O pays the day-to-day costs of the district, such as salaries and utilities, while I&S pays off district

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## School board approves balanced budget, includes raises for teachers and others

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Another budget is in the books for Big Spring Independent School District.

School trustees voted to adopt a \$30 million financial package for the upcoming fiscal year during a special meeting Tuesday night.

The budget, which is balanced, fea-

tures about \$800,000 more in expenditures than last year, said Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the school district.

Texas lawmakers voted this year to provide an \$800 raise to teachers, counselors, librarians and registered nurses, and paying for those raises account for most of the increased expenditures in the new budget, Waggoner said.

Aside from the pay raises, however, there is little new in the budget. The only "big ticket" item in this year's package is the purchase of two school buses and four smaller vehicles. Other than that and the pay raises, the budget is virtually unchanged from last year.

Overall payroll costs will account

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## Obituaries

## Robert L. 'Bobby' Beall

Robert L. "Bobby" Beall, 55, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall and Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 26, 1954, in Fort Knox, Ky., and married Shari Nix on July 20, 1984, in Big Spring.

Bobby was raised in the Knott community and graduated from Sands High School. He attended and graduated from Oklahoma Christian College in 1976. Bobby coached basketball in La Vernia, Texas, for three years before returning to Howard County in 1981, where he farmed in Martin County and Howard County.

He collected and restored Chevrolet cars, especially 1969 Cameros and loved teaching kids how to play basketball. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Shari Beall of Big Spring; one son, Steven Croft of Big Spring; his father, Robert Beall of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe Paul and Rene Beall of Knott; a sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Darin Clements of Midland; a grandson, Tyler Ray Croft of Granbury; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ida Lou Beall in 1999.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

## Maxine DeFlicht

Maxine DeFlicht, 72, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating.

She was born July 13, 1937, at Union Town, Pa., to Regina and Harry Lute. She moved to Big Spring in 1972, from Utah. She worked at Golden Plains Nursing Home, Mountain View Lodge, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Department of Human Services. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by three daughters: Donna Tidwell of Elkhart, Ind., Joyce Ross and her husband Tom of Centerville, Mich., and Theresa DeFlicht of San Antonio; one son: Donald DeFlicht and his wife Susan of Veguita, N.M.; two sisters: Linda Lute of Durango, Colo., and Judy Graft and her husband Jim of Everson, Pa.; three grandsons; two great-grandchildren; and her ex-husband: Donald DeFlicht Jr. of Rio Rancho, N.M.

The family suggests memorials to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 610 Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Armando Franco Jr.

Armando Franco Jr., 53, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 19, 1955, in Big Spring to Petra and Armando Franco Sr. He married Mary Ann Renteria on May 7, 1973, in Big Spring. He worked in the oil field as a roustabout and a truck driver. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife: Mary Ann Franco of Big Spring; two daughters: Mary Ellen Franco of Midland and April Franco Goillandeau and her husband Sebastian of Killeen; mother: Petra Franco of Big Spring; three sisters: Gloria Melendez and her husband Olegario, and Diana Franco Rodriguez and her husband Demetrio, all of Big Spring, and Denise Zuber and her husband Phil of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers: Robert Franco and his wife Maria and Adolfo Franco, all of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one son: Armando Anthony Franco III; one sister: Juanita Franco; and one brother: Rosendo Franco.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Gilbert Rodriguez

Gilbert Rodriguez, 41, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## PLEA

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case, including Guerrero Olivas, aka "Screech," 26; John Guzman, 30; Reynaldo Nava, aka "Rat," 27; and Carol Ann Rivas Nava, 20.

The indictment in the investigation, which charged a total of 17 defendants and was unsealed Feb. 26, alleged that from 2001 until Dec. 13, 2008 — when six of the defendants were arrested — the alleged members of the Latin Kings conspired to distribute multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine and marijuana throughout Texas and elsewhere.

"The 11-count indictment ... charges each of the defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana," said acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas James T. Jacks shortly after the indictments were unsealed. "Three defendants are also charged with conspiring to deal in firearms. The indictment also includes drug distribution charges and various firearms charges, including using and carrying a firearm to commit murder during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime."

Officials with the BSPD say the Latin Kings are believed to be responsible for the May 4, 2008, drive-by shooting that claimed the lives of Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring, and injured several others.

Jose Robledo Nava — allegedly the Texas leader of the Latin Kings — along with Gabriel Lee Gonzales, Eduardo Daniel Mares, James Johnathan Cole and Robert Allen Ramirez are currently under federal indictment for the slaying of Garcia and Cardona, according to court documents.

According to the indictment — which was engineered by Jacks and Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division — the defendants acquired the cocaine and marijuana from Mexico and brought it to the South Texas region, where it was packaged, stored and transported to Big Spring, Lubbock and Midland for further distribution.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cody L. Skipper of the Lubbock division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas and Trial Attorney Joseph A. Cooley of the Criminal Division's Gang Unit are prosecuting the case, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

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\$230,000 in additional funding, all of which the council has indicated would be used to finance a new municipal swimming pool.

"We did pay off a 2002 refunding bond issue in February of this year, and that will free up 2.9 cents, which is no longer legally required for debt services," said Walker. "Rather than eliminating that, the staff is proposing and the council is considering rolling those funds into the general fund rate for one year, and when the rate is set next year, we'll pull that rate (2.9 cents) right back out and fund a new mu-

nicipal swimming pool. It probably won't be enough debt service, so in all likelihood we'll lower the general fund rate at that time to fully cover the debt service on the new pool without raising rates overall.

"I estimated the proposed rate would yield \$3.774 million," she continued. "However, the tax base will actually generate a little more than that, approximately \$90,000 more. The council's direction tonight is that we'll look at the possibility of taking all of those dollars, both from the 2.9 cents plus the additional \$90,000, and we'll restrict that money for moving forward with the pool, and if we don't use it all, we can roll that into the

debt service fund and have it for future debt service."

The council recently held a work session to discuss the construction of a new city swimming pool, a move made necessary by the recent closure of the existing pool due to its inability to meet federal regulations. The current cost of a new swimming facility — which includes a number of improvements over the existing facility and a major increase in capacity — was presented as \$4.2 million during that meeting.

Walker said earmarking the funds raised by the 2.9 cents already built into the budget, along with the additional revenue, could help

fund the debt service on the new pool.

"We're also looking at the possibility of the city performing quite a few of the services related to demolition, dirt work and site work, various things we can do to keep future debt issuance at a much lower rate for the swimming pool," said Walker.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton said she refused to support the tax rate because the funds the council is expected to designate toward building a new pool are not being restricted.

"I wanted to see those funds earmarked strictly for a new pool," said Horton following the meeting. "And there was talk of doing that, but it was never done.

That's why I didn't vote in favor of the tax rate."

In the end, however, Walker said the proposed tax rate will only equate to an increase in taxpayer's bills if there was an increase in the property's value.

"We're not raising the actual (tax) rate. However, if your appraisal did go up, if your property value went up, even if we lowered the tax rate your liability might be higher," said Walker. "It all depends on how much the value of your property went up, and that's something that is completely out of the city's hands. If the proposed tax rate (of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation) is approved and the value of your property did not go up, your tax liability

should be identical to last year."

If a rollback election were successful in stopping the proposed tax rate, the city would be forced to adopt the effective rate, which would cause a budgetary shortfall of nearly \$250,000 when compared to the currently proposed budget.

"If the citizens feel that strongly about it and don't feel the city has put together a good budget or isn't being fiscally responsible with their tax dollars, a rollback election is always a possibility," said Walker.

**Angel Food Ministries**

There are some changes in the Angel Food ordering process for August.

The biggest change is that all specials may be purchased without having to buy on of the primary boxes first. A second change is that the allergen box now contains dry mix items. The price of the allergen box has also been raised to \$40.

Ordering times and dates are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 and 14 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 and 15 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

Orders will be taken at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 and 15.

Delivery will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 29.

All orders must be paid for in cash, money order or the Lone Star Card at the time you place your order. Lone Star Cards can only be taken at the church, not the mall. The Angel Food program is open to anyone, regardless of income, etc.

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debt accrued from bond elections.

State aid to districts, however, is weighted heavily toward what the districts charge in the M&O portion of the tax rate — approximately giving schools 99 cents in aid for every \$1 they raise in local M&O taxes, while providing less than 30 cents on the dollar in debt service aid. That fact provided the inspiration for the trustees' action Tuesday.

Tuesday's action will reap the district about \$1.82 million in increased state aid, officials said. Once current bond payments are made, BSISD will realize a net increase of about \$1 million.

District officials said they will spend a lot of time between now and the election in October educating voters on the technical issues involved with the new tax rate.

The biggest point they wanted to make Tuesday, however, is that the move makes the best financial sense

for both the district and its taxpayers.

"The most important point I believe trustees want to make to the community is that this election is about recouping the maximum amount of state aid for our district's students," Board President Mike Dawson said, "and not leaving that state aid to be utilized somewhere else."

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar wanted to stress that the new tax rate will not result in an increase in tax bills this coming fiscal year.

"The salient fact is that the (overall) tax rate will not change," Saldivar said. "This action just makes perfect sense. By doing this, we are being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the taxpayers' money."

Comments Saldivar has received from taxpayers so far have been encouraging, he said.

"The people we've talked to, the comments so far have been positive," he said. "We've been able to explain our rationale behind this, which is to maximize the equity funding available from the state."

**BUDGET**

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for more than \$21.5 million of the new budget.

The budget will be fueled by a tax rate of \$1.1195 per \$100 valuation, the same overall rate as the previous year.

Putting the budget-crafting process to bed for another year was a relief, Waggoner said.

"It was more difficult this year, but it usually is after the legislature meets," she said. "We have to spend a lot of time figuring out how much they've changed things up from the past ... but we feel that, with the information we

have, we've got the best budget we can have."

In other business Tuesday, trustees approved:

- The student code of conduct for the coming school year. Assistant Superintendent Danny Farrell said there are no significant changes from the previous year.
- Awarded flagship broadcasting status to radio station KBST.
- Approved a vendor's list for career and applied technology education supplies and equipment.
- Approved the hiring of the following personnel: James Campbell, athletic trainer; Sammie Campbell, Washington Elementary third grade teacher; Twila Garza, registered

nurse; Ashley Golden, Washington Elementary first grade teacher; Shameka Johnson, Washington third grade teacher; Margaret Lujan, Moss Elementary fourth grade teacher; and Anna O'Brien, high school choir director.

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## OUR VIEW

# KBSB project deserves our solid backing

It's a point we've made here before, but it bears repeating — we never seem to run out of good causes. What's more, it's patently clear that Big Spring and Howard County residents love a good cause. Anyone doubting that fact need only look at the successes enjoyed by each year's Relay for Life, the annual United Way campaign, Pops in the Park, and just about every other public endeavor in our community.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful officials are hoping that holds true when it comes to their plans to renovate Comanche Trail Park, and in the process, earn money for even more projects.

KBSB members are planning several projects to enhance the park in an effort to win the Keep Texas Beautiful's Governor's Achievement Award, a \$130,000 grant the organization would use to improve three entrances to the city.

"To win the award, we need some kind of big, splashy project that includes the city, county and civic groups," said KBSB's Walter Ward. "To do that, we plan on renovating Comanche Trail Park (with) small projects that are easily doable but would make the park a more attractive place."

However, to get the ball rolling, KBSB needs our help. The first planned project involves the installation of 10 to 12 stone benches in the park, which the group hopes to finance through business, church or civic group sponsorships.

Each of the benches costs \$400, but to defray those costs, Ward said KBSB would like sponsors to buy full, half or quarter sponsorships. Those organizations' names or logos would then be placed on bronze plaques set in the benches.

That, however, is only a start.

Plans also call for the construction and placement of several "You are here" signs that would help visitors better locate park attractions, which the group also hopes businesses and other organizations will "adopt." KBSB is hoping to purchase 80 dome-top lids for the park's trash barrels at \$80 apiece.

While the projects are being spearheaded by KBSB, they are actually a multi-agency effort that also includes the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the city of Big Spring.

KBSB will be sending out solicitation letters to area businesses, churches and civic groups soon and will encourage donations on the projects through the end of this year.

Whether the group wins the state award not, Ward said renovation of the city park will be a KBSB priority for years to come.

"We would really like to see our park become the best city park in West Texas," he said.

We couldn't agree more. We've long maintained that virtually every community in West Texas would love to have a facility like Comanche Trail Park, and that we seem to take it for granted.

So we encourage our readers to help get involved in the KBSB projects. And, if your business or organization can help out, call 935-6455 and make these plans a reality.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With you, Lord, we aren't skating on thin ice.

Amen

# A dose of Cuban reality

For those who still had naive illusions about changing Cuba by befriending a couple of old tyrants, Raul Castro offered a dose of reality Saturday.

"I wasn't elected president

to return capitalism to Cuba or to surrender the revolution," said the younger of the Castro brothers in an obvious response to the Obama administration's calls for social and political reforms on the communist island. "I was elected to defend, build and perfect socialism, not destroy it," he said as he addressed the Cuban Parliament, composed entirely of militants of the Castro dictatorship. The Associated Press reported that they gave him a standing ovation.

Between Fidel and Raul, the Castro brothers have ruled Cuba with an iron fist and without free elections for 50 years. They have done everything humanly possible to crush their critics and political opponents. Yet Raul has the gall to keep claiming that he was democratically "elected" when he took over for his dictator brother last year.

Because he was "elected" by the Cuban Parliament, Castro claims he was chosen through a democratic process.

The whole world knows they have a one-party system, that Cuban legislators are simply a bunch of puppets of the regime and that the Cuban people would boot the Castro brothers out of office if real elections ever were held.

But these old cynics just keep repeating their tired rhetoric, all about how the United States should not try to interfere in Cuba's internal affairs, blah, blah blah ... and Cuba's sovereignty, blah, blah blah.

Of course, what they want is for us to butt out of the way they keep violating the human rights of the Cuban people. They use repression, fear and intimidation to prolong their stay in power, and they simply will not allow anyone to challenge or weaken their absolute control of Cuba.

Castro said his government "won't negotiate (its) political or social system and ... won't ask the United States to do so. We should mutually respect our differences."

Respect? Does this mean we should respect his right to imprison people simply because they disagree with his regime? What about his right to organize goon squads to verbally and physically assault political dissidents? Or his right to keep the island as a prison from where you need government permission or risk drowning in order to escape? Should we respect his right to censor the press and the churches and violate every civil right and freedom that we hold dear?

Can we respect a regime that systematically violates all the principles that make us proud Americans? Can we look away as atrocities are committed only 90 miles away from U.S. shores? I don't think so!

The cynicism of the Castro brothers is such that you want to dissect their sentences in order to expose just how arrogantly they try to insult our intelligence.

When he says the Free World doesn't have the right to butt into Cuba's internal affairs or even to ask about how he treats the Cuban people — because he doesn't ask the United States to negotiate its political and social system — anyone can see that the man's face must be made of stone.

Anyone can see that in order to improve relations between these two countries, it is not the Americans who need to change.

It's the Cubans! We already have a free press, free elections, freedom to express ourselves, a free country!

Yet as long as the Castro brothers are alive, they simply will not allow such freedom to flourish in Cuba. In fact, they think their totalitarian system will survive even after their much-anticipated demise. In a rare comment about life in Cuba after the Castros are gone, Raul said Saturday that those who expect the regime to perish with "the death of Fidel and all of us ... are doomed to failure."

They want Cuba's enslavement to be permanent.

Remember when, back in April, Raul said he was willing to talk to the United States about "human rights, press freedom, political prisoners — everything"? Remember how all the "useful fools" in the American news media assumed that was the end of the U.S.-Cuba cold war? Remember that the media described those comments as "an extraordinary overture" and "a major softening of the communist island's stance"? Remember that one week later, Fidel Castro took it all back and explained that Raul had been "misinterpreted" and that they had no intentions of changing the system that sustains their dictatorship?

Well, this time it is Raul who has made it perfectly clear that he and his brother intend to die in power and that no one — including President Barack Obama — will be allowed to stand in their way.

But he says he still is willing to negotiate with the United States. And that probably will be enough for some naive Americans to argue that they see an opening and that we need to lift the U.S. embargo against the communist island without preconditions. These are the same fools who think that somehow, American tourists will go to Cuba and help liberate the Cuban people, even though tourists from all over the world have been going there for many years and have been unable to put a dent in the Castro repression machine.

These are the same useful fools who actually believe that after a half-century of perfecting their repression, the Castro brothers somehow will be willing to give it all up.

Let's not be so naive; the Castros want the embargo lifted, but only if it doesn't require them to loosen their grip on power.

When he spoke to his puppet Parliament Saturday, Raul noted, "I wasn't elected president to return capitalism to Cuba or to surrender the revolution."

But if he had stopped talking after the first four words, for the first time in 50 years, he would have been honest.

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# An educational moment?

My friend Harry Edwards used to say, "They don't know that you teach at Harvard when you're at Fenway Park," about living in Boston in the late '70s. Back then, Boston did more than its share to earn a bad reputation among black professionals.

Today, Massachusetts has an African-American governor. The Celtics no longer go out of their way to make sure they have white players. Black fans try as hard as everyone else to find a ticket to Fenway.

And every black I know, male or female, will tell you that black men are treated differently by the police than white men every day of the week.

Why wouldn't they be?

Police departments look very different than they did 20 or 30 years ago, more like the communities they police. You see more women and more minorities,

and far more emphasis on community involvement, community policing and building trust.

All of that is definitely better. Tensions have been reduced. Police can do their jobs better as part of the community than from the outside looking in.

But none of that matters very much so long as three-quarters of the inmates are black and Hispanic men.

Assume you're a police officer and you get a report of a possible break-in, you go to the house and find an angry black man.

It might be his house. It might not be. Probably he won't kill you.

Probably. Would it have been different if it were my home? Sure. Not long ago, the police came to my house because a neighbor behind me saw someone (my handyman) going in my backyard. Everyone couldn't have been nicer. I wasn't angry. I would've offered coffee if I'd made some. There was certainly no reason for the police to be afraid, once they saw me. All very pleasant.

I don't blame Professor Gates for reacting to the confrontation with all the anger and hostility

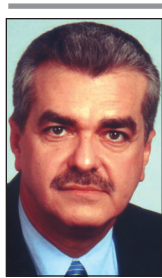
you build up after years of putting up with slights, confronting stereotypes, trying to tear down brick walls gracefully while all the time being viewed as someone who might have been wearing a prison jumpsuit in the not-so-distant past. But his anger was directed at the wrong target. I wish Professor Gates and other black leaders would get mad not at the police who behave rationally but at the young, and not so young, hoodlums and hooligans who make it rational to treat black men differently.

There's a great song in "Avenue Q" about how "everyone's a little bit racist sometime." We all are. An afternoon in the Loehmann's dressing room will prove that, in a multilingual chorus. But the most pernicious racism, in the long run, is the kind that is rooted in undeniable reality.

The challenge is not to change our attitudes, but to change the reality.

Doing that will take more than a few beers on the White House lawn.

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# Why not check this out? At the library

Friends of the Library are busy sorting out the books that so many generous people have brought. Just to let you know, staff inspects what comes in and in the event we need to replace a worn/used copy, we use the donated volume. Or if the author is particularly popular, we may add a second copy to the collection. By doing this, our budget can be stretched and money can be used to purchase needed materials.



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The library has received a couple of "football" biographies. Warren Moon is the only player who has been inducted into both the Pro Football and Canadian

Football Hall of Fame. Moon lost his father to alcoholism and in order to have a positive role model, his mother enrolled him in a Pop Warner League team. Warren pursued his dream of playing quarterback even when faced with discouraging words from his coaches. In Moon's book, he talks about his life: a divorce, death threats, racist taunts, his deep disappointment at not winning a Super Bowl ring and his push for greater safeguards for players (Moon sustained six concussions during his career). An inspirational book; "Never Give Up on Your Dream: My Journey" (B MOOW) by Warren Moon is in the biography section.

Along the same lines, is a book authored by Loreane Tomlinson, mother of NFL MVP LaDainian Tomlinson. "LT and Me: What Raising a Champion Taught Me" (B TOM L). Loreane shares

her secrets to nurturing a strong, God-fearing man in spite of all the temptations available to players in any high-pressure sport. It is packed with behind-the-scenes information, photos that have not been published before, and perhaps most important of all, what she did right and then where she failed. I didn't realize it, but LT is from Marlin, Texas, and played for TCU. (Shows how much I follow football!) Like Moon's book, this can be found in the biography section.

More biographies: "Lance," by John Wilcockson; "Prairie Tales," by Melissa Gilbert; "Singing Was the Easy Part," by Vic Damone; "Duchess of Death," by Richard Hack (this is about Agatha Christie); "Magnificent Desolation," by Buzz Aldrin and finally "Late Edition: A Love Story," by Bob Greene. I just finished reading

Richard Hack's "Duchess of Death: The Unauthorized Biography of Agatha Christie" (B CHR A) and it was absolutely fascinating. I have always enjoyed reading her mysteries and this gave an added dimension to the how and why she wrote. While her books toward the end of her lifetime were not as good as the prior ones, they were well-crafted stories. A super biography on an interesting character.

How about a trip back in time? "The Road to Woodstock," (781.660 LAN M) by Michael Lang, is the story of (duh!?) the festival that broke open the free love era. Forty years ago, on Aug. 15, Richie Havens was the first act to ascend the stage at the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Max Yasgur's fields. The story of the festival begins with Lang's desire to put on a concert where people could come and go, listening

to all kinds of music. Come they did, crowds of several hundred thousand people came together in the rain, mud and music. Revisit the 1960s from the comfort of your home.

Sophie Kinsella writes light-hearted romances and in her newest one there is a touch of mystery, too. "Remember Me?" (F KIN S) is the story of a 25-year-old working girl (no, not that kind!) who wakes up in the hospital with perfect teeth, a toned body and a high-powered job as corporate big shot. However, nothing is as it seems, secrets pop up everywhere, motives are murky, and how is she to figure what has happened? This is a good book to read while it is so hot outside. Check out "The Castaways," F (HIL E) by Elin Hilderbrand; "So Happy Together," (F McD

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## 2009 Property Tax Rates in HOWARD COLLEGE

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for HOWARD COLLEGE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$4,212,785	
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,911,505	
Last year's total taxes	\$6,124,290	
Last year's tax base	\$2,202,982,014	
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.278	/ \$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,114,705	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,937,860,663	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.315538	/ \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0	/ \$100
= Effective tax rate	\$0	/ \$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal, justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,206,691	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,937,860,663	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.217079	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.234445	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.092987	/ \$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.327432	/ \$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard College adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.315538 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$31,305

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	\$0

### Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligation Bond Series 2007	\$695,000	\$937,213	\$400	\$1,632,613
Total required for 2009 debt service				\$1,632,613
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$1,632,613
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 90% of its taxes in 2009				\$181,401
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,814,014

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN ST. (COUNTY ANNEX BLDG.) BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

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## 2009 Property Tax Rates in Howard County

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### Last year's tax rate:

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$10,061,932		\$728,128
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,036,098		\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$11,098,030		\$728,128
Last year's tax base	\$2,204,886,180		\$2,212,079,232
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.503338/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.32916/\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$11,080,665		\$762,993
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,939,950,762		\$1,939,950,762
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.571182/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.037474/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$0.608656/\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ / \$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ _____ / \$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$10,046,425		\$726,993
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,939,950,762		\$1,939,950,762
= This year's effective rate	\$0.517870/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.037474/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.559299/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.040471/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.027553/\$100	/ \$100	0.0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.586852/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.040471/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.627323/\$100		

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.608656 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$60,373.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$3,900,000
Road & Bridge	275,000
Equipment Operating	240,000

### Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligations Bonds Series 2005	\$110,000	\$24,390	\$0	\$134,390
General Obligations Bonds Series 2008	\$285,000	\$519,424		\$804,424
Total required for 2009 debt service			\$938,814	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$427,619	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009			\$511,195	
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2009			\$26,905	
= Total Debt Levy			\$538,100	

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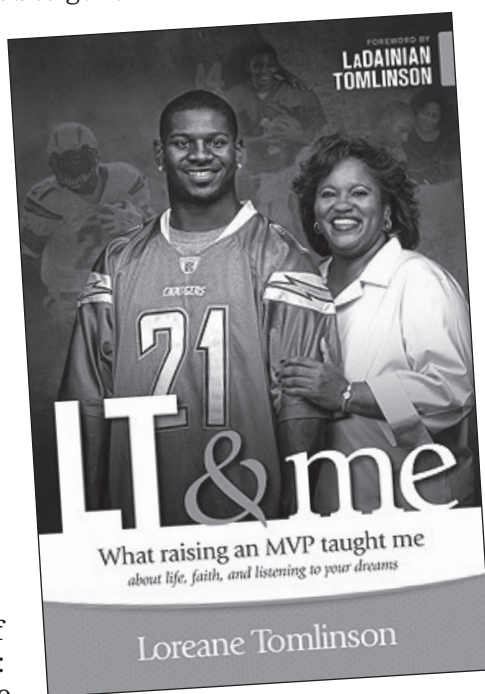
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M) by Maryann McFadden; and "Hope in a Jar", (F HAR B) by Beth Harbison. These are chick books, so guys will need to go for something else.

Amanda Grange retells Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice" from Fitzwilliam Darcy's point of view, in "Mr. Darcy's Diary" (F GRA A). Her device for doing so is an imagined diary of a clever sort: Grange reproduces, word for word and comma for comma, conversations from the original novel, but shifts the perspective to reported speech in Darcy's first-person, with his commentary on the encounters. Between the reconstituted passages, the reader is treated to Darcy's ongoing reflections on Hertfordshire society, his family obligations, his sister and, most crucially, Elizabeth Bennet

and her family. While not as polished as other books told from Darcy's point of view, it is an enjoyable read.

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*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*

**Parent's Corner: 'You know that ...'**

I was reading an article the other day that was just filled with things I didn't know. As I was reading, I was thinking about how interesting it is to learn new information, but also how important it is to realize that there is a lot of information that we do know but don't stop to think about.

Let's review some of these things. You know that you cannot make someone love you; all you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them. You know that no matter how much you care, some people just don't care back.

You know that it takes years to build trust and only seconds to destroy it. You know that it's not what you have in your life but who you have in your life that counts.

You know that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

You know that you should always leave loved ones with loving words; it may be the last time you see them.

You know that you can keep going long after you think you can't.

You know that you are responsible for what you do, no matter how you feel.

You know that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

You know that learning to forgive takes practice.

You know that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

You know that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to that it doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

You know that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others; sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

You know that no matter how bad your heart is broken or your plans have been destroyed, the world doesn't stop for your grief.

You also know that just because you think something is true doesn't make it true. Let me tell you a story to illustrate this



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one.

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

*Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*

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# Cowboys' Spencer ready to join Ware in QB hunt

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Anthony Spencer might have the cushiest spot in the Dallas Cowboys' lineup.

As the outside linebacker opposite reigning NFL sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, Spencer has the luxury of knowing offensive coordinators aren't setting up their pass protections to avoid him. If anything, quarterbacks trying to avoid Ware might

move toward Spencer and teams almost certainly will have fewer blockers in front of him.

At least, that's how things shape up now. Spencer's goal is to make teams worry about him almost as much as Ware.

"Teams are going to be focused on Ware no matter what I do," Spencer said. "It's just how I respond to it. If I'm making plays and making sacks off the edge, that's going to make teams respect both of us and make

them change their scheme a little more."

When Bill Parcells switched the Cowboys to a 3-4 defense in 2005, he spent the 11th overall pick on Ware, a college defensive end who could be retrained as a quarterback-seeking outside linebacker. That experiment worked so well that in '07 the Cowboys spent their top pick on Spencer, another college defensive end.

That year, Greg Ellis was Dallas' incumbent at the "other" OLB spot

and he didn't like the idea of a rookie coming in to take his job. Ellis was so motivated that he had his best season, going to the Pro Bowl for the first time and winning the NFL's comeback player of the year award. Spencer actually started the first six games and played in all 16, but he was clearly the third man in a three-man rotation.

Spencer was poised to break out in

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# Hayes to the Hall

'Bullet' Bob finally joins NFL's best

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Now that Bob Hayes is going into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, people hearing his story for the first time are going to wonder what took so long.

After all, he changed the game.

Hayes brought a new kind of speed to pro football: Olympic gold-medal speed. "Bullet Bob" won two of them in 1964, tying the world record in the 100 meters and running one of the greatest anchor legs ever seen to bring the United States from far behind in the 400-meter relay.

He joined the Dallas Cowboys in 1965 and showed them he could do right away. In a preseason game, quarterback Jerry Rhome overthrew everyone, or, at least, so it seemed, until Hayes swooped in and caught the ball. Immediately promoted to the starting lineup for the opener, Hayes scored touchdowns on three of his first four catches.

That rookie year, Hayes led the league in touchdowns and became Dallas' first 1,000-yard receiver. The next year, he led the league in TDs again and cracked 1,200 yards, a team record that stood for 25 years. The Cowboys also won their division for the first time.

Hayes went on to lead the NFL in



AP file photo/L.M. Otero

Former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Bob Hayes holds up an award given to him at Texas Stadium in Irving during his induction ceremony to the Cowboys Ring of Honor Sept. 23, 2001. Now that Hayes is going into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, people hearing his story for the first time are going to wonder what took so long. Simply put, he changed the game, bringing Olympic gold-medal speed to pro football.

# A's shut down Rangers, 6-0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Gio Gonzalez found a routine that helps keep him focused. After his best outing yet, he's not going to change it anytime soon.

Gonzalez threw 6 2-3 scoreless innings and Kurt Suzuki homered to help the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 6-0 on Tuesday night.

"I have been working with Suzuki about having a routine; letting him set up the middle and having my stuff do the work," Gonzalez said. "I'm working on keeping my composure because that will help me go the distance."

Gonzalez, who won his third straight decision and his first at home since last Aug. 12, lowered his home ERA to 8.26 from 10.80 with his outing.

Mark Ellis added three hits and three RBIs as the A's beat Texas a second straight night. Michael Young extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a double in the eighth but the Rangers lost for the third time in four games.

Gonzalez (3-2) took a no-hitter into the fifth before giving up a two-out hit to David Murphy. He retired 14 in a row to that point.

"I saw a curveball, that's about it," Rangers' manager Ron Washington said. "You can't take anything away from the kid; he went seven innings, but it wasn't any shutout stuff."

DeShawn Kason (4-7) gave up four runs and four hits with four walks over 4 1-3 innings. He struck out four.

"I was trying to make too many perfect pitches and balls were getting away," Holland said. "I was just trying to do too much out there."

Suzuki hit his seventh home run of the season, a solo shot, with one out in the first. Ellis added RBI singles in the second, fourth and eighth, Cliff Pennington drove in a run in the eighth and Scott Hairston hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Gonzalez walked Young with one out in the first and allowed one Ranger to venture further than second base.

"It's funny but it's the same stuff I've seen from Gio," A's manager Bob Geren said. "The difference is throwing it over the plate."

Jack Cust made a nice running catch just before hitting the right field wall to end the fourth, the closest the Rangers were to a hit until Murphy's single.

# Sports in brief

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## Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will begin signups for football players and cheerleaders Saturday 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.

## Big Spring Youth Soccer Association starts registration Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association begins registration for the 2009 season from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will continue throughout the following week — Monday through Friday, Aug. 14 — from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The final day to sign up is Saturday, Aug. 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost for registration is \$65 for the first child and \$5 more for each additional child. The cost includes the full uniform. Boys and girls who are between the ages 4-11 are eligible to play.

For more information, call Isaac Miramontes at 935-9056.

## Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly results

In the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday June 27, the team of Debra Lusk, Sue Russell and Sara Myers teamed to win first place with a 1-under. Coming in second was Dee Jenkins, Annie Ward and Shirley Long with a 1-over.

In Thursday's couples play, Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Howard and Trish Gabbard teamed to shoot a 4-under.

Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe and Paul and Dee Jenkins took second with a 2-under.

George Murphy shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

## BSHS football season tickets going on sale at ATC offices

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll enjoy the company of a steady, grounded individual. Even though you're not exactly laughing the day away, there is comfort in your connection. You can count on this person through thick and thin.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll make a self-sacrificing move in order to please someone or keep a situation flowing in a happy direction. It feels good to give, and yet you should really make it up to yourself as soon as possible. Do something just for you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You've learned to control your emotions and your impulses, and you've also learned that too much control is no fun. There will be a chance to let loose and you'll be glad you seized the day.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll see some pretty strange behavior today, but refrain from judgment. Your estimations wouldn't have an effect on the

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

other person anyway, and would only define you as a person who needs to be critical.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You realize that it's time to bring something special to a relationship. Your extra effort to be romantic and/or show your appreciation of someone you respect will be joyously received.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be inspired by an artist, and it's probably not a painter or sculptor. Anyone who does a job with reverence, even if the job is sweeping the floor, is an artist.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's much on the table that needs your attention — new projects to line up and new people to meet. You'll find it's not difficult to get things started. In most cases, all it takes is one phone call.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll witness the kind of jaw-dropping occurrence that's so outside of your realm of expectation that you'll probably decide to let go of all of your preconceptions. Take life as it comes.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll dress to impress. Loved ones will wonder whom you're making this big effort for and the answer is everyone, and especially yourself. Superficial efforts improve your relationship with the inner you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because you're talking with someone doesn't mean you're communicating. Make sure you're being heard. Ask the other person to repeat your message back to you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your sensitivity helps you appreciate and understand where others are coming from. It's a little too easy to get snarled into other people's moods, though. Enforce personal boundaries.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll resonate with the way another person sees the world. You may feel very connected to a famous person, a book or a particular song. Tonight, a Scorpio helps you make sense of your feelings.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 5).** Seek wisdom and truth and your other aims will come together beautifully. A commitment to your health will help you make favorable changes in your appearance. There's a shift in your working life and you'll enjoy more freedom and creativity. You'll make a humungous sale in January. June brings a blissful retreat. Love signs are Virgo and Taurus. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 24, 33 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Scorpio woman, 35. I've only had three boyfriends. Two years ago I decided I wasn't going to wait for a man to have a family and I adopted two children from foster care. My children are 8 and 11 and we are very happy together. They keep me busy — both have ADHD and are always up to something. Part of me still wonders if I will ever meet a man who will complete this family." What a wonderful act of

love it is to give a home to children who need one. Your heart is expanding in ways you never imagined. In giving this gift, you have opened yourself up emotionally and increased the flow of love through your life. It will only continue to increase. Scorpios can be extremely discerning, and that has at times kept you from dating. But your naturally strict selection policy will now be an asset, as you must be very careful about whom you let into your new family. This fall, Scorpios have luck finding quality partners in a community and/or professional organization, at church or through religiously affiliated dating services.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** In the mid-'90s, he made a sensation with the Oscar-winning film he wrote, directed and starred in, "Sling Blade." Billy Bob Thornton has continued in a sensational manner in both his personal and professional life with a long list of former wives, including Angelina Jolie, and a long list of film credits, including "Bad Santa." With a total of six luminaries in Leo, Thornton will always thrive in the spotlight.

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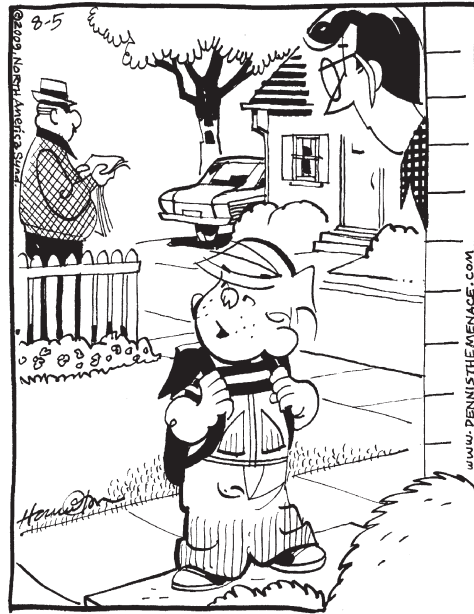
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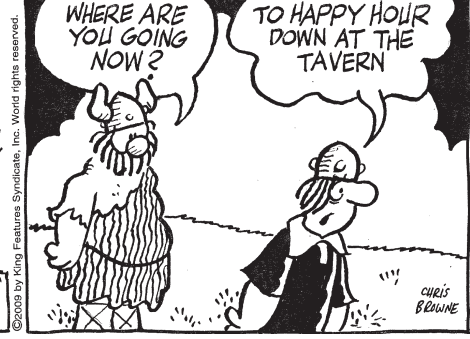


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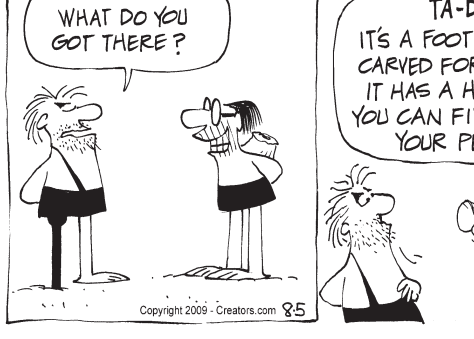
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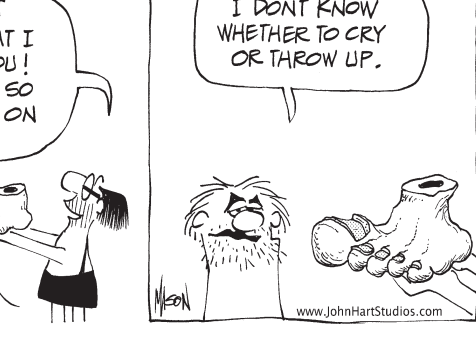
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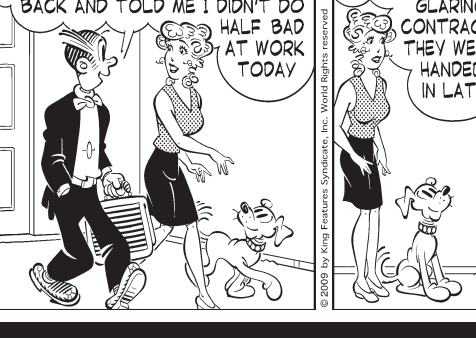
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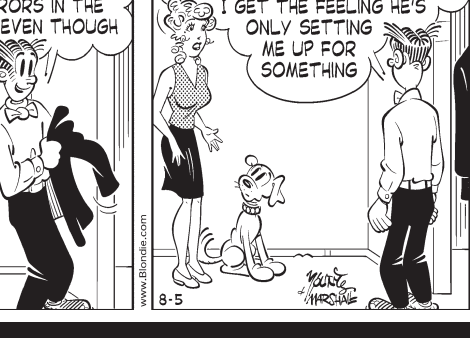
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2009. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 5, 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

On this date: In 1858, American businessman Cyrus Field finished laying out the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable between Newfoundland and Ireland.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1924, the comic strip 'Little Orphan Annie,' by Harold Gray, made its debut.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

In 1968, the Republican national convention convened in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1969, the U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

In 1984, actor Richard Burton died in Geneva, Switzerland, at age 58.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 79. Actress Cammie King ('Gone with the Wind') is 75. Actor John Saxon is 74. Actor Zakes Mokae is 74. Former football player Roman Gabriel is 69. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 69. Rock musician Rick Huxley (The Dave Clark Five) is 69. Actress Loni Anderson is 64. Actress Erika Slezak is 63. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 62. Actress Holly Palance is 59. Singer Samantha Sang is 56. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 53. Rock musician Pat Smear is 50. Actress Tawney Kitaen is 48. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 48. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Patrick Ewing is 47. Rapper MCA (The Beastie Boys) is 45. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 43. Country singer Terri Clark is 41. Former baseball player John Olerud is 41. Rock musician Eicca Toppinen (Apocalyptica) is 34. Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford is 28. Actor Brendon Ryan Barrett is 23.

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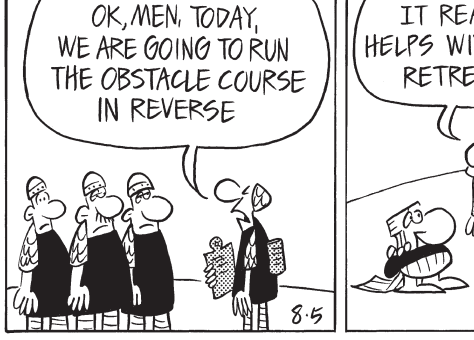
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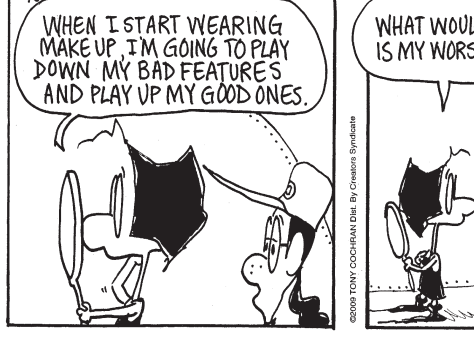
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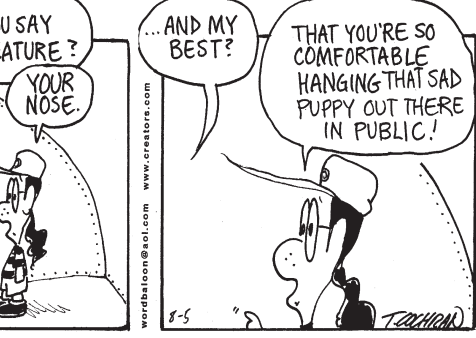
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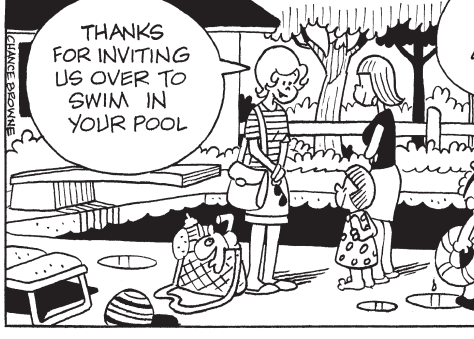
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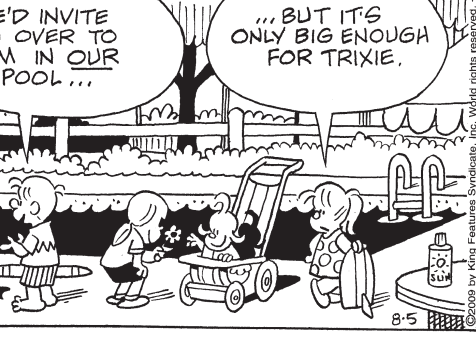
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- ACROSS: 1 Immature insect, 6 Legendary pirate captain, 10 Since, 14 Covered with certain vines, 15 Pulitzer author James, 16 Area of London, 17 Texas football venue, 19 Short-tailed wildcat, 20 Pants part with a patch, perhaps, 21 Town, 22 Quaint cooler, 24 JFK's secretary of state, 26 Share an opinion, 27 Short-lived wonder, 31 Becomes a member of, 32 Pot toss-in, 33 Silent acknowledgment, 35 Spheres, 36 Early PC interface, 38 Cuckoo's announcement, 39 Prickly casing, 40 Sundial numeral, 41 Self-possession, 42 Bucolic film couple, 46 Dig sites, 47 Basic Latin verb, 48 Skater, 50 Lobster Diavolo, 51 Mexican greeting.

Crossword grid with numbered squares and some filled-in letters.

Answer to previous puzzle: ATOP SLANT AWRY, BOAR COCOA THEE, CUTE ROTOR TIES, DRYSEASON TITLE, SEWER CARESS, SCROLL RAKES, OPENS SPARE PIN, DAD AWARD ABA, ASH TRADE BICEP, ENEMY TENETS, APRONS AREAS, DARTS SWEETTALK, ARIA BEAUT ASIN, GENT RAISE LIFE, EDGE ALTER LATE.

**BULLET**

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yards per catch in 1970, the year the Cowboys went to their first Super Bowl, and again in '71, when Dallas won it all for the first time. That made him the first person to win Olympic gold and a Super Bowl; he's still the only one.

"This guy revolutionized the passing game and forced them to come up with the zone defense, just like Wilt Chamberlain forced them to change certain rules in basketball," Hall of Fame defensive back Herb Adderley said.

Hayes was a huge threat no matter who was throwing him the ball. He caught a 95-yard touchdown pass from Don Meredith, an 89-yarder from Craig Morton and an 85-yarder from Roger Staubach.

The same day he notched the club-record 95-yarder, Hayes also scored from 52 yards out. He finished that game with 246 yards, another club record.

"He could always just hit another gear and no one could beat him," said Staubach, a Hall of Famer himself. "Quarterbacks get used to wide receivers because they're pretty simi-

lar, but Bob was crazy-fast. You had to learn to get rid of it a lot quicker because his speed was so different than everybody else. ... You thought you'd overthrow him and he'd run under it like he had to slow down."

He was a heck of a punt returner, too.

Hayes led the league in total punt-return yardage in 1967 and in yards per punt return in 1968. His average that season was 20.8; nobody has come within 2 yards since.

To put Hayes' career in modern terms, consider this: Over 11 years, he averaged more yards per punt return than Deion Sanders, more yards per catch than Randy Moss, scored more touchdowns than Michael Irvin and averaged a touchdown every 5.2 catches, compared to every 6.8 catches for Terrell Owens and every 7.9 for Jerry Rice.

And, get this — stats were a lot harder to come by in his era.

"You didn't throw the ball 45 times per game back then and receivers could get hit anywhere down the field," Staubach said. "That was the thing with Bob. They knew they couldn't catch him, so they were trying hit him."

It makes you wonder what Hayes would've been like with today's rules.

"Oh, my goodness," said Adderley,

who went head-to-head with Hayes while playing for Green Bay, then became his close friend as teammates in Dallas. "I don't know how they'd cover him unless they used two or three guys."

So, back to the original point: Why did it take 29 years after Hayes became eligible — and seven years after he died at age 59 — for the "Bullet" to finally land in Canton?

Well, in 1979, just before he went on the ballot for the first time, Hayes pleaded guilty to delivering narcotics to an undercover police officer and spent 10 months behind bars. Although the conviction later was overturned, the damage to his reputation was done.

"That shouldn't have prevented him from being in the Hall of Fame, but I definitely feel it did," Staubach said. "I think most people feel that's the case because the facts are so overwhelming."

Hayes' supporters were really rangled in 1999 when Lawrence Taylor — who brought a new dimension to the linebacker's spot just like Hayes did to receiver, and also had his share of drug problems — was elected into the Hall on his first try. Taylor even had the public support of then-commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"Why did they hold it against Hayes and not other guys?" Adderley said.

"He should've been a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones helped revive Hayes' candidacy by putting him into the club's Ring of Honor in 2001. Hayes died a year later, but got another shot at the Hall when the senior committee made him a finalist in 2004. It took a rare second chance from the seniors for him to finally make it this time.

Even after all those years of waiting, the glory didn't last. Controversy returned. The sister who read a letter Hayes wrote in 1999 specifically for this occasion turned out not to be his sister, and there were plenty of questions about the legitimacy of the letter.

On Saturday, however, the ceremony will emphasize the highlights of Hayes' career and life.

Staubach will be his presenter, followed by a video tribute. Bob Hayes Jr. will accept the honor on his father's behalf.

Hayes will join Jim Thorpe as the only Olympic gold medalists in Canton. He'll also be the 11th person inducted primarily for his days with the Cowboys.

"The common denominator about Bob is that he cared about people," Staubach said. "He wanted to put a smile on people's faces. And he was a phenomenal athlete."

**SPENCER**

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'08, getting off to a great start in training camp, only to hurt a knee. He needed surgery and missed the entire preseason, plus two of the first three games.

A hamstring problem cost him two more games. He never got the starting job back, finishing the season with only 1½ sacks, 18½ behind Ware for the team lead.

Now Spencer is going into his third year. He's healthy, experienced and faces no competition; Ellis was released this summer.

It's time for the Cowboys to see if No. 93 can be anywhere as good as No. 94.

"He's a tremendously good athlete," said coach Wade Phillips, who also is the defensive coordinator. "He has all

the attributes you need to be a good player. ... Spencer has looked good in the running game. We knew he would. I think he is getting better and better passing game-wise. He is a natural pass rusher. Staying healthy and having the opportunity is the biggest thing for him."

At 6-foot-3, 256 pounds, Spencer is the perfect size for his role, with good speed to match. After 28 games of experience, and hours upon hours of film study, meetings and practices alongside Ware and Ellis, Spencer has long since shed the robotic feel of being an out-of-position defensive end.

"I definitely feel like a linebacker nowadays," he said.

It's also important to note that Spencer has played a lot, albeit mostly against the run. He was better at it than Ellis and that enabled the veteran to remain fresh to rush the quarterback. So Spencer didn't get many

chances for sacks.

He knows that's about to change.

"I'm just elated about the whole situation," he said. "This position that they put me in, it's something that

I've wanted since I've been here. So I'm more focused than I was before just because I know that everyone is going to be counting on me. I've got to get my job done."

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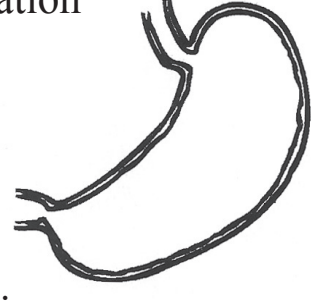
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# 'Clunkers' program likely to be extended

WASHINGTON(AP)—The Senate has cleared the way for a vote extending the "cash-for-clunkers" program, which offers car buyers rebates of up to \$4,500 for trading in their gas-guzzlers for new, higher-mileage models, setting aside Republican opposition to the plan. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Wednesday he had several very good conversations with Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and there is "a significant majority" that wants to move forward with the legislation. Reid said the Senate would have to stay in session on Friday if lawmakers wanted to make changes to the bill.

Reid had said on Tuesday that he had the votes to pass a \$2 billion extension already approved by the House. The funding would triple the cost of \$1 billion rebate program and give as many as a half-million more Americans the chance to grab the new car incentives through September. Car companies have credited the clunkers program with driving up sales in late July. The list includes Honda Civics, Toyota Corollas and Dodge Calibers. The Toyota Prius hybrid, which gets 46 miles per gallon, according to EPA estimates, is the fourth-best-selling car. There is one SUV on the list, the Ford Escape.

# Police blotter

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

- DANA MAYO, 23, of 1505 E. Cherokee, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- DEADLY CONDUCT - DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2900 block of Clanton.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ARSON was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.

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# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANA LANETTE MAYO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- KEVIN RAMIREZ, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- AMADOR RIOS, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of allowing a child to ride unsecured, driving while license invalid, no seat belt and violation of a promise to appear.
- CHRIS RUIZ, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- NOE SOLIZ, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of child support order.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 580 block of County Road 33. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

			3					
	7	5						1
9			6					7 8
			8	7				2
7	6		9	5				4 1
8			4	6				
1	2			3				9
	8					2	3	
			8					

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## A Picture Is Worth 1,000 Words

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 6 3  
♥ 10 7 2  
♦ Q J  
♣ J 10 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 9 8 2  
♥ A 6  
♦ 10 9 7 5 3  
♣ Q

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 4  
♥ K J 8 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ A 9 8 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5  
♥ Q 9 5 3  
♦ A K 8 4  
♣ K 5 4 2

The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East 1♠ South Dble  
Redble Pass Pass 2♣  
Dble Pass Pass Redble

Opening lead — four of spades.  
The language of bidding in bridge contains only 15 words: spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs, notrump, double, redouble, pass and the numbers one through seven. Nevertheless, despite this limited vocabulary, a competent pair will reach their best contract on the great majority of deals.

But even the very best players occasionally get confused about the meaning of their bids. Witness this deal from a team match where the players got their wires crossed.

At the first table, South doubled East's opening spade bid, and West redoubled, showing 10 or more points. North passed, and East did

likewise. South then bid two clubs, which West doubled.

At this point, South elected to redouble. He intended this as an SOS asking North to choose between diamonds and hearts. But North apparently misunderstood the plea for help and passed.

A spade was led and returned. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the jack, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to the queen and ruffed dummy's last spade with the king. West overruffed and returned the seven of clubs, dummy's ten losing to the queen. Declarer later scored two more tricks, but went down two redoubled — 600 points.

The East-West pair had every reason to believe they had achieved an excellent result, until they learned what happened to their North-South teammates at the other table:

West North East South  
Pass Pass 1♠ Dble  
Redble Pass Pass 1NT  
Dble Pass Pass Redble

Here, also, South made an SOS redouble, imploring partner to choose a suit. But the North player at this table was also impervious to South's plea, and the final contract became one notrump redoubled.

West led a low spade. The ten lost to the ace, a spade was returned to West's king, and a third spade allowed East to run his suit. Declarer finished with only three tricks, going down four — 1,400 points!

Obviously, the bridge vocabulary just isn't big enough!

Tomorrow: Good management.