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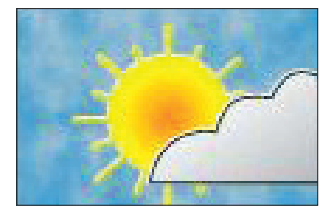


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Reps meet with home folks

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring's state representatives had a chance to meet face-to-face with their constituents during a town hall meeting Tuesday afternoon.

About 200 people crowded into the Hall Center for the Arts auditorium to hear State Rep. Joe Heflin and State Sen. Kel Seliger discuss issues ranging from crime to education.

This marked the third straight year Seliger and Heflin have appeared together at these meetings and, at times, it was like the representatives were part of a well-traveled comedy team firing quips at each other's expense.

"Perhaps you've noticed at a lot of town hall meetings across the country, there has been a lot of yelling and screaming and interrupting going on," Seliger said. "I just want you to know that



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
State Rep. Joe Heflin, left, makes a point while State Sen. Kel Seliger listens during a town hall meeting the two men hosted at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus Tuesday.

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Main Street Construction efforts to focus on road islands

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Work on road projects in Big Spring entered a new phase this morning, officials announced.

Price Construction work crews began preliminary work on the building of road islands on Main Street today, said Chad Nichols, project manager for the company.

Excavation work on the islands, which will stretch from Fifth to Ninth streets, is expected to take two days, Nichols said.

"We will be milling out the islands in the middle of the street, starting at Fifth and working south to Ninth," Nichols said. "These milled-out areas will be approximately 13 feet wide, six inches deep by 300 feet long per block."

The process should take from two to three hours per block, Nichols estimated.

While the milling process is on-going, entire blocks of Main will be closed off at a time because of a large number of trucks hauling material out of the excavated area. Once the operation is complete, the excavated areas will be cordoned off on all sides and the block will be reopened, he said.

Nichols admitted the construction work will put a strain on businesses in the affected area.

"Once the block is reopened, there will be enough room in front of ... businesses to support parallel parking only," Nichols said. "We will do everything we can to move quickly through this process (and) apologize for any inconvenience this may cause."

Once the milling process is complete, concrete work on the islands will begin immediately.

"The concrete work should move fairly quickly," Nichols said. "Then its a matter of getting (utilities) hooked up."

Following concrete work, pavement of Main Street will proceed, followed by landscaping of the islands.

For more information, contact Project Superintendent Jake Whitehead at 517-0286.

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



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples talks with Gloria McDonald, left, and Jan Foresyth during a ceremony denoting Big Spring as a certified retirement community at Dora Roberts Community Center Tuesday morning.

Staples gives congrats on city's 'retirement' status

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples made an appearance in Big Spring Tuesday morning to congratulate the Crossroads area on becoming the 27th Go-Texan Certified Retirement Community in the state, an accomplishment he called a step in the right direction.

Staples spoke to a small crowd gathered at the Dora Roberts Community Center, offering his gratitude for the accomplishment and encouraging Big Spring officials to continue growing.

"It is a significant event in the life of this city and the future of this community," said Staples. "Terry (Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation), I know your team worked extremely hard. Mayor (Russ McEwen), you have a

"We want to be No. 1. And that can happen when communities like Big Spring realize you have to plan for growth."



Staples

The retiree community is just as important an industry as the oil and gas industry and the agriculture community."

great bunch of citizens, and it's great to be back (in Big Spring) because you do care about what Big Spring looks like in the future, and you're willing to put forth the efforts needed today to make

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Council work session postponed

The Big Spring City Council special work session scheduled for Thursday to discuss plans pertaining to the municipal swimming pool has been cancelled. According to Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, the meeting was cancelled to allow a company interested in overseeing the design and construction of the project time to prepare. McDonald said a new date for the work session will be announced in the near future.

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Abilene Wylie dominates Lady Steers

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers came head-to-head with a volleyball force Tuesday and the results weren't pretty.

Abilene Wylie handed the Lady Steers their 10th loss of the season with a straight sets rout, 25-14, 25-9, 25-10.

Wylie (14-5) has won 13 of its past 15 matches. The Lady Steers drop to 4-10 on the year.

The Lady Steers kept it close in the first set, holding within three points for the first half of it. With the score 13-10 in the Lady Bulldogs'

favor, Wylie used a 6-0 run to get some distance and then won six of the next 10 points to take a 1-0 set lead.

From there, the Lady Bulldogs exhibited pure dominance.

The second set opened with a 12-0 Wylie run as the Lady Bulldogs cruised to an easy 25-9 victory. They opened the third game with a 12-6 advantage, then won 11 of the next 13 points for a 23-8 lead as Wylie easily placed a nail in the Lady Steers' coffin from there.

The Lady Steers had improved drastically in their receiving and passing game over the past two weeks, but appeared to take a step

back Tuesday as Wylie hit 15 aces.

When the Lady Steers could get in a system, Wylie was able to dig out most of their kill attempts. Four Lady Steers tied for the team lead in kills with two each.

Cerbi Ritchey and Callie Shafer each had five assists, while Katelyn Villanueva and Valerie Ross led the squad with four digs each.

The Lady Steers simply didn't have an answer for Wylie's Bailey Wilson who led the Lady Bulldogs with eight kills and 10 aces.

Big Spring plays in the Seminole Tournament beginning Friday and continuing through Saturday.

Cowboys coach, aide sue over collapsed facility

DANNY ROBBINS

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Two Dallas Cowboys employees seriously injured in the collapse of the team's indoor practice facility filed lawsuits Tuesday against the company that designed the structure and others linked to its construction and repair.

Scouting assistant Rich Behm and special teams coach Joe DeCamillis filed lawsuits against Summit Structures LLC and others involved in building and repairing the steel and fabric facility. The 88,000-square-foot structure collapsed in a wind storm May 2 while a practice for recently drafted players was being conducted inside.

Behm, who was paralyzed from the waist down, and DeCamillis, who suffered a broken vertebrae, seek unspecified damages in the suits, which contain similar language but were filed in separate Dallas courts.

The tentlike facility did not meet applicable codes for wind loading resistance even after Summit, based in Allentown, Pa., and a Las Vegas engineering firm, JCI Holding LLC, represented to the Cowboys that design defects had been corrected, according to the suits.

The complaints contend that the actions of Summit; a related company, Cover-All Building Systems of Saskatoon, Canada; and JCI constitute gross negligence. The suits also claim the companies engaged in a civil conspiracy by agreeing to hide and conceal the facility's shortcomings.

"I think this entire thing was so easily preventable had Summit and Cover-All and the engineers from Las Vegas set about to resolve the problem instead of minimizing their costs," said Frank Branson, the attorney representing Behm and DeCamillis.

Tom Fee, the attorney for Summit, said the suits would not reiterate its belief that unusually high winds caused the collapse.

"Summit believes there will be credible evidence that there was a catastrophic weather event involved," he said.

Scott Jacobs, an engineer who leads JCI Holding and is one of the named defendants in the suits, did not respond to a phone message seeking comment.

The lawsuits state that Summit was

Elvis saves the day

Unassisted double play gives Rangers 10-9 win over Yanks

MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Thanks to quick reactions by their rookie shortstop, the Texas Rangers escaped with a victory after a nerver-racking ninth inning at Yankee Stadium.

Elvis Andrus turned Melky Cabrera's line drive into a game-ending double play, and Texas held off the New York Yankees 10-9 on Tuesday night in a potential playoff preview.

"It's a big one. I don't think it's any bigger than any other one," Michael Young said. "Obviously, you come to New York, the game's never over. Especially in this ballpark, against



AP photo/Henny Ray Abrams

Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus, left, celebrates after completing an unassisted double play to end the Rangers' 10-9 win over the New York Yankees in an AL baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York Tuesday. Andrus caught a line drive from Melky Cabrera and doubled up pinch runner Jerry Hairston Jr. at second base.

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Cowboys WR Williams appreciates criticism

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Roy Williams appreciates all the criticism and questions, especially from those who have wondered out loud if Cowboys owner Jerry Jones made the right move acquiring him to be Dallas' lead receiver.

"It's a load to me. I mean, it's really funny to me," Williams said Tuesday. "Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin, Deion Sanders, Darren Woodson, I love it. I appreciate it."

Note the common thread of that list. All are former Cowboys standouts and commentators whose opinions still matter to many fans, and who have posed the question if Williams can handle the role as the No. 1 receiver.

"When I have guys, especially NFL greats and the greatest that played here in Dallas, saying that I can't get the job done and I'm not a No. 1, it makes

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

The 2009 Forsan Lady Buffs softball team poses with a banner that will be displayed in their honor to commemorate their Class 1A state title. The Lady Buffs won the championship June 6 in Austin with a 2-1 win over Alto.

Sports in brief

Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament set for this weekend

The Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament has been slated for Saturday and Sunday 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.

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting Thursday at Figure 7

The Big Spring Tennis Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Figure 7

Tennis Center.

Any parent that has a child either in the high school or junior high tennis program is encouraged to attend.

Opinions and support for the 2009-2010 tennis teams are greatly needed.

For more information, call 264-1425.

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 starts at 7 p.m. Friday and players must be at least 14 years old. For info, call Melisa at 935-2960 or Jay at (325) 574-4338.

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting at ATC Monday

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

All parents of junior high and high school football players are encouraged to attend.

For more info, call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

Obituaries

Elvin L. Bearden

Elvin L. Bearden, 84, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 4p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Clyde Freeman officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Elvin Leon Bearden was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Waxahachie to Alton and Ellie Bearden. The family moved to Dawson County in 1934. He graduated from Sparenberg High School in 1943, where he was active in football, basketball and track and field. Elvin served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On June 16, 1946, Elvin married the love of his life, Lloyd Ola Thompson, in Lamesa.

Elvin worked 30 years for Cosden/Fina Refinery and after retirement worked the next 22 years part-time for Bob's Custom Woodworking.

He was an active member of the Evening Lions Club for several years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. On most Sundays after church he could be found at LaPosada Mexican Restaurant.

Elvin and Lloyd Ola lived in Big Spring for 50 years and

moved to Carillon Lifecare Retirement Center in Lubbock in February 2005.

Elvin loved God, his family and friends, helping others, the Dallas Cowboys and wood-working. He was loved in return and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lloyd Ola Bearden of Lubbock; a daughter, Sue Bearden of Azle; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Molly Bearden of Taos, N.M.; a granddaughter, Heather Lyon of Emmetsburg, Iowa; two grandsons, Elvin Michael Bearden of Portland, Ore., and Ian Wood Bearden of Albuquerque, N.M.; a great grandson, Joey Clemens, of Iowa; a great granddaughter, Jordyn Luft, of Iowa; two sisters, Martha Conway Freeman and husband, Clyde, of San Angelo, and Bettye Gainus of Big Spring; a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law, LaVera and Dick Mitchell of Big Spring; nine nephews and five nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Ellie Bearden; a brother and sister-in-law, J.C. and Inez Bearden; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and Rayon Hester, and Nell and Ray Scott; and a nephew and great nephew, Rusty and Aaron Mitchell.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Texas Lion's Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville 78029.

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

Paid obituary

Clarence Louis Jordan

Clarence Louis Jordan, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at the Salvation Army with Capt. Terrie Cheshire officiating.

He was born Sept. 24, 1934, in Indianapolis, Ind., and married Jo Ann Rosenfeldt Oct. 13, 2006, in Big Spring.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and moved to Big Spring in 2006. He attended the Salvation Army.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Jordan of Big Spring; four daughters, Mary Eik of Fredericksburg, Va., Angela Sudd and Victoria Sanchez, both of Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Sara Jordan of Calif.; two sons, John Jordan of Indianapolis, Ind., and Benjamin Jordan of Denver, Colo.; two step sons, Randall Miers and Billy Ray Miers, both of Big Spring; one brother, Clayton Jordan of Paris, France; 13 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Gloria Fulk; and a nephew, Timothy Fulk.

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

Mattie L. Sullivan

Mattie L. Sullivan, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Leo Eggleston

Leo Eggleston, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/27	Fri 8/28	Sat 8/29	Sun 8/30	Mon 8/31
91/66 Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon.	91/63 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	92/65 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	89/65 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/67 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM

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TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Lottery

The grand prize in the Mega Millions multistate lottery game is growing fatter still, to \$325 million for the next drawing on Friday. The jackpot has been rolled over because no player matched all the winning numbers in Tuesday's \$252 million drawing. The winning numbers from Tuesday were: 3, 12, 19, 22 and 40. The Mega Ball number was 2.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-16-20-30-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,490. Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-8-2. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-3. Sum It Up: 8.

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RANGERS

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this lineup, with that crowd getting that fired up.”

Young and Nelson Cruz homered for the Rangers, who scored seven two-out runs off Joba Chamberlain to overcome an early four-run deficit. They took a 10-5 lead into the ninth before New York started storming back against Texas’ bullpen.

Jason Grilli allowed a leadoff single and a walk before he was relieved by closer Frank Francisco. Alex Rodriguez walked, Hideki Matsui lined an RBI single and slow-footed Jorge Posada knocked in a run with a rare infield single.

Robinson Cano’s two-run single cut it to 10-9 and left runners at first and second with nobody out. But Nick Swisher popped up a foul bunt attempt for the first out and Cabrera hit a low liner to shortstop that Andrus caught on the fly.

Pinch-runner Jerry Hairston Jr. tried to scramble back to second base, but Andrus beat him by a half-step

for the final out.

“My first idea was to let the ball hit the ground,” Andrus said. “Right there you just want two outs any way you can.”

Andrus also drove in a career-best three runs from the No. 9 spot in the lineup. About an hour after the game ended, he turned 21 years old.

“I don’t think I’m going to do (anything). I’m pretty tired tonight,” Andrus said with a smile. “I’ll probably just go and have dinner with my sister.”

Josh Hamilton had four hits and Kevin Millwood rebounded from a rocky start, exemplifying the gritty pitching that’s put the surprising Rangers in contention for their first postseason berth since 1999.

Texas took the opener of a three-game series against the AL East-leading Yankees and remained 1½ games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

“We believe we can beat anybody, no doubt about that. But to put 10 runs on the board, you feel like you should win that game, and that’s what was big for us,” Millwood said.

Young, the AL player of the week last week, also had three RBIs.

Posada and Cano homered for the Yankees, who lost for only the fifth time in 21 games. They still own the best record in the majors at 78-47, but their division lead over the Red Sox was trimmed to six games.

Prized prospect Neftali Feliz replaced Millwood (10-8) in the sixth and shut down the powerful Yankees for two innings with a fastball that consistently registered in the high 90s (mph).

Coming off a 7-3 road trip, New York dropped to 41-19 at the new Yankee Stadium, still the best home mark in the big leagues.

“I just didn’t get it done,” Swisher said. “I would’ve loved to see what could’ve happened if I could get the bunt down.”

Pitching on eight days’ rest, Chamberlain (8-4) again failed to get deep in the game. Unable to put away hitters with two strikes or end innings with two outs, he threw 96 pitches in four innings.

The 23-year-old right-hander was dominant in his first three starts after the All-Star break, but then the Yankees began altering his schedule because they want to limit how many innings he throws this season.

He’s having a hard time adjusting. “It is what it is. You can only work with what you’ve got,” Chamberlain said. “I didn’t make my pitches and that’s all there is to it.”

After going 3-0 in his first three outings after the break, Chamberlain is 1-2 in his last four with an 8.55 ERA (19 earned runs in 20 innings).

Millwood won for the second time in nine starts.

“They scored nine runs after two outs and nobody on. That’s not something you see very often,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. “It was finishing the inning that was the problem tonight. Knowing Joba, I’m sure it’s really frustrating for him.”

NOTES: Cano’s homer off the bottom of the left-field foul screen in the fourth was upheld by umpires after a brief video review. It was his career-high 20th homer and it gave the Yankees six players with 20 home runs for the third time in team history (1961, 2004). ... Chamberlain is slated to start again Sunday against the Chicago White Sox. ... Matsui has 18 RBIs in his last eight games. ... Ivan Rodriguez got his first stolen base of the season.

COWBOYS

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notified in 2007 that the Cowboys’ facility hadn’t been properly designed and presented a safety hazard. Repair work described as a “temporary fix” was done in the summer of 2007, and permanent repairs were supposed to be made after the 2007 season, according to the suits.

The suits claim that Summit and JCI represented in 2008 that the permanent work had been done when that wasn’t the case.

City of Irving building records show

only that the Cowboys sought to have the roof fabric replaced in 2008. Nathan Stobbe, the president of Summit Structures, attributed the repair to “aesthetics” in a letter sent to the company’s other customers after the collapse.

The failure of the Cowboys’ facility was at least the fifth involving a Summit-designed building since 2002. The Cowboys selected Summit to build their practice facility in June 2003, just months after a warehouse built by Summit for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority collapsed in a snowstorm.

Greg Iannarelli, the port’s chief’s counsel, has told The Associated Press he spoke to Cowboys official

Bruce Mays when the team was considering hiring Summit and again when a Philadelphia judge issued an order stating the warehouse collapse was due to design flaws.

Branson said workman’s compensation law prevents Behm and DeCamillis from suing the Cowboys. However, he said he believes the team was duped in its dealings with Summit and JCI.

Branson said his inquiry has found that the Cowboys learned of deficiencies in their building after hiring Charles Timbie, a building-collapse expert who worked with the Philadelphia port authority when it sued Summit. Branson said it was Timbie’s work that led the team to

require Summit and JCI to make repairs.

“I think evidence will show that (the companies) represented to the Cowboys and to Timbie that they had made those permanent fixes, and (the repairs) weren’t adequate,” Branson said.

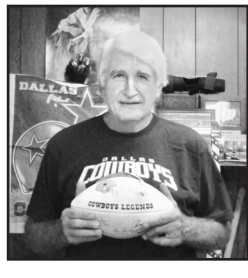
Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple declined to comment.

The suits also detail alleged flaws in the building’s foundation and names as defendants three companies that were involved in its construction. The foundation issues — related primarily to the steel rods used to secure the building’s steel trusses — were discovered through evidence obtained after the collapse, Branson said.

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Students who have completed sixth month of their nursing program at Western Texas College and will participating in a pinning ceremony Tuesday are, left to right, seated, Baillie Redwine, Colorado City; Felicia Martinez, Snyder; Marilyn Curtis, Snyder; Kelli Martin, Post; and standing, Marti Wright, Snyder; Tammey Benson, Lubbock; and Stephanie Parmer, Cassi Hernandez, Tammie Jackson and Jose Zorola, all of Snyder. Instructors, not pictured, are Diane Beard, R.N., B.S.N. and Carol Watkins, R.N.

RETIREES

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that happen. "Texas is going to grow in the next several decades. It's going to be one of the fastest growing states in our nation, and the competition for that growth will be very fierce. Communities need to continue to distinguish themselves, set themselves apart, and Big Spring has given the rest of the nation a really good reason to Go Texan."

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

Staples said it's simply a matter of time before the Lone Star State becomes the No. 1 destination for retirees.

"You put forth the effort, and it's quite an involved process. Texas is the No. 2 retirement

state in the nation today, and I say look out Florida, here we come," said Staples. "We want to be No. 1. And that can happen when communities like Big Spring realize you have to plan for growth. The retiree community is just as important an industry as the oil and gas industry and the agriculture community. One in five baby boomers is going to relocate upon retirement and I'd like them to come here. Wouldn't you?"

"I think the more communities in your area that become designated certified retirement communities, the better it is for Big Spring. Because when retirees get out the map and they look at where they want to go, they will see they can go to Odessa, Big Spring, or other communities. And even if they don't retire here, they experience your hospitality and stay in your bed and breakfasts, they eat in your restaurants and they have an experience they can't have anywhere else on Earth. You have the opportuni-

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To become a Certified Retirement Community, towns must complete an application and retirement desirability assessment covering a range of topics, including demographics, tax structure, local housing availability, safety, employment opportunities, availability of health care services, public transportation and more.

Linda Heflin, wife of State Rep. Joe Heflin, also spoke during the ceremony, offering her and her husband's thanks and congratulations on achieving the certification.

"Sometimes we feel like we're the forgotten. We produce a lot, but we don't get much in return," said Heflin. "There's a Roman proverb that says a strong city can only be built by brothers helping brothers, and that's what you (Big Spring citizens) do. This is a place where people participate.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Howard County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the scene of a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 20 just west of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

REPS

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when Rep. Heflin is talking, feel free to do just that."

Heflin, of course, fired back.

"During this last legislative session, everyone over in the Senate was yelling and sniping at each other, while over in the House, we were having tea and crumpets and singing, 'Kumbaya,'" Heflin said.

All quips aside, however, the men were mostly business at the meeting, talking about the major issues addressed during the most recent session of the Texas Legislature and other issues of concern to local residents.

One of the biggest issue of concern was education.

"The state's biennium budget which takes effect Sept. 1 is \$182 billion ... and we're spending \$1.9 billion more on education than we did two years ago," Seliger said. "Is that enough? Probably not, but education has grown in the past few years from 24 percent of our budget to 30 percent."

Seliger also trumpeted plans to phase out the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test within the next three years and replace it with end-of-course ex-

ams.

"Instead of looking at how a student performs on the TAKS test, we should see how he or she performs over a two or three-year period," he said. "We also need to make these tests consistent with what's being taught at the individual school districts."

Heflin and Seliger both agreed that public school students will be well-served by replacing traditional textbooks with electronically-generated study material downloaded onto computers or other devices.

"The opportunities are endless in this area," Heflin said. "And we'll save a lot of money, too."

"Some textbooks still in use refer to Clinton as the president and that's unacceptable," Seliger said. "Technology would take care of problems like that."

One of the main issues Heflin discussed in length was economic development.

"We need to bring in more money and revenue and we compete world-wide for that money," Heflin said. "Economic development helps bring in more industry and other businesses ... and that in turn relieves property owners' tax burdens."

To that end, Heflin was an author of the Texas Economic Development Act, which is designed

to spur economic growth in communities across the state.

"I think it will do wonders for this state," he said.

On crime issues, both men said sufficient laws to dissuade potential lawbreakers are already in place for the most part, but Seliger said the legislature could be a big asset in helping on the preventative side of the issue.

"You know what I think the biggest anti-crime measure we could support? Public schools," he said. "We need to offer a kind of school kids need and want ... I think that's probably the biggest defense mechanism against crime."

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Staples said retirees have much more to offer communities than just an economic boost.

"Texas is faring the economic downturn better than most states, and that didn't happen by chance," said Staples. "It happened because of a lot of thoughtful planning to make certain Texas is a low-tax state, that we have a fair civil justice system... Those are important elements that people look at."

"Community colleges are a big part of rural Texas growth opportunities. I think continuing to focus on how you can match up the talented resources at the community college with our high schools and look for career and technical training opportunities. And there's nothing better than having retirees in your communities, that wealth of talent and knowledge that can work with our kids,

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OUR VIEW

Don't miss out on museum's newest exhibit

A new exhibit is on display at the Heritage Museum — a collection of contemporary Western art works than not only grab the eye, but conjure the days of the Old West in virtually everyone's mind.

Tales of the Old West — who doesn't love them?

The exhibit, which features about a dozen prints from the Connally Collection of Western Art, opened Saturday and will continue through Sept. 19.

According to Museum Director Nancy Raney, the exhibit displays works Big Spring resident Jerry Worthy has agreed to let the museum show. He'd purchased the works several years ago, but agreed to have this displayed after a friend, Jimmy Anderson, created custom frame for the works.

"I bought this collection several years ago," said Worthy, who collects Western art. "What impressed me was that (former Texas Gov. John) Connally selected them from a wide array of Western art."

And we're willing to bet these new exhibits will be something all of us can enjoy.

That's right, there's something about the Old West — cowboys and Indians, cattle drives, wagon trains, stagecoaches and the like — strikes the fancy of virtually everyone.

It certainly does for us.

As a matter of fact, there's something of interest for virtually everyone in the museum's permanent collection.

So, drop by the museum and enjoy what you find.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be motivated, Lord, to live for Your love.

Amen

Peace without freedom?

When the Colombian pop singer known as Juanes announced that he would take his music to Havana's Plaza of the Revolution soon to perform in a "Peace Without Borders" concert, I had some soul-searching to do. Surely it happened to most of my fellow Cuban-Americans.

We had to weigh all the facts and decide which side we were going to fall on.

There was no gray area, no middle ground. We were going to either applaud Juanes for trying to reach Cuba's isolated youth or condemn him for demonstrating amazing ignorance in dealing with Cuba's highly manipulative communist dictatorship.

I fall with the latter. In the past, I have argued against mixing politics with sports or entertainment. When Cuban athletes and entertainers have managed to come to compete or perform here, I have been criticized by some Cuban-Americans for supporting and even attending some of those events.

In my mind, I was not only admiring their talent and feeling that nationalistic pride that only your countrymen can give you but also hoping they would find a way to defect. And many of them did!

I applauded baseball player Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez and musician Paquito D'Rivera long before one became a New York Yankee and the other an icon of American jazz.

But this is quite different. I see no reason to clap for Juanes, who clearly lacks the cojones to say he is going to Cuba to perform in a concert for freedom instead of peace.

When Juanes and other artists performed in a similar concert in war-torn Colombia last year, calling for peace made a lot of sense, especially because his country was facing growing friction with neighboring Ecuador and Venezuela.

But the only war in Cuba is the war of the government against its own people. Will Juanes ask for peace in that war? Will he

call for respect for freedom of expression and other human rights that really would allow the Cuban people to live in peace?

Don't count on it! While Juanes calls "Peace Without Borders" "a politically neutral organization," this concert is by no means independently produced.

This spectacle, scheduled for Sept. 20, will be entirely staged by the Machiavellian Cuban government.

It will be used as another propaganda tool to tell the world that it is OK to accept Cuba in its abhorrently repressive state. After all, Juanes has!

Those images of young Cuban people taking breaths of freedom at a concert for a couple of hours will be used to manipulate the news media and to fool the world, to make us forget that those same young people instantly would have cleared the Plaza of the Revolution if Juanes had announced the presence of enough boats on the Havana shore to take them all to Miami.

Does Juanes not see the hypocrisy in a peace concert for people who don't have freedom?

For a musician who has written some smart lyrics, he is surprisingly dumb when it comes to politics.

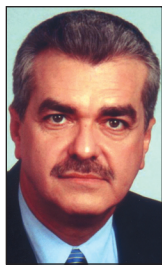
Pope John Paul II celebrated mass in the plaza and still couldn't get the Cuban government to release the people from its satanic grip. Yet apparently, Juanes thinks that by singing a few songs, he can perform miracles.

The concert, featuring communist Cuban performers along with visiting artists, has ignited a heated debate among Cuban-Americans, especially in cyberspace.

Bloggers and e-mail writers passionately have been expressing feelings that range from calls for reconciliation to death threats.

At one extreme, you have those who argue, quite hypocritically, that Juanes should not be "censored" by Cuban-Americans for performing in Cuba.

Mind you, this is a country where everyone is censored and where a Cuban-American singer, such as Miami's Willy Chirino, never would be allowed to return to perform his songs about freedom.



MIGUEL PEREZ

Obama like Bush in Latin America

There were great hopes in Latin America when President Barack Obama was elected.

U.S. standing in the region had reached a low point under George W. Bush, and all of the hemisphere's left-leaning governments expressed optimism that Obama would go in a different direction.

These hopes have been dashed. President Obama has continued the Bush policies and in some cases has done worse.

The military overthrow of democratically elected President Mel Zelaya of Honduras on June 28 has become a clear example of Obama's failure in the hemisphere. There were signs that something was amiss in Washington from the beginning, when the first statement from the White House failed to even criticize, much less condemn, the coup. It was the only such statement from a government to take a neutral position. The General Assembly of the United Nations and the Organization of American States voted unanimously for "the immediate and unconditional return" of President Zelaya.

Conflicting statements from the White House and State Department emerged over the ensuing days, but the State Department has since made clear its "neutrality" as between the dictatorship and the democratically elected president of Honduras.

In a letter to Sen. Richard Lugar, the State Department said that "our policy and strategy for engagement is not based on supporting any particular politician

or individual," and appeared to blame President Zelaya for the coup: "President Zelaya's insistence on undertaking provocative actions contributed to the polarization of Honduran society and led to a confrontation that unleashed the events that led to his removal."

This letter was all over the Honduran media, which is controlled by the coup government and its supporters, and it once again strengthened them politically. Congressional Republicans who have supported the coup immediately claimed victory.

President Obama repeated his prior statement that Zelaya should return. But by then nobody was fooled.

Obama has said that he "can't push a button and suddenly reinstate Mr. Zelaya." But he hasn't pushed the buttons that he does have at his disposal, such as freezing the U.S. assets of the coup government leaders and their supporters, or canceling their visas. (The State Department cancelled five diplomatic visas of members of the coup government, but they can still enter the United States with a normal visa — this gesture had no effect.)

With Clinton associates such as Lanny Davis and Bennett Ratcliff running strategy for the coup government, the Pentagon looking out for its own military base in Honduras, and the Republicans ideologically tied to the coup leaders, it should be no surprise that Washington is more worried about protecting its friends in the dictatorship than about such principles as democracy or the rule of law.

In addition to its failure in Honduras, the Obama administration drew public statements of concern last week from such leaders as President Lula da Silva of Brazil and Michelle

At the other extreme, you have a few pinheads who not only overreacted but also used Twitter to post threats against the singer's life, giving the whole controversy much more attention than it deserves.

You also have those Miami Cubans who held a demonstration at which they smashed and burned Juanes CDs, apparently forgetting that the dictatorship they abhor began with similar angry bonfires.

And yet there are those who rightfully question the double standards of Juanes and other politically left-leaning performers.

They never would perform for a racist regime or right-wing dictatorship but are willing to overlook the atrocities of a leftist ideology, even when that leftist has a history of sponsoring bloodshed abroad, including in Juanes' Colombia.

Would Juanes have performed in the right-wing Chile of Augusto Pinochet?

Would he and his fellow concert headliners, Puerto Rico's Olga Tanon and Spain's Miguel Bose, have gone to South Africa to perform during apartheid?

Do they know that the Nelson Mandelas of Cuba are still in prison?

Didn't Juanes recently cancel a "Peace Without Borders" concert in Honduras because he didn't want to legitimize the temporary government there?

Doesn't the 50-year-long dictatorship in Cuba exude enough illegitimacy?

Does Juanes really want to help legitimize the same evil force that drives the FARC guerrillas in his homeland?

Let's face it; those are just too many hard questions for a young lad who wrote a few good songs and somehow thought it gave him the wisdom to delve into politics.

Juanes has demonstrated that he is just one more extremely naive and gravely misinformed "useful fool" — the kind of person who allows himself to be used by leftist despots.

As long as it is done in pursuit of the useful fools' elusive "peace," you can count them in — forsaking even freedom!

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Bachelet of Chile — along with other presidents — with its decision to increase the U.S. military presence at seven bases in Colombia. Washington apparently did not consult with South American governments — other than Colombia — beforehand. The pretext for the expansion is, as usual, the "war on drugs." But the legislation in Congress that would fund this expansion allows for a much broader role; no wonder South America is suspicious.

Obama has also not reversed the Bush administration's decision to reactivate U.S. Navy's Fourth Fleet in the Caribbean, for the first time since 1950 — a decision that raised concerns in Brazil and other countries.

President Obama has also continued the Bush administration's trade sanctions against Bolivia, which are seen throughout the region as an affront to Bolivia's national sovereignty.

And despite Obama's world-famous handshake with President Hugo Chávez, the State Department has maintained about the same level of hostility toward Venezuela — mostly in the form of public denunciations — as President George W. Bush did in his last year or two.

These Obama policies have drawn mostly only mild rebuke because he is still enjoying somewhat of a honeymoon, and he is not Bush. And the media mostly gives him a free pass. But he is doing serious damage to U.S.-Latin American relations and to the prospects for democracy and social progress in the region.

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Here is a neat book for perhaps a Jeopardy style game for youth groups! "Bible Trivia Challenge" (LP 220 SWO C) compiled by Conover Swofford contains more than 2,001 questions from Genesis to Revelation. Here is an easy question: Who rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb?

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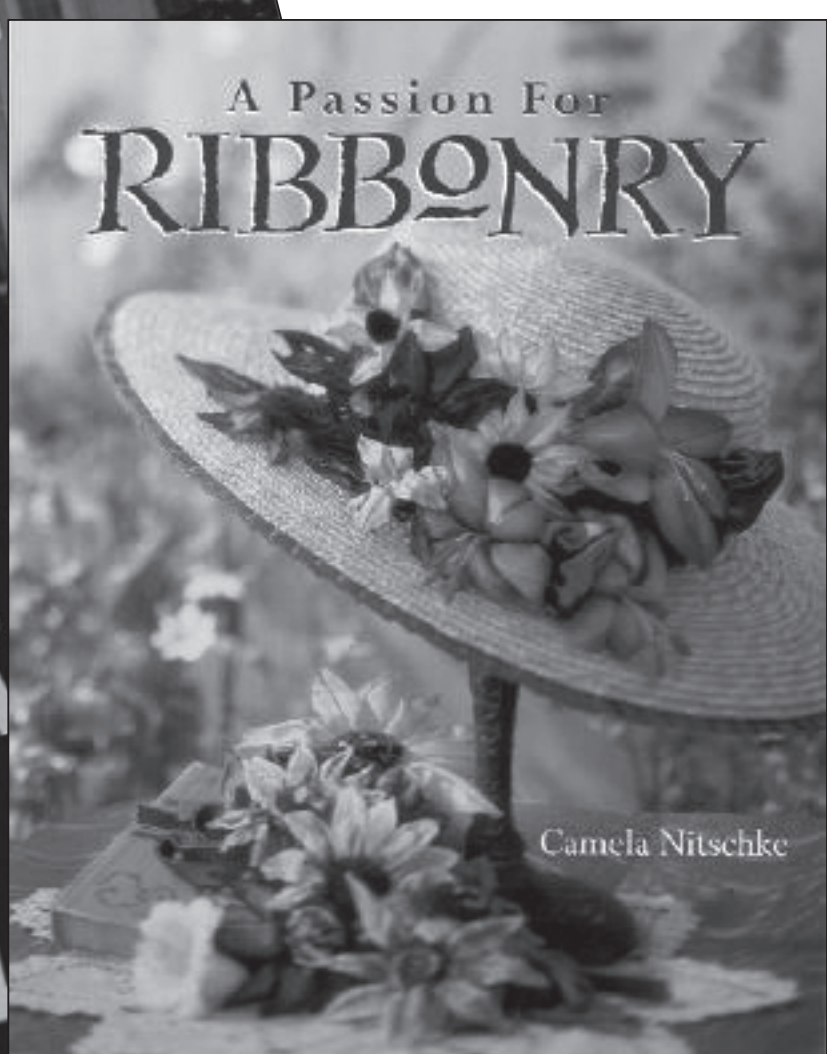
"The Fire and the Light" (FCRA G) by Glen Craney, takes place during roughly 60 years in the late 12th and early 13th centuries, and portrays the spread and persecution of the Cathar faith in France. Considered heretics, the Cathars preached pacifism, ordained women, and were accused of practicing black magic because of their skill with healing. Esclarmonde de Foix starts out as a headstrong girl in the Toulousian Courts of Love, but after an encounter with a Cathar elder, finds herself increasingly drawn to the faith, and after undergoing certain spiritual trials, she eventually finds herself acting as the leader of the Cathars, dedicated to God and her people.

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monde struggles with her faith and the war sweeping her country, Craney explores issues of theology, a variety of historical events and char-

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Annie's Mailbox®

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGARDad's a bum;
Mom wants divorce

Dear Annie: My parents are married but separated. My father isn't financially stable. For some reason, he can't seem to keep a job. Currently, he's unemployed and has no car. Annie, my father is a freeloader. All he does is lie around the house and do nothing. My mother is a hardworking woman, and I respect and adore her. She does everything for my brother and me.

I'm 16 and have learned to cope with the fact that their marriage is over, although no one else in the family knows they are separated.

My mother wants a divorce, but my father won't sign the papers. I know she's miserable and hurt, but she doesn't show it.

Frankly, I don't think Dad can live on his own. He certainly can't support our family, and I don't think he sees us as his first priority.

I feel trapped and there's no one I can talk to about this. I know he's still my father, but I can't stand him. Any advice? — Anonymous Daughter

Dear Anonymous: You are in a tough position. It's admirable that you are standing by your mother, but your father may have problems of which you are unaware.

Please know it is not your responsibility to fix your parents' relationship, make your father more responsible or

break the news of the separation to your relatives. If you cannot talk about your situation with anyone in the family, try discussing your concerns with the school counselor, your best friend, a trusted adult neighbor or the parent of a friend. It will help.

Family members
breaking the bank

Dear Annie: How do you handle family members who think every relative is their personal ATM? These people are not in serious financial trouble.

They spend their own money the way they want, but every time they have a personal need, which is almost daily, they phone every member of the family until someone finally gives in just to halt the continuous calls.

This drives me up the wall, as it seems to be a never-ending problem with no solution in sight. No matter how much you help, it's never enough. There are times when they are truly in need, but it's gotten totally out of hand. If I give them \$100 today, they'll ask for \$300 tomorrow.

They are driving everyone nuts and pushing the entire family away.

I'd appreciate any ideas. When it involves your own family members, the solution is hard to see. — Hit Up Too Often

Dear Hit Up: The solution is to close the bank. This means having the backbone not to give in, no matter how many irritating, pleading phone calls you receive. If these relatives are asking for money on a daily basis, they have not learned to live within their means.

Instead of opening your wallet, open the phone book and suggest they contact someone who will help consolidate any debt and put them on a budget.

We recommend the National Foundation for Credit

Counseling (nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-2227.

Here's my solution

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Desperate in Pennsylvania," who hears a clicking noise every time she swallows.

I had the same problem and was scared because I also had other symptoms like chronic fatigue and pain. I scheduled an appointment with my family doctor, who discovered that I have an underactive thyroid.

I also found out that I have a growth hormone deficiency, which explains a lot about my health problems. Our hormones really do affect us in many ways. I'm a young 43-year-old who feels a lot better now that I'm on the proper medication. Hope this helps. — Patty in Ohio

Dear Patty: Thanks for sharing your diagnosis. We'll print others down the road and hope one of them will prove helpful to "Desperate."

How do I get over
this jealousy?

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Sam" for 25 years, and we have three beautiful daughters. Sam works three hours away. When he comes home, I make sure to have supper on the table, laundry completed, house spotless, grass mowed and any repairs fixed.

The problem is my mother-in-law. When Sam comes home, she calls and complains that she has to do everything by herself, and he always goes to help her. She says, "He was my son before he was your husband. He should be here for me."

If I protest about her monopolizing his time, she tells Sam that I said awful things to her.

Sam has three brothers within walking distance who do very little for her. I have never felt a part of my husband's family.

My mother-in-law never calls to see how we are, and when I call her, she is never home. She is either out with her other sons or visiting one of her siblings.

My mother-in-law is younger and in better health than my parents, yet my folks manage to attend every event for every one of their grandchildren. My mother-in-law only goes to functions for her other grandchildren, not ours. How can I get over this jealousy and enjoy the little time I have with my husband? — Not All in the Family

Dear Not: Your husband is the one who decides how much time he devotes to his mother, so say nothing about Mom. Instead, explain how much all of you miss him and ask for more time together as a family.

Most likely, he sees how efficient you are and doesn't realize how much you need him. He also seems to have an automatic guilt response to his mother. If there is any way you can overcome your resentment and make friends with the woman, everyone will come out ahead.

His touching
in public is a turn-off

Dear Annie: My husband likes to discreetly touch my breasts in public. Tonight, as we paid for our meal at a cafe, he rubbed my breast with his elbow. I shot him a disgusted look and he grinned.

When we got in the car, I told him his behavior is disrespectful and makes me uncomfortable. He says I am overreacting. How do I stop this? — Kansas Bride

Dear Kansas: Your husband is a case of arrested development. Touching you intimately is his way of saying you belong to him, and he gets a kick out of your embarrassed reaction.

He should outgrow it in time, but meanwhile, ignoring it completely is the best

way to put a damper on his juvenile hi-jinks.

Here's my
take on it

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Grieving Dad," whose wife's grief was getting tiresome to her sisters. My husband and two young sons were lost in an accident 15 years ago. I know everyone was tired of my grief. It is a heavy burden and never goes away.

What helped was a variety of grief solutions. The Compassionate Friends was wonderful, but I needed more, so I added a weekly grief group (Bereavement Outreach) that featured speakers who educated us. I also attended a local group for Parents Accepting Loss (PALs). My church offered an intermittent grief group, as well, and I had a fabulous grief counselor. The point is to keep going, talking and crying, especially around people who have been there and are safe. It is a horrific and exhausting process.

Please let "Grieving Dad" know that time plus resources to augment his wife's sisters will help. Our society is not comfortable with grief, and to this day, it is rare that I share my extreme life event with anyone. — Sadly, Been There

Dear Been: Many readers chastised us for not berating the sisters. We understand the impulse, but doing so would not have changed their unsupportive behavior. It is more important for Grieving Dad and his wife to find whatever helpful resources they need, as you have so astutely pointed out, and we thank you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

FitFlop: A workout while you walk?

MIAMI (AP) — A flip flop that firms and tones as you walk sounds too good to be true.

Is it? The makers of FitFlop — the shoe sold at 4,500 stores around the world — say the sandal was designed to

be a workout while you walk, with "side effects" of comfort and relief from chronic lower back pain.

The premise of the FitFlop's rubber sole with different densities (also known as the

micro-wobble board) is that it helps tone because it creates instability during walking, forcing leg muscles to work harder to maintain posture and balance. Skechers and Dr. Scholl's make their own

versions.

Dr. Phil Graham-Smith, head of the Directorate of Sport at the University of Salford, did an independent study on the shoe. He said data has indicated that calf and thigh

muscles were activated for longer during walking with these shoes, and that the speed of walking was slightly faster.

"I think the comfort element of it is that you probably feel more motivated to do more exercise as well," he said recently.

The idea was to mimic the natural roll over of the foot, said Dr. David Cook, senior lecturer of biomechanics at London South Bank University, who along with a doc-

toral student created the FitFlop. Cook also said toning depends on a person's diet.

I wore the FitFlops intermittently for about two weeks and I did feel the familiar burn of exercise in my knees and back leg muscles. I scanned myself in the mirror daily to see if there was any minute difference and I have to say I felt better, even if I couldn't see a difference.

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Classic kid books

Long before cable television and computer games, children of the baby boom generation entertained themselves with books. These boomer classics are still favorites today. Plus, the Wagonmaster and ranch potatoes.

American Profile

Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

It Pays to Plan the Play

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 6 5 3
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 8 7 6
♣ J 7 2

WEST
♠ J 8 2
♥ K J 7 6 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K 4

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 10 9 8 3

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

The bidding:
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 3 NT
Opening lead — six of hearts.

It is not difficult to make three notrump on this deal if South takes the time at the start to form a long-range plan of play. But many declarers would go wrong by playing the hand mechanically instead of expending the time and effort necessary to reason out the proper approach.

They might start by ducking the first two heart leads and winning the ace on the third round. After cashing the A-K of spades and A-K-Q-J of diamonds, they would next play the ace and queen of clubs, hoping East held the king. If East had that card,

South would be assured of scoring four diamonds, a heart, two clubs and at least two spades — enough for his contract. But when West turned up with the club king and cashed two hearts, they would finish down one.

The unvarnished truth, however, is that after East returns a heart at trick two, South is certain to score nine tricks — regardless of who has the king of clubs or how the hearts are divided.

The key play comes at trick two, when South should take the ace of hearts instead of ducking a second time. He then cashes two spades and four diamonds to bring his total to seven tricks. At this point, his hand consists of the A-Q-6-5 of clubs and nine of hearts, while dummy has the J-7-2 of clubs and Q-6 of spades.

Instead of leading a club now, declarer exits with the nine of hearts. West wins and cashes two more hearts, dummy retaining the queen of spades and jack of clubs, while declarer is reduced to the A-Q of clubs.

It doesn't matter which two cards West actually has left at this point. He must lead a spade or a club, giving declarer the last two tricks with the queen of spades and ace of clubs, or the A-Q of clubs in his hand. Either way, South ends up making his contract, losing only four heart tricks.

Tomorrow: Sylvia has an accident.
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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.

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the West Howard Glasscock (G-S) Unit Lease Well Number 133. The well is located 7 miles west of Forsan, TX in the Howard Glasscock Field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000 to 2500 feet.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The elixir of love is a snap to conjure up over the next few weeks. Venus moves into the sign of overblown affections and will continue to traverse through Leo until September 20th. Venus in Leo reminds us what love is: a quality of attention. The secret to keeping a lot of it flowing through our lives is to lavish it on ourselves and others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be working in a group of people whose opinions seem to get heard more readily than yours. Be aware that you're going to have to speak up. Bring a bullhorn if you have to, but get heard.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Education will put you in good standing with those around you. Whether you're relearning geography with a 10-year-old or taking technical classes to stay up to the minute, you'll get a favorable return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll go above and beyond what is asked of you, both for love and for money. Furthermore, you don't even care if your efforts get noticed or not. You'll act purely to expand your own character and heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be politely enthusiastic about meeting new people, even though you probably didn't wake up this morning in a very outgoing mood. You'll

quickly feel just as friendly and warm as you pretend to feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be tempted to stretch the truth in order to fill a role or give someone confidence that you can do a job. Instead of exaggerating the facts, try shedding more light on what's real — that you know you'll shine if given the chance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think bigger. You could be a power player just as easily as the next guy. The top contenders use mentors every day and so should you. Seek the advice of someone in the role you want to have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Phone calls and written correspondence bring good fortune. Make reservations for your upcoming special events. You'll be lucky now and will land the best seats in the house. You could even win a contest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The old thing that doesn't work anymore needs to go before you'll see new progress. Maybe it's clothes that don't fit, sheets that no longer stay on the bed or a broken relationship. Get it out so you can welcome the new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It feels like someone is checking your every move. You don't deserve to be second-guessed or baby-sat. Confront the one who is suddenly so interested in your business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're becoming increasingly aware that everyone else just doesn't think the way you do. Make allowances. Be more tolerant. Replace toxic anger and

frustration with compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give credit where it's due, especially if it's due to you. Privately stand back and admire your own work. Pour on the praise. When you start noticing what makes your work special, others follow suit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You get wrapped up in the spirit of things and will have wonderful experiences because of this. You could love something because someone else loves it, and that turns out to be not a bad reason at all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 26). Your instincts grow stronger this year and when you follow them, you'll find and claim treasure upon treasure. Your personal life unclutters through September as you redefine yourself. A bold career move in October will require you to invest. You'll reap the reward in March. December and May are highly romantic. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 42, 5, 17 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've been married for 25 years and leaving for 23 of them. My husband is a good provider, but we're just not "into" each other anymore. I know he's been unfaithful to me, and I'm beyond caring. In some ways I guess you could say that my heart is closed to him. But in other ways I don't mind living with him. We have a comfortable routine, a nice home and good friends together. One of my friends, a Libra, has recently been adamant with me that something is wrong with me and

that I should get my head examined because everyone deserves real love. But I'm a Pisces in my 60s and I just don't want to start over. What do you think? My husband is a Virgo."

Libras like your friend love being in a relationship and have a hard time imagining why anyone would settle for less than true, romantic, fairy-tale-like love. But there are many version of love, and plenty of other things to center one's life around. Check your heart. And if you are really content with this kind of relationship, then be resolved instead of constantly "leaving" in your mind.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chris Pine admits to being self critical, proving his Virgo roots run deep. So do his roots in show business — he's the third generation in a family of actors. This hard-working Virgo had many odd jobs before his breakthrough role in "The Princess Diaries 2" started the ball rolling toward movie stardom, and rare reviews as James T. Kirk in the 2009 "Star Trek" have sealed that deal.

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Police blotter

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

- ROBERT YBARRA, 27, of 1322 Mesquite, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ANITA GARCIA, 53, of 1208 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- RAY ZAPATA, 28, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft and evading arrest.
- CHARLES HOLSENBECK, 46, of 2004 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on local warrants.
- AUBRY STEVEN MCDONALD, 28, of 706.5 E. 13th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ALBERTO RIVAS, 50, of 610 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of burglary of a habitation and assault.
- THEFT was reported:
in the 300 block of Owens.
in the 900 block of Willia.
in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1100 block of State.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Owens.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Circle.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION – ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of assault.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
in the 1800 block of Owens.
in the 400 block of Dallas.
in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANITA FABIAN GARCIA, 43, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- CHARLES LEON HOLSENBECK, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and failure to appear.
- AUBREY STEVEN MCDONALD, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a revocation of probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- ALBERTO RIVAS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and burglary of a habitation.
- ALICIA ANN ROBINSON, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the Ector County Sheriff's Office on revocation of probation charges for forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).
- RAY JOHN-MANUEL ZAPATA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft and evading arrest/detention.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Drake. Service refused.

Support Groups

TODAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Take Note

The Ackerly/Sands Homecoming will be held Friday, at which time Sands will play Hermieigh at Mustang Field at 7:30 p.m. A spaghetti supper sponsored by the junior class will be available that evening. Ackerly/Sands Homecoming activities planned Saturday will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the new Sands High School auditorium/gym. The business meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. and graduates from Ackerly and Sands will all be recognized. A barbecue lunch with trimmings will be served at noon by the junior class. The meal will be \$10 per plate. Please RSVP Margaret Cates at (432) 353-4271 to make meal reservations.

In an effort to raise awareness about Parkinson's disease, Accolade Home Care is offering a Parkinson's presentation and various informative pieces. These include a risk quiz assessment, caregiver's guide and a time up and go test, which is used to indicate a person's functional independence and is a predictor of an individual's risk for falling. This will be offered to Big Spring and the surrounding area residents at the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, at 11 a.m. Thursday.

DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the third annual 9/11 Memorial at the Mall at 6:30 p.m. Friday,

Sept. 11 in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander at (432) 556-2227.

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.

West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the

service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

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.

HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

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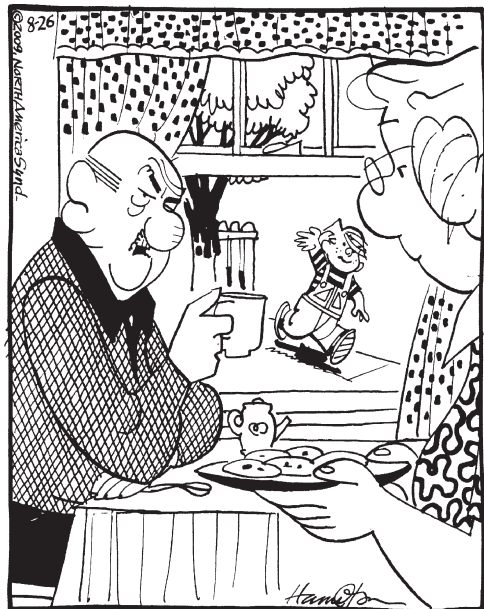


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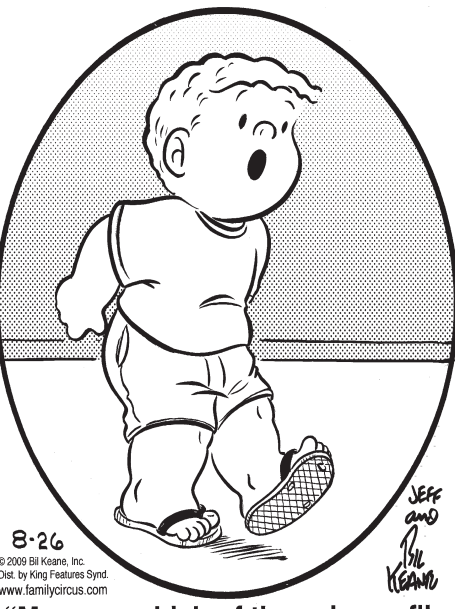
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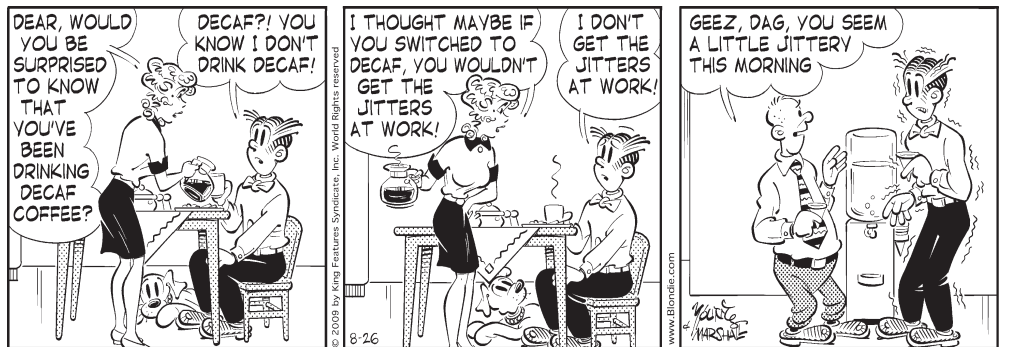


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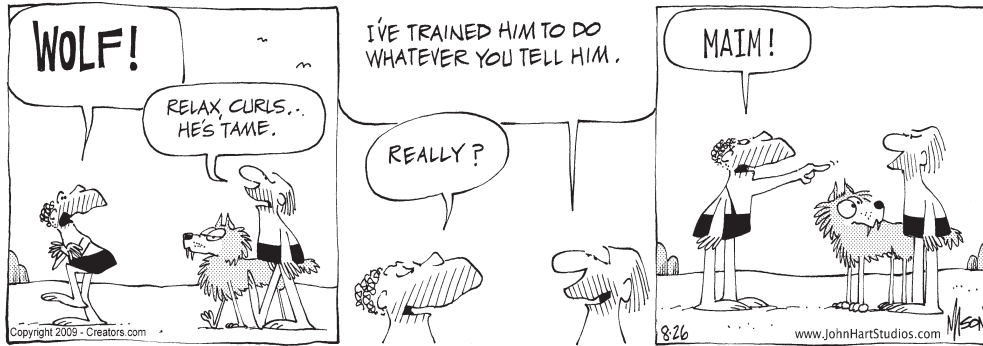
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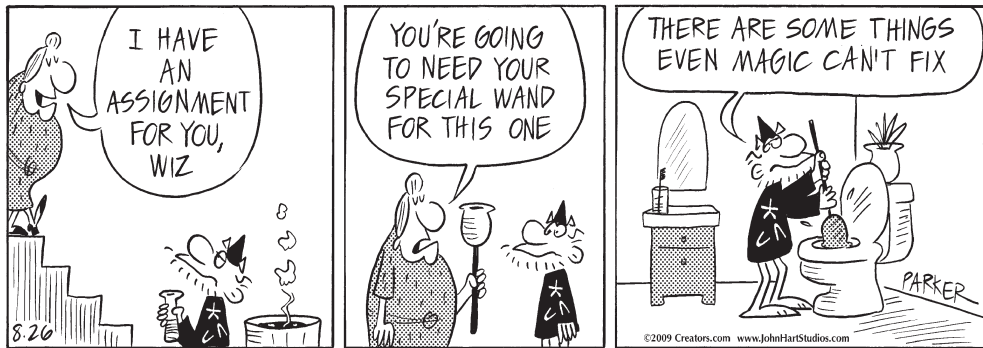
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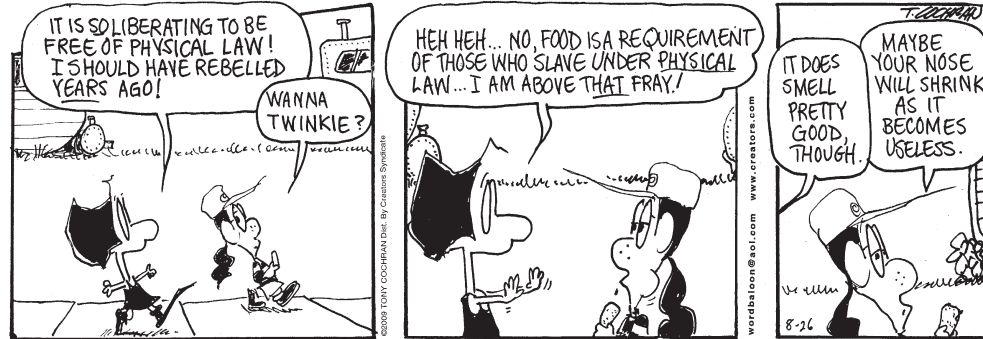
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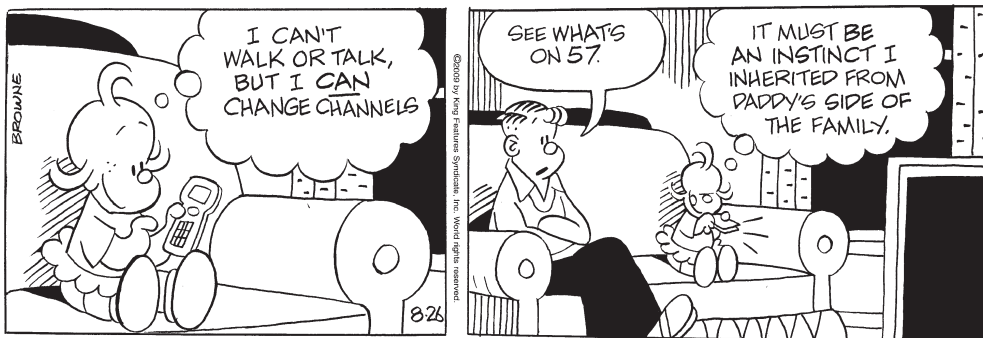
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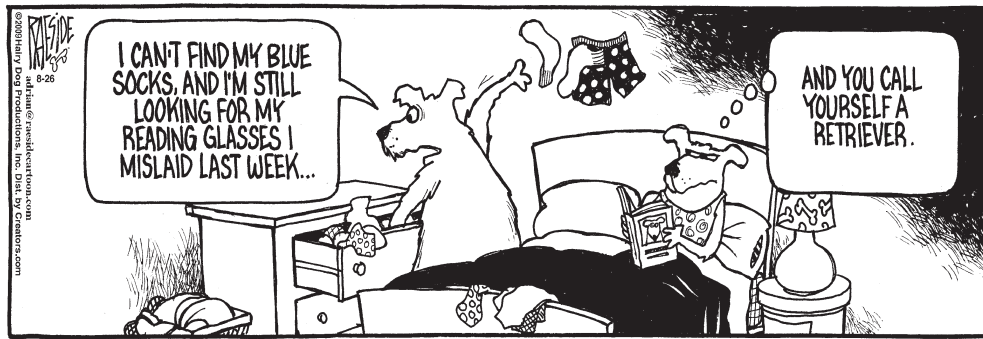
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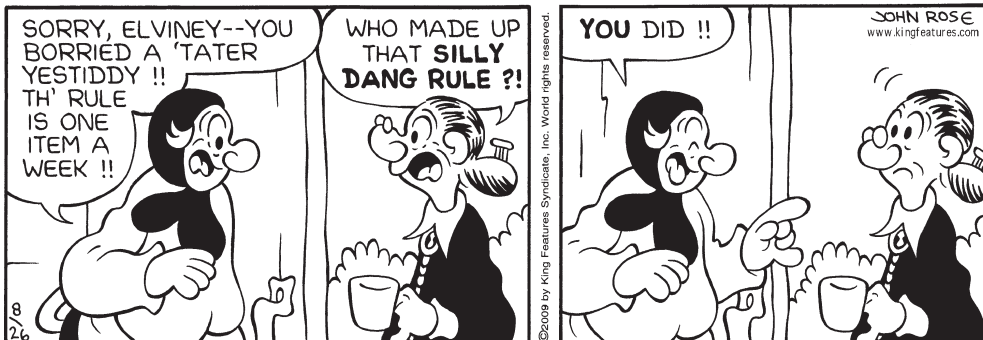
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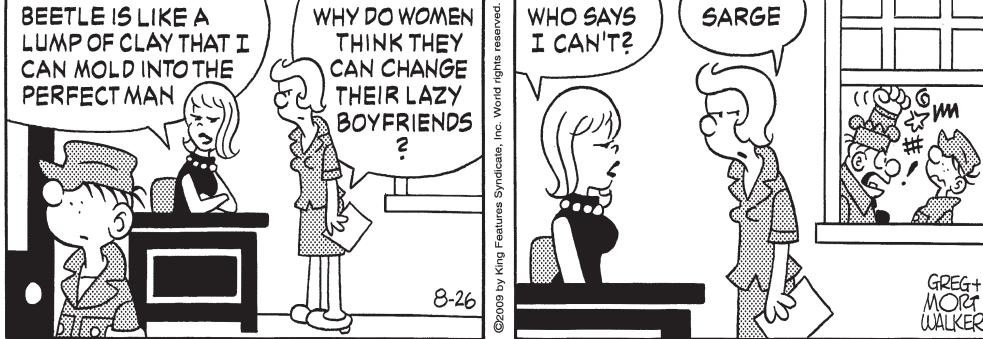
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2009. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, but achieved limited success.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1961, the original Hockey Hall of Fame was opened in Toronto.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani 10f Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I.

Ferraro is 74. Actress Francine York is 73. Singer Vic Dana is 67. R&B singer Valerie Simpson is 63. Pop singer Bob Cowdill is 60. Actor Brett Cullen is 53. Basketball coach Stan Van Gundy is 50. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 49. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 48. Actor Chris Burke is 44. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 43. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 43. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 43. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 40. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 39. Latin pop singer Thalía is 38. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 34.

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Political icon Kennedy dies after cancer battle

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the last surviving brother in an enduring political dynasty and one of the most influential senators in history, died Tuesday night at his home on Cape Cod after a yearlong struggle with brain cancer. He was 77.

In nearly 50 years in the Senate, Kennedy, a liberal Democrat, served alongside 10 presidents — his brother John Fitzgerald Kennedy among them — compiling an impressive list of legislative achievements on health care, civil rights, education, immigration and more.

His only run for the White House ended in defeat in 1980, when President Jimmy Carter turned back his

challenge for the party's nomination. More than a quarter-century later, he handed then-Sen. Barack Obama an endorsement at a critical point in the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, explicitly likening the young contender to President Kennedy.

To the American public, Kennedy was best known as the last surviving son of America's most glamorous political family, father figure and, memorably, eulogist of an Irish-American clan plagued again and again by tragedy. But his career was forever marred by an accident at Chappaquiddick in 1969, when a car he was driving plunged off a bridge, killing a young woman.

Kennedy's death triggered an outpour-

ing of superlatives from Democrats and Republicans as well as foreign leaders.

"An important chapter in our history has come to an end. Our country has lost a great leader, who picked up the torch of his fallen brothers and became the greatest United States senator of our time," Obama said in a written statement.

"For five decades, virtually every major piece of legislation to advance the civil rights, health and economic well being of the American people bore his name and resulted from his efforts," said Obama, vacationing at Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast.

Kennedy's family announced his death in a brief statement released early Wednesday.

"We've lost the irreplaceable center of our family and joyous light in our lives, but the inspiration of his faith, optimism, and perseverance will live on in our hearts forever," it said. "We thank everyone who gave him care and support over this last year, and everyone who stood with him for so many years in his tireless march for progress toward justice, fairness and opportunity for all."

A few hours later, two vans left the famed Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port in pre-dawn darkness. Both bore hearse license plates — with the word "hearse" blacked out.

Several hundred miles away, flags flew at half-staff at the U.S. Capitol.

There was no immediate word on funeral

arrangements. Two of Kennedy's brothers, John and Robert, are buried at Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington.

In his later years, Kennedy cut a barrel-chested figure, with a swath of white hair, a booming voice and a thick, widely imitated Boston accent. He coupled fist-pumping floor speeches with his well-honed Irish charm and formidable negotiating skills. He was both a passionate liberal and a clear-eyed pragmatist, willing to reach across the aisle.

He was first elected to the Senate in 1962, taking the seat that his brother John had occupied before winning the White House, and served longer than all but two senators in history.

His own hopes of reaching the White House were damaged — perhaps doomed — in 1969 by the scandal that came to be known as Chappaquiddick. He sought the White House more than a decade later, lost the Democratic nomination to President Jimmy Carter, and bowed out with a stirring valedictory that echoed across the decades: "For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die."

Kennedy was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in May 2008 and underwent surgery and a grueling regimen of radiation and chemotherapy.

He made a surprise return to the Capitol last summer to cast the decisive vote for the Democrats on Medicare. He made sure he was there again last January to see his former Senate colleague Barack Obama sworn in as the nation's first black president, but suffered a seizure at a celebratory luncheon afterward.

He also made a surprise and forceful appearance at last summer's Democratic National Convention, where he spoke of his own illness and said health care was the cause of his life.

He was away from the Senate for much of this year, leaving Republicans and Democrats to speculate about the impact what his absence meant for the fate of Obama's health care proposals.

Under state law, Kennedy's successor will be chosen by special election. In his last known public act, the senator urged Massachusetts state legislators to give Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick the power to name an interim

replacement. But that appears unlikely, leaving Democrats in Washington with one less vote for at least the next several months as they struggle to pass Obama's health care legislation.

His death came less than two weeks after that of his sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver on Aug. 11. Kennedy was not present for the funeral, an indication of the precariousness of his own health. Of nine children born to Joseph and Rose Kennedy, only one — Jean Kennedy Smith, survives.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Kennedy's son Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., said his father had defied the predictions of doctors by surviving more than a year with his fight against brain cancer.

The younger Kennedy said that gave family members a surprise blessing, as they were able to spend more time with the senator and to tell him how much he had meant to their lives.

Kennedy arrived at his place in the Senate after a string of family tragedies. He was the only one of the four Kennedy brothers to die of natural causes.

Kennedy's eldest brother, Joseph, was killed in a plane crash in World War II. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was gunned down in Los Angeles as he campaigned for the 1968 Democratic presidential nomination.

Years later, in 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr. was killed in a plane crash at age 38.

It fell to Ted Kennedy to deliver the eulogies, to comfort his brothers' widows, to mentor fatherless nieces and nephews. It was Ted Kennedy who walked JFK's daughter, Caroline, down the aisle at her wedding.

Tragedy had a way of bringing out his eloquence.

Kennedy sketched a dream of a better future as he laid to rest his brother Robert in 1968: "My brother need not be idealized, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life; to be remembered simply as a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it."

After John Jr.'s death, the senator said: "We dared to think, in that other Irish phrase, that this John Kennedy would live to comb gray hair, with his beloved Carolyn by his side. But like his father, he had every gift but length of years."

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Former Longhorn Jevan Snead emerging as top QB at Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — This is how Mississippi's Jevan Snead imagined it would be.

He's the starting quarterback for the No. 8 team, his photo is on the cover of Sports Illustrated and his name is in the conversation for the Heisman Trophy.

It may have taken him longer to get here than he expected, but he doesn't mind.

"I wouldn't want it to be any different," Snead said.

It was clear the 6-foot-4 Texan with the quick-draw right arm found where he belonged when he finally hit the field as a starter. After two lost years waiting it out — first as a backup at Texas, then in Oxford because of NCAA transfer rules — he led Ole Miss to a No. 14, a 9-4 record and a Cotton Bowl win over Texas Tech.

"The way it has gone in my life, it definitely didn't happen the way I pictured it with the whole transfer thing, but it really couldn't have worked out any better for me," Snead said.

A summary of Snead's career shows he reads the writing on the wall as well as he reads defenses.

The prep All-American was set to

sign with the Florida Gators, then a kid named Tim Tebow entered from the wings. His home state Longhorns seemed like a better option. He enrolled at Texas early, but Colt McCoy had a head start and wouldn't step aside. Soon after the 2006 season Snead packed his bags.

After sitting out 2007, Snead passed for 2,762 yards and 26 touchdowns with 12 interceptions as a sophomore at Ole Miss.

He beat Florida, tossing two touchdowns and rushing for another in a 31-30 win, the game more famously known for Tebow's postgame speech that spurred the Gators on to the national championship.

He even showed McCoy how it was done with three TD passes against Texas Tech.

The bowl victory capped a six-game winning streak during which Snead had 16 touchdown passes against three interceptions. That burst showed the big arm and athleticism that led scouts to predict major college success for him coming out of Stephenville, Texas.

Many thought Snead would overtake McCoy in the competition to replace Vince Young as the Longhorns'

starter in 2006. But McCoy won the job and Snead couldn't get on the field.

The one time he got a real chance to play at Texas, he took over for the injured McCoy against Kansas State and passed for 190 yards and a touchdown before a Longhorns rally fell short.

Snead didn't want to wait around, though. Then-Rebels coach Ed Orgeron persuaded him to make the Mississippi Hill Country his next stop. Snead's reputation preceded him. The Grove was filled with "wait till next year" while Snead sat out his transfer season.

Orgeron didn't have the luxury of time, though. Ole Miss won only three games and he was fired.

Houston Nutt took over for Orgeron and the quarterback and coach quickly found they could relate. Like Snead, Nutt had been a college quarterback who transferred from Arkansas to Oklahoma State when it looked like playing time would be scarce in Fayetteville.

When Snead hit a midseason slump and the Rebels were 3-4, Nutt stepped in to pick him up. He told Snead to slow down, to stop trying to make

every play.

Snead's coaches and teammates said by the time the season was over he was no longer chasing the quarterback ideal, but had become it.

"I go by work ethic," Nutt said. "I remember last year he took the receivers and really worked hard, and he did the same this summer. That's what you go by. You go by his attitude and work ethic and I think you see that when you talk to him. He is a very humble guy."

He showed he had the arm. And the mind. And the cool. He's also got an easygoing manner that has endeared him to his teammates. Wide receiver Dexter McCluster calls him "a character."

How long he'll have that connection remains to be seen. Some predict Snead would be a high draft pick should he decide to skip his senior season. Snead sidesteps questions about his future like blitzers without ruling it out.

"Honestly, I really don't have a lot of time to think about that sort of stuff right now," Snead said. "I'm just trying to do everything I can to help my teammates out right now. Whatever happens happens."

WILLIAMS

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me feel good," Williams said. "It makes me want to go out there and prove not only to them but everybody else across the world who listens to those guys, because obviously everybody thinks they know it all, that I can do my job."

Jones gave up four draft picks, including first- and third-rounders this year, to get Williams from the Detroit Lions midway through last season. Then Williams got a \$45 million, five-year extension through the 2013 season before even catching his first pass from Tony Romo.

Aikman has said the deal could be "one of the biggest busts" ever in the NFL if Williams doesn't turn out to be a topflight receiver for the Cowboys.

With Terrell Owens cut by Dallas during the offseason and Williams getting more comfortable in his connection with Romo — such as one play in practice this week that Williams said "just clicked and looked real pretty on film" — now is the chance for the new No. 1 receiver to start providing an answer.

"But I'm just the same guy. I'm the same sorry wide receiver that Jerry traded for to get out of Detroit," Williams said with a smile and a sarcastic tone. "That's me."

Williams caught five passes for 36 yards in the preseason home opener Friday night, after one catch for 12 yards in the first game at Oakland.

More important is the work Romo and Williams have done on the practice field, started with the routes run in February through summer workouts and the preseason work since opening camp in San Antonio a month ago.

"Our timing is pretty good," Romo said. "It takes a little bit of time to understand people's mannerisms. I play pretty fast. It's just experience. We got quite a bit of that under our belt now. ... After a little while it will become second nature."

Williams got to Dallas from winless Detroit in mid-October, right after Romo sustained a broken pinkie on his throwing hand that forced him to miss three games. Williams, bothered by a foot problem later in the season, caught only 16 passes for 160 yards and no touchdowns in the seven games with Romo while T.O. was still around.

Except for one practice missed in San Antonio with a sprained left wrist, Williams has stayed on the field with Romo.

In 60 games over his 4½ seasons in Detroit, the former first-round pick from the University of Texas had 262 catches for 3,884 yards and 29 touch-

downs. He even had a Pro Bowl season in 2006, when he caught 82 passes for an NFC-leading 1,310 yards and seven TDs.

Still, few people took notice of any success he had in Detroit because, well, it was the Lions. Now he is home and loving where he is at.

"This is another level here in Dallas than it was in Detroit," Williams said. "That's fine. I've been in the spotlight since I was little. I know how to handle it. I don't let them get to me. I don't have a big head."

Even when there are questions about his new role.

Williams says none of the former Cowboys has questioned him in person. But what if he runs into one of them in the halls at Valley Ranch, or at a game they are working?

"If I was to see any of them, I'd say, 'Hey, how you doing?'," he said. "No need for me to talk football. Just, 'How you doing? Much respect.'"

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