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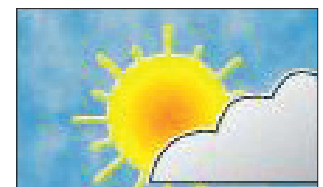


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Seliger to host town hall meeting Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

State Sen. Kel Seliger is getting his annual town hall meetings under way across Senate District 31 with Big Spring among the stops.
Seliger will be at Howard College Hall Center for the Arts from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.
The meeting is one of a number of stops within the 26 counties in District 31 Seliger will be visiting to report to constituents about the activities of the 81st Legislature.



SELIGER

Seliger will be spending most of the day in the Crossroads area. He will also meet with constituents in Glasscock County in the morning and follow his meeting in Big Spring with another one with Martin County residents.
Seliger will be visiting each of the 26 counties throughout the Panhandle, South Plains and the Permian Basin over the next several

weeks to report to constituents about the activities of the 81st Legislature during the recently completed regular and called legislative sessions.
“I look forward to these town hall meetings every year because they allow me to report back to the people who employ me about the work done on their behalf during the 81st Legislative Session. It also allows me to visit with constituents about the issues they would like to see addressed by the 82nd Legislature, which is just

around the corner,” said Seliger.
“My legislative package comes largely from concerns raised by the people I work for, which is why I believe these town halls are essential to helping me best represent them,” he added.
The Amarillo Republican’s other stops Tuesday include the Ruth Cook Auditorium on the Garden City High School campus at 9:30 a.m. and the Martin County Museum in Stanton at 3 p.m.

College’s enrollment is climbing

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Early enrollment figures at Howard College have officials smiling.
While enrollment at HC’s four campuses will continue past the start of the fall semester Wednesday, early figures show a near-record pace of students signing up for classes, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.
“As of (Friday), we have had around 3,000 students enrolled,” Sparks said. “Compared to last year at the same time, we’re up around 17 percent, but we’ve not reached the final numbers — we still have a few days of registration to go.”
Registration figures for last year’s fall semester at Howard topped 3,200.
Although online registration is completed, students can still sign up for classes on campus through Sept. 1, officials said.
“Of course, we encourage everybody to register before the start of classes Wednesday, but they will have a few



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Eight-year-old Kloe Mata took advantage of the last weekend of summer vacation by working on her climbing skills at the Kids’ Zone playground area at the municipal park. The new school year began for all three Howard County public school districts.

Got it!

Big Spring certified retirement community

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A ceremony designating Big Spring as a certified Texas retirement community will be held Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
The official certification, which is designed to help communities attract retirees, will be presented at 10:30 a.m., officials said.
Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples will be on hand to present the designation to city officials.
“I extend my most sincere congratulations to the citizens and leaders of Big Spring for achieving this notable certification,” Staples said in a statement. “Not only do retirees have a significant impact on retirement areas, but they also bring a wealth of knowledge and energy for community service, employment and business.”
Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Board, the city applied for this certification in March.
“After a 90-day scoring period, we received word that we had received this special designation,” Wegman said. “This is going to be economically significant for our area because we will now be able to market Howard County to

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Donations still needed for book sale

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Friends of the Howard County Library need you — and your old books.
The organization is requesting book donations for its annual book sale, scheduled for Sept. 18-20 in the library basement.
Hours for the book sale will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. the first two days and 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m. Sept. 20.
Although the organization supports the library throughout the year with various activities, the book sale is its biggest fundraiser.
Persons wishing to donate books or audio/visual items such as DVDs, books on tape or video tapes are requested to bring them to the library during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Members ask that no periodicals or con-

densed books be donated.
The Friends of the Library use proceeds from the sale to help fund programs such as the library’s summer reading program, as well as to purchase items such as chairs, computer software and book drops.
The group is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support



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Obituaries

Clarence Jordan

Clarence Jordan, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

James Finley

James Finley, 78, of Midland died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, in a Texas State Veterans Home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Elvin L. Bearden

Elvin L. Bearden, 84, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Roberto R. Flores

Roberto R. Flores, 51, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 13000 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Austin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Dow. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the 185 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of E. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N.W. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2900 block of Navajo.
- SPARKING ELECTRIC LINES were reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yucca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Jennings. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.
- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO 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.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARICELA SALQAZAR BOCANEGRA, age not provided, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- DONALD WILLIAM BRYANT, 46, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no seat belt (three counts), driving while license invalid, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired motor vehicle registration and violation of a promise to appear.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIE LEE CAIN, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle (three counts).
- JOHN CHAPPELL, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charges of public intoxication.
- ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility and a probation revocation for driving while license invalid.
- MARGARET CORONADO, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license and theft — more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- KENNETH DAVIS, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle (three counts).
- CARL DUHAMEL, 32, was arrested Sunday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of assault Class C.
- JESUS GOMEZ, 59, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
- JOHNNY LARA, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense, driving while license invalid and a parole revocation for delivery/offer of delivery of a dangerous drug.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- JESSE LOPEZ, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a revocation of probation for theft.
- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 51, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C.
- RODOLFO RECARDO RODRIGUEZ, 20, was arrested Friday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of theft.
- GREGORY STEVENSON, 44, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BRADEN MATTHEW WEGNER, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of aggravated assault with a weapon and abandoning/jeopardizing a child — criminal negligence.
- GEORGE YARBROUGH, 55, was arrested Sunday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 51, of 309 W. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault — family violence.
- WILLIE LEE CAIN, 37, of Louisiana, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- KENNETH LEE DAVIS, 37, of Garland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported: in the 1500 block of Cherokee.
- in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- THEFT was reported: in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- in the 1300 block of Grafa.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 900 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT OF A PUBLIS SERVANT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 200 block of Seventh Street.

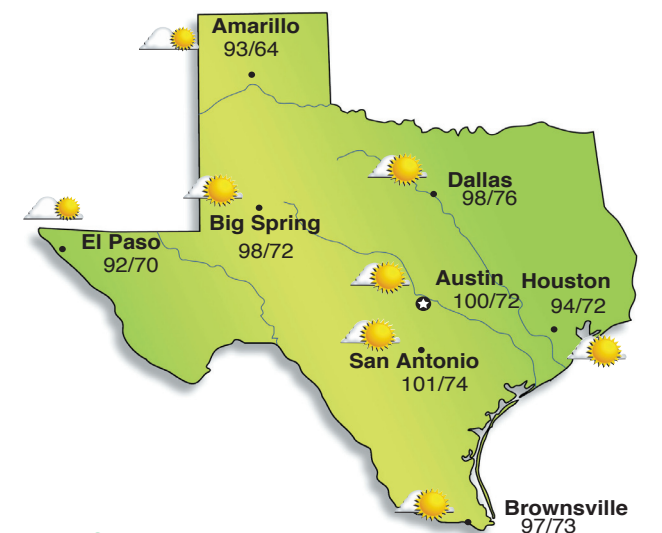
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Tue 8/25 | Wed 8/26 | Thu 8/27 | Fri 8/28 | Sat 8/29 |
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| 98/72 Mostly sunny skies. Hot. High 98F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. | 97/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 89/67 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s. | 84/66 Scattered thunderstorms possible. | 85/67 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. |
| Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM | Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM | Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM | Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM | Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM |

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| Abiene | 100 | 75 | mst sunny | Kingsville | 100 | 73 | mst sunny |
| Amarillo | 93 | 64 | pt sunny | Livingston | 95 | 69 | mst sunny |
| Austin | 100 | 72 | mst sunny | Longview | 93 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Beaumont | 92 | 71 | mst sunny | Lubbock | 97 | 70 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville | 97 | 73 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 94 | 70 | mst sunny |
| Brownwood | 100 | 73 | mst sunny | Midland | 99 | 73 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 97 | 76 | mst sunny | Raymondville | 100 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 97 | 74 | mst sunny | Rosenberg | 95 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 98 | 76 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 101 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Del Rio | 102 | 77 | mst sunny | San Marcos | 100 | 73 | mst sunny |
| El Paso | 92 | 70 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 94 | 72 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 96 | 71 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 98 | 72 | mst sunny |
| Gainesville | 98 | 74 | mst sunny | Tyler | 93 | 70 | mst sunny |
| Greenville | 95 | 71 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 100 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Houston | 94 | 72 | mst sunny | Wichita Falls | 102 | 74 | mst sunny |

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: 17-20-23-28-41-42

Estimated jackpot: \$41 million
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-5-8-3. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9 - 0 - 6. Sum It Up: 15.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Inmate found unresponsive in cell in Longview

LONGVIEW (AP) — A Gregg County sheriff's official says the death of an inmate found unresponsive in his jail cell in Longview does not appear to be foul play.

Capt. Mike Claxton says the inmate, whose name was not immediately released, was discovered unresponsive in a sleeping position. Claxton says investigators found no sign of suspicious activity. Autopsy results were pending Monday.

Claxton says the inmate had been jailed since June 2 on a deadly conduct charge, but the case was recently dismissed. The inmate remained in custody on a state parole violation warrant when he was discovered unresponsive on Saturday.

Coast Guard search for three missing boaters

MATAGORDA (AP) — The Coast Guard has resumed searching for three men reported missing after a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico off Matagorda.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Renee Aiello told The Associated Press that the search resumed Monday. A search Sunday failed to locate the boat and the men, who had planned a trip about 70 miles off the Matagorda coast.

Crewmembers from an offshore oil rig told the Coast Guard they had seen the 23-foot catamaran, with the three men on board, at about 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The owner of the boat, James Phillips of Blessing, told his wife the trio would return around 2 p.m. Saturday. She

called the Coast Guard to report them missing when they weren't home by nightfall.

Hand-held cell phone calls banned in zones

AUSTIN (AP) — A new hand-held cell phone law will ban drivers from making calls in active school zones in Texas where signs are posted.

Most public schools in Texas opened Monday. The new law relating to wireless devices takes effect Sept. 1.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says it will be illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

DPS says cities or counties wanting to enforce the law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited.

Violators face a \$50 fine.

DPS says a driver making an emergency call in a school zone is an exception to the law.

Bond sale begins for new Parkland Hospital in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Plans for a new \$1.2 billion Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas are proceeding with a bond sale.

The \$705 million bond sale was scheduled to begin Monday.

The Dallas County Hospital District seeks the funds to help pay for a new public-supported hospital approved by voters in November.

Parkland, constructed in 1954, was where President John F. Kennedy was taken after he was

fatally shot on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Dallas Morning News reports about \$500 million of the cost for the new 862-bed hospital will come from private donations and Parkland's reserve funds.

The new complex, to be built near the current 675-bed facility, is scheduled to open in 2014.

Gas well capped after blowout in Fort Bend Co.

RICHMOND (AP) — A natural gas well blowout near Richmond has been capped.

John Iles, president of Louisiana Gas Development Corp. in Shreveport, said Sunday the gas flow to the company's well had been stopped and the site was stabilized.

The blowout happened Aug. 18 at a site about 25 miles southwest of Houston, sending a stream of gas, water and sand into the air.

No injuries were reported.

Ambulance theft in Bryan leads to several charges

BRYAN (AP) — A driver who allegedly picked the wrong vehicle for a ride is facing charges after an ambulance was taken from outside a Bryan hospital.

Lawrence Eugene Reyes Jr. of Richards on Monday remained in the Brazos County Jail on charges of public intoxication, several counts of theft and evading officers.

A jailer who declined to provide his name to The Associated Press had no details on an attorney for the 25-year-old Reyes, who was arrested Sunday.

Bail was \$425 on the public intoxication charge. No bail had been set for the other

charges.

WTAW Radio reports medics were inside the hospital tending to a patient when the ambulance was swiped early Sunday.

Officers located the undamaged ambulance a few miles away. Reyes, who allegedly fled on foot, was arrested hours later.

Perry to address Texas swine flu preparations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry plans to talk about the state's preparations for swine flu.

He'll hold a news conference in San Antonio on Monday — the first day of school for many in Texas.

Texas was one of the first places in the United States to report cases of the new flu strain. The first U.S. deaths attributed to the disease were also in Texas.

Schools and public health officials nationwide have been preparing for the upcoming flu season, fearful that the new strain will take off when school begins and flu season starts.

Five suspects sought in doctor's killing

BELLVILLE (AP) — A suburban Houston pulmonary specialist has been shot to death at his 30-acre weekend ranch home.

Authorities said five men burst into the Bellville home of 56-year-old Dr. Jorge Mario Gonzalez and shot him and another man Saturday.

The wounded man, who was not immediately identified, was taken to an Austin trauma center with undisclosed injuries. Gonzalez's wife, 29-year-old Charleen Gonzalez, and their 2-year-old son were also home but were not in-

jured.

Austin County sheriff's deputies responded after someone called 911 to report a possible burglary. An officer saw several vehicles, including two pickups, leaving the property.

One of the five men at the scene opened fire on the officer, but did not hit him.

Trooper John Sampa with the Department of Public Safety said officers later found a truck matching the description of one of the pickups, but an interview with the truck's owner and other leads have not connected anyone to the crime.

Gonzalez was chief of critical care at The Methodist Hospital.

Priest who is also stockbroker accused in fraud

DALLAS (AP) — Securities regulators are accusing a Dallas stockbroker who is also an Episcopal priest of defrauding a former client.

Regulators suspended Rev. William Warnky's broker registration last week. They said he had defrauded a former client and disregarded an order to repay him \$50,000. At least one other former client has accused Warnky of financial misconduct and is also seeking a repayment order, according to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority records, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

At least one of Warnky's accusers was a member of his congregation.

A top church official said Dallas Episcopal Diocese leaders are now studying whether to suspend the priest from ministry.

Calls to telephone numbers for Warnky by The Associated Press

Sunday evening were not immediately returned.

Bodies of man, woman found in Hays County

DRIPPING SPRINGS (AP) — Hays County sheriff's deputies are investigating the deaths of a man and a woman near Dripping Springs.

Deputy Mike Thielen said their bodies were found about 4 p.m. Saturday in a home.

Thielen said someone found the bodies and called authorities.

He would not release the cause of death nor say whether the deaths were from natural causes. Sheriff's investigators were on the scene from 4 p.m. Sunday until midnight.

30 Bell Helicopter workers laid off

FORT WORTH (AP) — Bell Helicopter is blaming a reduction in demand for commercial aircraft for the layoff of 30 workers.

Bell spokesman Thomas Dolney said the company initially cut 42 hourly positions but 12 of those employees were placed into other jobs in the company.

He said the 30 people laid off could eventually be placed into other positions at Bell.

A member of the UAW Local 218 bargaining unit, Gary Livingston, said even saving the 12 employees effectively means a loss of positions "because somebody else would have been hired."

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retirees across the nation as well as having the state's marketing initiative behind us."

To become a Certified Retirement Community, towns must complete an application and retirement desirability assessment covering a range of topics, includ-

ing demographics, tax structure, local housing availability, safety, employment opportunities, availability of health care services, public transportation and more.

A local committee worked for months on the application.

"We spent a great deal of time gathering data on our area to ensure that we covered all of Howard County's attri-

butes," Wegman noted. "While doing so, the committee and I were continually amazed at just how much we have to offer, not only to retirees, but to everyone."

Texas has become the No. 2 retirement state in the nation, according to Department of Agriculture figures, which show that retirees spend an average of \$42,500 each year in their respective communities while pay-

ing more than \$3,000 in state and local taxes.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he believes the certification will bring big benefits to the city.

"I heard someone once say, 'life begins at retirement,'" McEwen said in a statement.

"Knowing and believing in this community as I do, I have the upmost confidence that we can provide enhanced

living, opportunity and the simple joys of life as a designated retirement community."

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COLLEGE

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days after that to sign up," said Cindy Smith of the college.

Historically, when economic conditions worsen, community college enrollment increas-

es as more people return to school to receive job training or obtain academic degrees and this year's figures appear to be conforming to that trend.

Also boosting Howard enrollment has been a notable increase in San Angelo high school students attending dual-

credit courses at HC's campus there.

If this year's figures top 2008, that will mark the third year in a row that Howard has shown increased enrollment.

"The way the numbers are tracking ... we are seeing a sizable increase in the number of students," Sparks said.

BOOKS

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for the library outside the budget furnished by Howard County.

"Our budget from the county has decreased the past couple of years," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said earlier this month. "The Friends help us supplement our budget by purchasing equipment such as tables and chairs, plus they use funds from the sale to finance the summer reading program."

Contributions will be accepted up until the

week of the book sale, McCright said.

Anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Library is encouraged to stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 per year and meetings are held at noon on the fourth Thursday of

each month..

For more information, contact the library at 264-2260.

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OTHER VIEWS

Hillary's trip deserved more of our attention

If the only headlines you've heard out of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's trip to Africa were that she was overshadowed by her husband's North Korean trip and that she snapped at a reporter who seemed to be asking her about the former president, then you missed the real story.

Her dizzying seven-nation, 11-day trip, begun just weeks after President Barack Obama visited Ghana and implored African governments to responsibly control their futures, underscores the importance of Africa in U.S. foreign policy. Clinton's trip highlighted some uncomfortable truths about Africa, and it should be judged a diplomatic success, not just a whirlwind meet-and-greet.

For example:

In Kenya, Clinton attended a trade meeting and separately admonished leaders for failing to fully implement a power-sharing agreement and move the country past legislative gridlock and corruption. And while in Kenya, she met with Somalia's transitional president, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, and warned that the U.S. will "take action" against Eritrea if it does not stop supporting militants in Somalia.

In war-ravaged Democratic Republic of Congo, she visited a camp for displaced persons and spoke out against rape and other violent acts against women.

In Nigeria, which some have dubbed "the Pakistan of Africa," Clinton urged an end to graft and warned that persistent religious violence and chaos could make Nigeria a target and breeding ground for al-Qaeda.

In Liberia, she redoubled the good-governance message by lauding that nation's transition from a brutal and senseless civil war to a country now healing under the leadership of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the continent's first democratically elected female president.

In South Africa, Clinton met with new President Jacob Zuma to improve relationships with Africa's most prosperous nation, which had been divided on the way former President Thabo Mbeki's government handled the AIDS crisis and relations with Zimbabwe.

These developments are key to U.S. strategy on numerous fronts. The energy-rich continent provides more oil to the United States than the Middle East. China is increasing its investments -- and influence -- across Africa, including in places like Sudan, where Chinese investments indirectly prop up a brutal regime. And despite greater world attention, much of Africa remains plagued by political corruption, poverty and disease, making it vulnerable to the influences of radical terrorism.

The Bush Administration's Millennium Challenge Corp. put Africa back on the United States' radar. Now this trip and Obama's recently announced \$3.5 billion commitment to a G-8 initiative to bolster agricultural production helps maintain that focus. In the end, African leaders have to reject blood rivalries, provide more jobs, improve living standards and commit to govern lawfully.

That's a message that can't be repeated too often.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we bless ourselves with the time to talk with You, Lord.

Amen

Conservatives not a useful lot

It was a bad week for conservatives and a good week for America. But I repeat myself.

First Bill Clinton, former president of us all and current husband of the Secretary of State, went to North Korea and rescued those two mellifluously-named American women, Laura Ling and Edna Lee, from the clutches of Dear Leader Kim Jong-il. This put conservatives in a tizzy bordering on a snit a couple of weeks ago. If there's one thing conservatives hate more than North Korea's DL it is Bill Clinton, who is widely viewed in wing-nut circles as the anti-Christ.

To see him prancing on the world stage again, giving his Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval to a whack job like Kim, was almost more than they could stand.

The rest of us seemed to think it was a good idea. Silly us. We're just suckers for happy endings, I guess.

No sooner had that happened than Sonya Sotomayor was sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice.

Only nine Republicans voted for her, the others thinking that her pride in being a "wise Latina" disqualified her from the office. Apparently they thought that being a dumb-as-a-brick white male was better. How like them.

And lastly, the economy showed signs that we might not have a Great Depression after all. Faint signs, admittedly -- we began to lose jobs more slowly -- but a Good Depression is better than a Great Depression.

This economic uptick broke conservatives' hearts. They have put all of their eggs in the Obama Must Fail basket and anything that disrupts that goal sends them into a pout, which is worse than a snit. They will continue to do what they can to ensure that failure so they can say government can't do anything right. (Which it most certainly can't if conservatives are running it.)

Maybe it's time to stop calling this collection of yahoos, mountebanks, ribbon clerks, faith healers and tinfoil collectors conservatives. What, after all, are they trying to conserve? Not the environment, certainly. Not one of them sees global warming as a problem. They have yet to see a clear-cut forest or strip-mine or an oil well in the wilderness that they don't like. And the only endangered species they're interested in protecting is lobbyists.

They say that they're trying to preserve capitalism but they have a funny way of showing it. They want to let the economy crash and burn on the theory that the magic of the free market, if left alone, will pop it right back up, stronger than ever.

Let me tell you something. If we let the economy crash and burn all we'd have is a lot of charred rubble, an unemployment rate of 25 percent and a

destroyed industrial base. How can that possibly be a good thing for capitalism?

I'll give the conservatives this much: They're still very good at sliming the opposition. They've got a frightening share of the country believing that Barack Obama is a foreign-born Muslim sent here by Osama bin Laden to ruin the country. They've also managed to make the health care debate over whether we want a Nazi-style system that enforces euthanasia on old people or the practically perfect system we now have.

To help them get their message across they've recruited goon squads around the country to show up at public meetings and drown out the opposition. This they call free speech.

None of this would be an insurmountable problem if the Democrats had any courage. Few do. Most cower before the bullying tactics of the conservatives, that is, when they're not following lobbyists around hoping that some change will fall out of their pockets.

I don't know how this health care bill will play out. I tend to think it will pass but in a badly figured form that costs a lot and doesn't do much good. (If it doesn't have a public option, forget about it.)

But hey, we had a good week or so. That's something.

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DONALD KAUL



News that's too hot to print?

The corporate media in the United States are ignoring valid news stories, based on university quality research. It appears that certain topics are simply forbidden inside the mainstream corporate media today. To openly cover these news stories would stir up questions regarding "inconvenient truths" that many in the U.S. power structure want to avoid.

For example, current research indicates that public schools in the United States are more segregated today than they have been in more than four decades.

According to a new civil rights report, published at the University of California, Los Angeles, schools in the U.S. are 44 percent non-white, and minorities are rapidly emerging as the majority of public school students in the United States.

Latinos and blacks, the two largest minority groups, attend schools more segregated today than during the civil rights movement 40 years ago. Millions of non-white students are locked into "dropout factory" high schools, where huge percentages do not graduate.

The most severe segregation in public schools occurs in the Western states, including California -- not in the South, as many people believe. Most non-white schools are segregated by poverty as well as race. Schools in low-income communities remain highly unequal in terms of funding, qualified teachers and

curriculum.

Other taboo stories include civilian death rates in Iraq and questions on 9/11. Researchers from Johns Hopkins University and a professional survey company in Great Britain, Opinion Research Business (ORB), report that the United States is directly responsible for more than one million Iraqi deaths since our invasion six and a half years ago.

In a January 2008 report, ORB reported that, "survey work confirms our earlier estimate that over 1,000,000 Iraqi citizens have died as a result of the conflict which started in 2003.... We now estimate that the death toll between March 2003 and August 2007 is likely to have been of the order of 1,033,000."

A 2006 Johns Hopkins study confirmed that U.S. aerial bombing in civilian neighborhoods caused more than a third of these deaths and that more than half the deaths are directly attributable to U.S. forces. Iraqi civilian death levels in the summer of 2009 likely now exceed 1.2 million.

Then there is 9/11 -- former Brigham Young University physics professor Dr. Steven E. Jones and some 700 scientific professionals in the fields of architecture, engineering and physics have now concluded that the official explanation for the collapse of the World Trade Center (WTC) buildings is implausible, according to laws of physics.

Especially troubling is the collapse of WTC 7, a 47-story building that was not hit by planes, yet dropped in its own "footprint" in 6.6 seconds in the same manner as a controlled demolition. To support this theory, Jones and eight other scientists

conducted chemical research on the dust from the World Trade Centers. Their research results were published in a peer-reviewed scientific periodical "Open Chemical Physics Journal," Volume 2, 2009.

The authors write, "We have discovered distinctive red/gray chips in all the samples. The properties of these chips were analyzed using optical microscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), X-ray energy dispersive spectroscopy (XEDS), and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). The red portion of these chips is found to be an unreacted thermite material and highly energetic." Thermite is a pyrotechnic composition of a metal powder and a metal oxide, which produces an aluminothermic reaction known as a thermite reaction and is used in controlled demolitions of buildings.

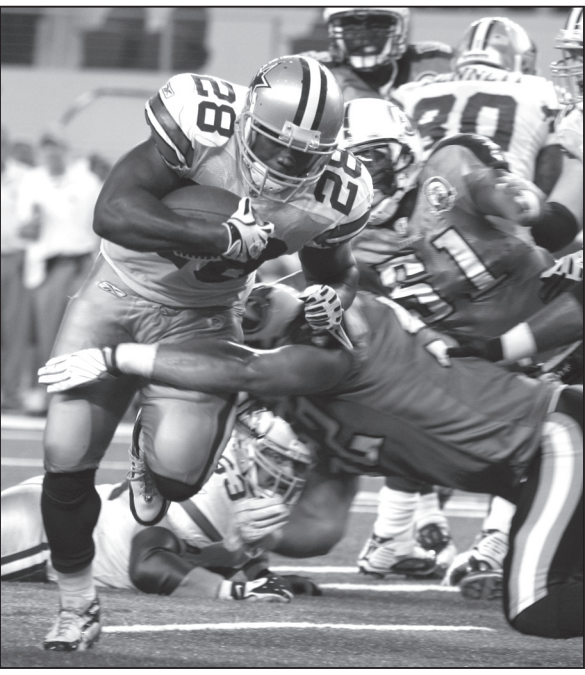
Each of these taboo news stories is based on solid scholarly research. These stories represent the failure of the corporate media in the United States to keep the American people democratically informed on important issues.

This lack of coverage of critical and potentially political news stories is what many thousands of people in the United States are now calling a Truth Emergency. Political activists at all levels must support full news transparency as an important component of building a non-exploitative world based on democracy, truthfulness and human rights.

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PETER PHILLIPS



AP photo/Sharon Ellman

Dallas Cowboys running back Felix Jones (28) breaks a tackle by Tennessee Titans linebacker Ryan Fowler for a touchdown in the first half of a NFL preseason game Friday in Arlington.

Felix Jones again showing off playmaking potential

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — It was a simple play, really, just a check-down pass to a running back during a 2-minute drill.

What Felix Jones did with it, though, sure has the Dallas Cowboys excited.

Jones ran straight ahead, saw two defenders closing in, then slowed and cut left. As those guys were sprawled out, wondering how they missed him, Jones sped up, turning this short toss into a 42-yard gain and drawing a roar from the home crowd. Then, with one second left in the half, Jones took a handoff and walked into the end zone with the go-ahead touchdown that sent Dallas on its way to a 30-10 victory over the Tennessee

Titans on Friday night.

In the postgame locker room, everyone was still buzzing about Jones' video-game-like moves on his big play. That one jaunt was quite a reminder of how much the Cowboys missed of how much he was hurt last season and how he could be the big-play threat to help everyone forget Terrell Owens.

"We've got something special there," coach Wade Phillips said. "He makes explosive plays."

Jones' career got off to a spectacular start, with a touchdown on his first career carry, a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown the next week and a 60-yard TD run in his third game. Two weeks later, he had a 33-yard touchdown

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Feldman earns shutout victory over Tampa Bay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Scott Feldman earned high praise from Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon.

The right-hander won his fifth consecutive road start, Michael Young and Ivan Rodriguez each drove in two runs and the Texas Rangers avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Rays 4-0 on Sunday.

Feldman (13-4) is the first Texas pitcher with victories in five straight starts away from home since Rick Helling accomplished the feat in 1998. Feldman, 9-1 this season on the road, allowed four hits in seven scoreless innings.

Maddon said Feldman's stuff actually "was better" than Mark Buehrle's when the Chicago White Sox left-hander threw a perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23.

"He was pretty much a complete package today," Maddon said.

Young extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a two-run single in the third that put Texas ahead 2-0.

Rodriguez made it 3-0 with a fourth-inning RBI double and hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth. He has driven in 62 runs in 77 career games against the Rays.

Tampa Bay's David Price (6-6) gave up three runs and three hits in seven innings. The left-hander had won five starts in a row at home.

"It's good on paper, but it's not good enough," Price said. "Feldman threw well. He kept us off balance for seven innings."

Feldman struck out a career-high 11 and walked two. Texas pitchers finished with 15 strikeouts.

"We needed a well-pitched game, and we shut out a pretty good team," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I just think it showed the character and the resiliency in that clubhouse."

Feldman worked out of jams in the second and seventh innings when the Rays had two on with one out.

"We mixed it up really good," Feldman said. "Pudge (Rodriguez) is probably the best catcher of

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Lady Steers split matches to cap tourney

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Most can relate with how difficult it can be to give maximum effort at 8 a.m., particularly on a weekend.

The Big Spring Lady Steers had to do just that on the volleyball court at the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo.

The Lady Steers picked up their only win at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, sweeping Miles in straight sets, 25-21, 25-20.

"It was hard to get going at 8 a.m. after having left Big Spring at 5 a.m.," said Lady Steers Head Coach Lynn Osbourne. "We slowly improved throughout the match. I am very pleased with the passers and defense. They have steadily improved each game."

The Lady Steers were powered by junior Belle Feaster, who Osbourne

said had her best game of the season so far. Feaster had six digs, three kills,

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Macy Graves (2) and Katelyn Villanueva attempt to block a kill attempt by a Lubbock High player during a volleyball match at the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo Saturday.

Jeter, Yanks blast Red Sox, pull Rangers within game of Wild Card lead

HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — CC Sabathia against Josh Beckett loomed as a low-scoring duel between two of baseball's best pitchers.

Neither lived up to the hype, especially Beckett.

The Boston Red Sox ace gave up a homer to Derek Jeter on the first pitch of the game, served up four more fence-clearing hits and lost to the New York Yankees 8-4 Sunday night.

Sabathia became baseball's first 15-game winner despite allowing three earned runs in 6 2-3 innings, matching his total for his three previous starts.

"Beckett is a great pitcher, but this lineup is unbelievable," he said. "I've had confidence in this offense all year and I just felt like I don't have to go out and try to do too much to win games."

Sabathia (15-7) allowed two runs in the second inning, one in the fourth and one in the sixth. But Beckett gave up runs in each of the first five innings, then settled down before Hideki Matsui

hit his second homer of the game and 23rd of the season in the eighth.

Beckett (14-5) allowed eight runs on nine hits after yielding seven runs in his previous start.

"It's frustrating," he said. "You can't give up seven runs every time you go out there. You're not going to be here very long if you do that."

The Yankees' 16th win in 20 games increased their AL East lead over the Red Sox to 7½ games.

"We're running out of time" to win the division, although the Red Sox lead the wild-card race, Jason Bay said. "You've got to be realistic, but, at the same time, your goal is to get into the playoffs and whatever way you do that, at least you're in."

Robinson Cano hit his 19th homer, a solo shot in the fourth, and Alex Rodriguez got his 22nd, a two-run drive in the fifth that made it 7-3.

"We got pitches to hit and we hit them," Jeter said. "It's not really more complicated than that."

The Yankees won their 10th series in the 11 they've played since the All-Star break — they won

20-11 Friday night and lost 14-1 Saturday — and wrapped up a 7-3 road trip.

"I felt like the concentration level on the team was different" against Beckett, Matsui said through a translator. "Whatever pitches he left in the zone we were able to hit."

Jeter's homer was the 2,700th hit of his career and he added a single in the third. Lou Gehrig, with 2,721, is the only player in Yankees history with more hits. The homer was Jeter's second of the season leading off the Yankees' first inning and tied Alfonso Soriano for second in team history with 21. Rickey Henderson leads with 24.

New York is 6-1 against Boston since losing the first eight matchups of the season, six of them at Fenway Park.

"We weren't worried about what happened here" earlier, Jeter said. "We're playing much better now. You have to have a short memory."

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Sports in brief

Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament set for next weekend

The Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament has been slated for next weekend, Aug. 29-30, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Any resident of Howard County is eligible to contend for the title. Players will need tee times both days and must have an established handicap or they'll be placed in the championship slot.

Fee is \$40 to play plus a cart fee, although private carts are welcome. Prizes awarded will be gift certificates for the Pro Shop.

BSHS holding Community Pep Rally at Memorial Stadium today

Big Spring High School is hosting a Community Pep Rally at Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. today.

All fall sports teams will be recognized including junior high squads.

The booster clubs will be there selling Steer Gear. The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding some drawings to give away baskets full of Steer Gear and a pair of 50-yard line season tickets.

YMCA taking registration for Youth Volleyball League

Any boys or girls entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade interested in playing volleyball can now register for the Big Spring YMCA Youth Volleyball League during operating hours at the YMCA.

The fee is \$50 per child, but financial assistance is available for those who qualify. The deadline is Sept. 1.

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

End of Summer Ragball Tournament slated for Friday and Saturday

The End of Summer Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Registration is at 7 p.m. Thursday and players must be at least 14 years old. For info, call Melissa at 935-2960 or Jay at (325) 574-4338.

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting at ATC Monday, Aug. 31

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club is meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at the Athletic Training Center.

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ARIES

(March 21-April 19). If what you want is not what everyone else wants, that's perfectly acceptable. Abnormal is the new norm. Anyway, it's probably a passing fancy, but the creativity it inspires will last.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just as you get down on one knee to communicate well with a child, so will you have to bring your high-minded concepts down to earthy terms to be understood by the general public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being you isn't easy, but you benefit from making it look like it is. Think of yourself as a magician. Don't let anyone see the inner makings of the trick. Just pull it off and say, "Voila!"

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Lingering around on the phone, in a meeting or after a class sends a message to the universe that you don't have enough to do. That's so not true! Make your goodbyes short and sweet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It may seem that you are very far away from your career goal. It's true that there are hundreds of steps to take, but the first one counts just as much as any of the others. Decide where you want to go and head in that direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trim the unnecessary words out of your discourse and you'll have a strong impact. You'll be teaching, even when you don't mean to be. Your example instructs others how to move gracefully in the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be careful where you put your attention. Your energy is strong. If you flirt with someone, they could fall in love with you. And you have a similar effect in business situations. You could be offered an exclusive contract.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

cost of things down to the penny, it's a signal that you need to get away from things. When you come back, you'll once again be able to see the big picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Others depend on you to lead the way. You might have mixed feelings about it. But this isn't a case of "the blind leading the blind." You know what you're doing, and you should be in charge. Step up.

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ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS: Mars enters Cancer tomorrow, tipping a hat to the mothers of the world. What makes this transit so interesting is that Mars energy, which generally takes a masculine form, is so effective and creative coming from this intuitive seat of the universe.

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echoing the sweetness of our motherly bond, or, in the cases where that sweetness did not exist at all, or in the quantities we needed it to, by creating a new bond with our higher selves, whose nurturing powers happen to be limitless. Here is your cosmic happiness ticket for the weeks to come: Remind yourself often to do the basic things that keep a person healthy and happy. Eat healthfully. Work your body. Be kind to your siblings. Share with your friends. Show respect. And love yourself, unconditionally.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Claudia Schiffer is one of the world's most successful models, and set records as a magazine cover girl. This lovely Virgo has both her sun and Mercury in Virgo, the sign that represents all things wholesome, healthy and fit. With Mars in Leo, the sign of children, this mother of two is energized by her relationship with children and filmmaker hubby Matthew Vaughn.



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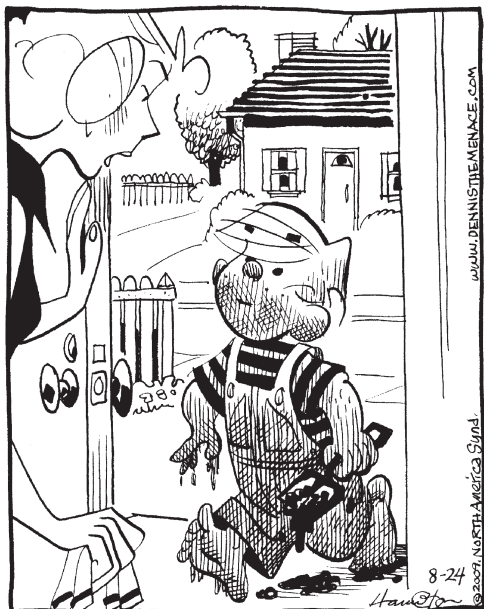
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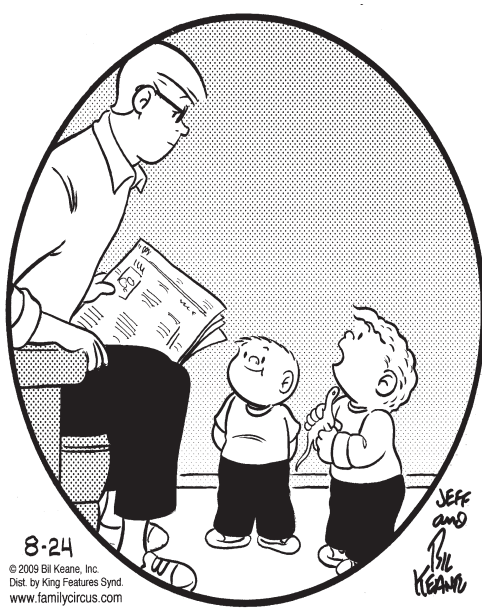
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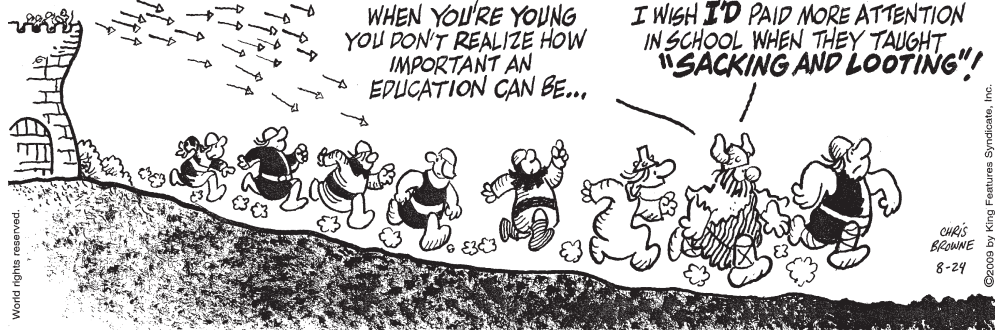
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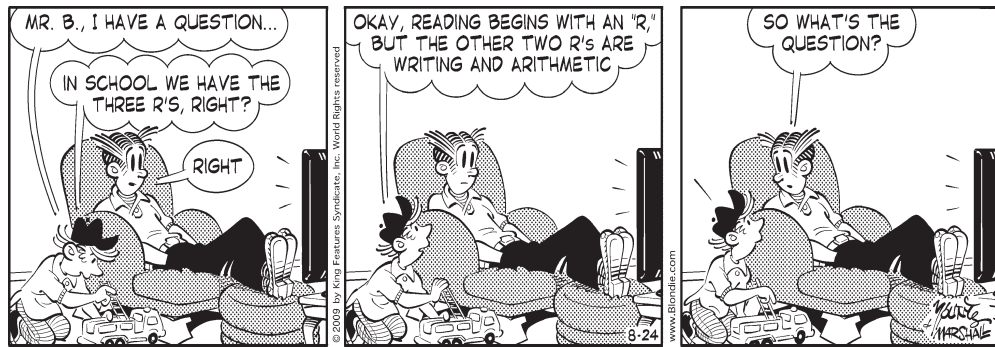


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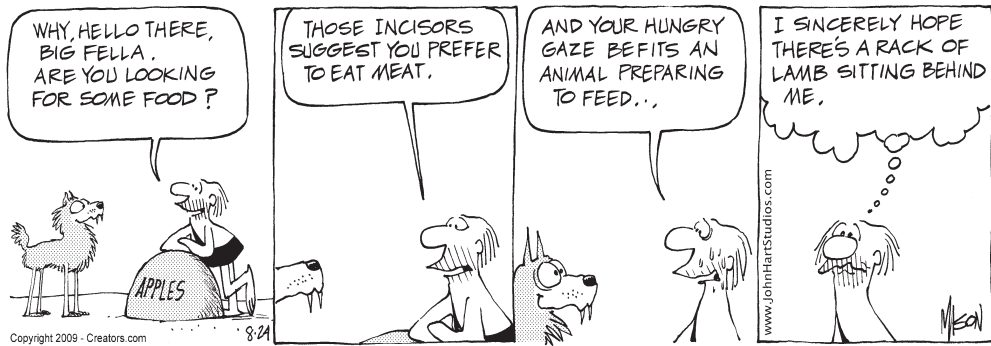
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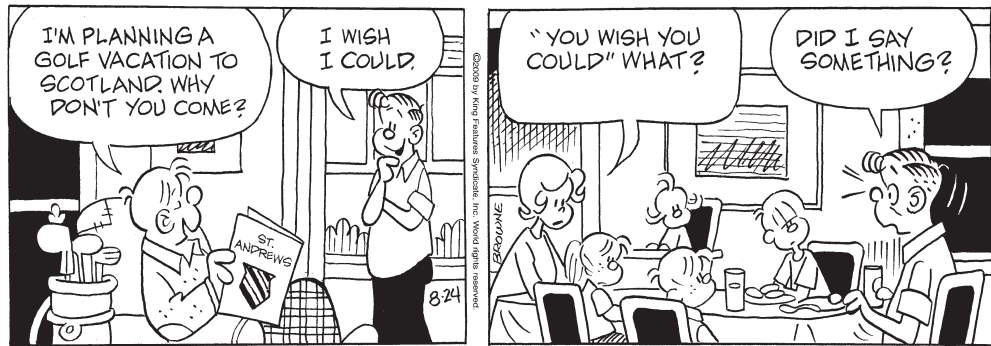
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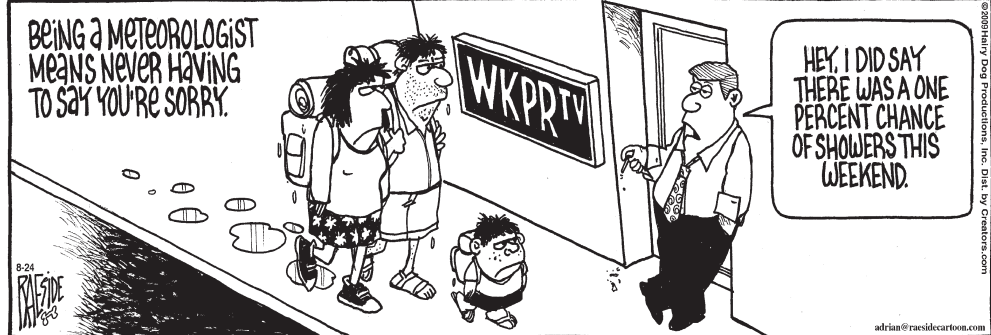
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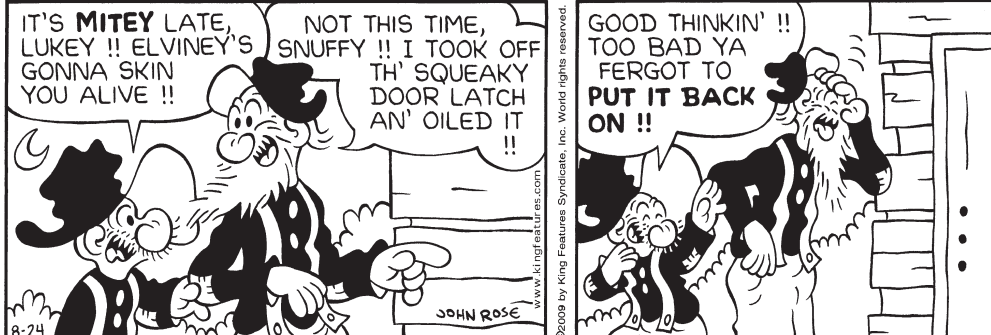
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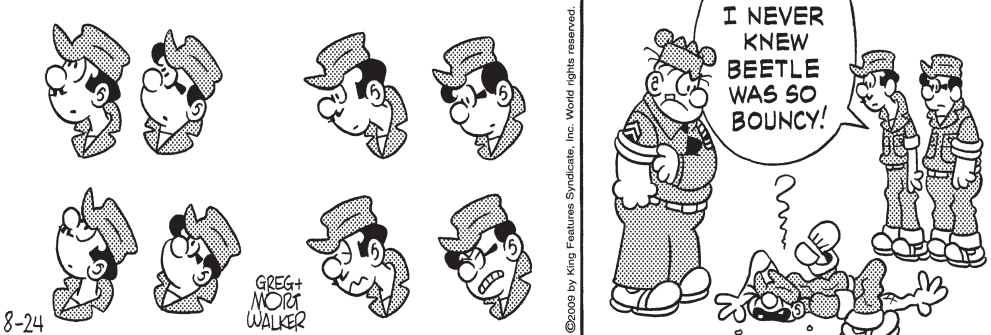
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2009. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo, nonstop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic

Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1959, three days after Hawaiian statehood, Hiram L. Fong was sworn in as the first Chinese-American U.S. Senator while Daniel K. Inouye was sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. Representative.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds. The Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

Today's Birthdays: Former

education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 84. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 75. Composer-musician Mason Williams is 71. R&B singer Marshall Thompson (The Chilities) is 67. Rock musician Ken Hensley is 64. Actress Anne Archer is 62. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 60. Actor Kevin Dunn (TV: "Samantha Who?") is 54. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 54. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 52. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 51. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 49. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 47. Rock singer John Bush is 46. Actress Marlee Matlin is 44. Retired NBA player Reggie Miller is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Wrestling surfaces
- 5 Probabilities
- 9 Fundamental
- 14 Touched down
- 15 Soft French cheese
- 16 Thunderstruck
- 17 Capital of Italia
- 18 Roof overhang
- 19 Stocking material
- 20 Powerful firecracker
- 23 Departed
- 24 "___ makes waste"
- 25 Comb features
- 27 Thick slice
- 30 Prepares to drive, in golf
- 34 Fireplace residue
- 37 Nebraska city
- 40 Stadium
- 41 Desirable jobs
- 44 Summoned with a beep
- 45 Teakettle output
- 46 Small speck
- 47 Method
- 49 Practice boxing
- 51 Take as one's own
- 54 Hullabaloo
- 58 ___ of Fame
- 61 Annual Florida football game
- 64 In any way
- 66 "Help ___ the way!"
- 67 Tahiti or Maui
- 68 Hollywood release
- 69 Restaurant's list
- 70 Must have
- 71 Breathing room
- 72 Paid athletes
- 73 Grounded jets: Abbr.
- DOWN
- 1 February follower
- 2 Oahu greeting
- 3 Multiplication word
- 4 Gets under way
- 5 Follow orders
- 6 Lackluster
- 7 Chunk of fairway
- 8 Teacher's summons
- 9 Recycling receptacle
- 10 In no specific place
- 11 Red-tag event
- 12 Shout of triumph
- 13 Penny
- 21 Placed new film in a camera
- 22 Wager
- 26 One on the same side
- 28 Mornings, for short
- 29 Male singing voice
- 31 E-mail command
- 32 "Do ___ others..."
- 33 Days gone by
- 34 Computer programs, familiarly
- 35 Do in, as a dragon
- 36 Embraces
- 38 Popular success
- 39 Years and years
- 42 Like tin or steel
- 43 Short snooze
- 44 Cow's greeting
- 50 Birds of spring
- 52 Gussy up
- 53 Stun gun
- 55 Units of medicine
- 56 Little barn bird
- 57 Snow sliders
- 58 Actors who overdo it
- 59 Resting on
- 60 Volcano output
- 62 Something taboo
- 63 African antelopes
- 65 General Robert E. ___

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LADY STEERS

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three aces and two blocks.

Senior Sloan Davis led the Lady Steers with nine digs, while sophomore Taylor Seaton paced the team with five kills and two blocks. Fellow sophomore Cerbi Ritchey had eight assists, five digs and four kills, while also getting over 100 percent of her serves.

Junior Valerie Ross also was 100 percent serving with five digs and three kills.

The Lady Steers finished their tournament play Saturday afternoon with a straight sets loss to Lubbock High, 26-24, 25-18. However, despite the loss, Osbourne felt the team was stronger against Lubbock than it was against Miles earlier in the day.

"This game was a much better performance than our 8 a.m. match," said

Osbourne. "We came out strong, but just couldn't finish the match."

Osbourne credited Ritchey with having an all-around great game. The freshman setter had six assists, five kills, two digs and two aces. She completed 100 percent of 19 serves.

Davis and Ross also hit 100 percent of their serves in the match. Ross had six digs and two kills, while Davis shared the digs lead with fellow senior Selena Gonzales with eight each.

Seaton had five kills and two blocks, while senior Macy Graves had three kills and four blocks.

The Lady Steers (4-9) went 0-3 in the first day of the tournament in San Angelo, losing in straight sets to Odessa Permian and then in three sets to Water Valley and Marble Falls.

The Lady Steers' next match is at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene Wylie. Wylie recently finished third in a tournament at Granbury and currently hold a 13-5 record.

AL

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Blue Jays 8,
Angels 3

In Toronto, Ricky Romero won for the first time in four starts, Travis Snider hit a solo homer and Toronto beat Los Angeles.

Snider went 3 for 3 with a walk as the Blue Jays earned a split in their eight-game season series with the Angels.

The AL West-leading Angels have lost three of four following a five-game winning streak and are 10-18 in Toronto since the start of the 2003 season.

Romero (11-5) moved into a tie with Tampa Bay's Jeff Niemann for the AL rookie lead in wins by

allowing two runs and eight hits in six innings.

Athletics 9
Tigers 4

In Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust hit two homers and drove in four runs, Landon Powell added a three-run shot and Oakland beat Detroit.

Brett Tomko (3-2) allowed three hits in six innings, striking out eight. He's won both his starts for the Athletics after appearing in 15 games with the Yankees. Cliff Pennington also homered for the A's.

Miguel Cabrera had three hits, including his 200th home run and drove in two as the Tigers lost their second straight. Curtis Granderson hit a leadoff homer and Marcus Thames added a pinch-hit RBI single.

believe I'm getting there."

Marion Barber remains the starting running back, but he's a bruising runner. So Jones' finesse style is a perfect complement. Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett will get to mix and match their styles, perhaps using them both on the field together. Plays like the 42-yarder are more reason for Garrett to come up with creative ways to get the ball to No. 28.

"Get the ball in his hands in space, he's dangerous," quarterback Tony Romo said. "I think you see that every time he plays."

Jones downplayed his big gain, giving credit to receiver Miles Austin for making a block that sprung him for more yards. While he was disappointed not to turn it into a touchdown, he got another chance to score when the Cowboys were facing first-and-goal from the 1. Although

there were only 5 seconds left in the half, Dallas gambled on a run; it was preseason, after all.

The line held their blocks and fullback Julian Crosslin helped create a nice hole for Jones to squeeze through.

"It opened up and all I had to do was run the ball in," Jones said.

Barber likely will be called on for most of those tough-yardage plays, but Jones was glad to get a chance.

"You never know when your number is going to be called," he said. "We prepare in practice for anything. I was ready and willing to put the ball in the end zone."

Most of all, he's just happy to be healthy and back in the lineup.

"It's fun to go out there and play," he said. "I've been working hard this offseason just to get back to where I feel (I am now) and I feel like I can produce, and that's what I feel like I'm doing."

sudoku

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

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FELIX

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run and 96 yards for the game.

But that was it. Jones was hurt and never recovered, and Dallas lacked explosiveness the rest of the year — except for T.O.'s temper, that is. There's no telling how much happier Owens might have been if defenses had to worry about another big-play threat.

"That X-factor that (Jones) brings to a ballgame is something you can't just replace," receiver Patrick Crayton said.

Now Jones is healthy again and eager to pick up where he left off.

"Working hard this whole off-season, I wanted to get back into the swing of things, and get back to where I felt good," he said. "I

RANGERS

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all-time and he's got a really good idea about what

he's doing back there. He showed a lot of confidence in me and my off-speed pitches. That made a big difference facing those guys."

Feldman's 11 strikeouts were the most by a Texas pitcher since Matt Perisho had 12 on Oct. 3, 1999, against the Los Angeles Angels.

"He threw all his pitches for strikes when he needed to," Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said. "He was tough."

Darren O'Day struck out all three batters he faced in the eighth before closer Frank Francisco pitched the ninth in a non-save situation.

The Rays completed a nine-game homestand with a 6-3 record. They won two of three from Texas despite going 1 for 25 with runners in scoring position.

"That's incredible," Maddon said. "Their pitching is that good."

Tampa Bay is 42-21 at home this season.

NOTES: Tampa Bay, 25-35 on the road, starts a seven-game road trip Monday at Toronto. The Rays will face Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay (13-6), who they have defeated five times over the past two seasons. ... The Rangers are off Monday before opening a three-game series Tuesday at the AL East-leading New York Yankees. ... Texas signed 3B Travis Metcalf to a minor league contract and assigned him to Triple-A Oklahoma City. ... The Rays are hitting .069 (4 for 58) against the Rangers bullpen this year.

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WEST
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♣ J 10 6 3

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

SOUTH
♠ K 10 4
♥ 6
♦ A K Q J 8 5 2
♣ 9 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♥
Pass 4♦ Pass 4NT
Pass 6NT

Opening lead — ace of hearts.
We can all take solace from some of the things that happen even in the most expert company. For example, take this deal from the match between Great Britain and the United States in 1955. It serves to demonstrate just how far from par the experts can stray even in a world championship event.

When the British held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Kenneth Konstant opened one diamond, and Boris Schapiro jumped to two hearts. Schapiro was trying for a slam, of course, and Konstant went along with the idea by leaping to four diamonds. He appar-

ently was trying to show a self-sufficient suit as well as a very respectable opening bid.

It is not known whether Schapiro's four-notrump bid was intended as Blackwood. It is also difficult to say how Konstant interpreted four notrump, given his somewhat unorthodox leap to six notrump. Whatever the case, six notrump became the final contract, and the American East unsympathetically cashed the A-K of hearts to defeat the slam a trick.

At the other table, the U.S. pair of William Rosen and Milton Ellenby arrived at the same contract, but this time with South as declarer. Rosen opened the South hand with three notrump, which Ellenby promptly raised to six.

In explanation of this bidding, it should be noted that Rosen-Ellenby were playing "gambling three notrump" openings, wherein three notrump showed a long solid minor suit and not much else on the side.

Ellenby's decision to bid six was based on the hope that there would either be a legitimate play for the slam or that the contract would be made on a wrong opening lead. The latter wish was granted when the unfortunate English West led the jack of spades, giving Rosen all 13 tricks.

So the American team, with a big assist from Dame Fortune, gained 1,070 points on the deal. Both teams missed the ice-cold six-diamond contract.

Tomorrow: Error prevention.

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