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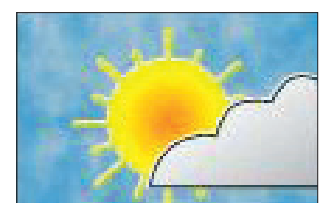


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BSISD hiring in final stages

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The "Now Hiring" sign is about to come down at Big Spring Independent School District.

As the district prepares for the start of classes Aug. 23, officials are close to having all the teachers it will need for the new school year.

Ann McClarty, executive director for personnel and instruction at BSISD, said the district is close to filling the final three teacher vacancies. Once those vacancies — two at Big Spring High School and one at Washington Elementary — are filled, BSISD will have its full complement of 263 teachers.

Teacher recruitment filled up a large amount of McClarty's time this summer; she estimated the district had to fill 50 teaching vacancies. Although that number represents almost a fifth of the district's teacher corps, McClarty said it was a bit misleading — several vacancies occurred when teachers already on the BSISD payroll accepted "lateral moves" to other positions within the district.

"We looked at the figures at the end of the last school year and we're right on



McClarty



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Hank Gilbert, Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, talks to a reporter during a news conference at Heritage Museum Wednesday afternoon. Gilbert was in town to announce plans to revamp the state Department of Agriculture.

Gilbert plans TDA revamp

Democratic candidate for ag commissioner says changes are necessary

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Hank Gilbert has big plans for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Gilbert, Democratic candidate for the state agriculture commissioner position, was in Big Spring Wednesday as part of a West Texas tour in which he announced plans to revamp the state agency he says suffers from a "patchwork quilt of regulation and inspection that has put our state's food supply in jeopardy."

Gilbert will face incumbent commissioner Todd Staples, a Republican, in the November general election. Libertarian

Rick Donaldson also is on the ballot. Staples defeated Gilbert in the 2006 election for the ag post.

The Democrat said streamlining the department's inspection and regulation duties were of highest importance to Texans.

"Of course, food safety is a high priority," he said. "So many people consume agriculture products produced in this state that we must make sure those products are safe."

Unfortunately, Gilbert said, TDA's current system of inspection and regulation hampers the efficient discharge of

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Memory Walk to fight Alzheimer's

□ Penny a Day and 15 Minutes of Fame fund-raisers will continue.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents will get the chance to take a stand — and a walk — against Alzheimer's disease in September, as the Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association gears up for its annual Memory Walk to raise money and awareness.

According to Memory Walk Coordinator Rick Stovall, sign-ups are currently under way for the annual event, which will give area residents a chance to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association while raising awareness of the debilitating



HERALD file photo

Area residents participate in a previous Memory Walk. This year's walk is slated for Sept. 18.

ing disease within the community.

"People can sign up individually or as a team," Stovall said. "The process is

very simple. All they have to do is go to the Web site and set up their team's account. Once that's done, donors can actually make their contributions in person or online, which is very convenient for a lot of people."

Stovall said prospective teams and walkers can visit <http://memory-walk2010.kintera.org/faf/home> to get more information on the Memory Walk, which is slated for Sept. 18, or to sign up to participate.

"It's going to be a very good time for everyone," Stovall said. "Anyone who would like to walk with us on that day is more than welcome to come out, whether they are raising funds or not. While raising money for the Alzheimer's

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The driver of this commercial truck was rushed to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after 1 p.m. Wednesday with non life-threatening injuries following a one-vehicle accident on Longshore Road, approximately four miles south of RR 33. According to emergency officials, the driver lost control of the vehicle, slamming into a bar ditch alongside the roadway.

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Lee has two HRs in Astros win

HOUSTON (AP) — It's certainly too soon to know how much hitting coach Jeff Bagwell can help improve the Houston Astros offense.

He already appears to be having an affect on Carlos Lee.

Lee hit two home runs, including the go-ahead homer in the sixth inning, and the Astros went on to an 8-1 win over the Chicago Cubs.

"I had a good day," Lee said. "Me and (Bagwell) were talking about taking a two-strike approach, spread out a little and see what happens, and it was successful."

Bagwell, the former Houston All-Star, was named hit-

"I had a good day. Me and (Bagwell) were talking about taking a two-strike approach, spread out a little and see what happens, and it was successful."

Carlos Lee,
Houston Astros

ting coach July 11 after Sean Berry was fired. Lee is hitting .239 this season with 14 home runs and 52 RBIs and Wednesday was his first multihomer game in almost three years.

The game was tied at 1 before Lee connected for his 13th homer of the year, a two-run shot to left field. His second one, also to left field, scored Lance Berkman and pushed the lead to 5-1 in the seventh inning.

"It was good to see Lance continue to swing the bat well, and Carlos, once you get those guys going, it's a different story," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

Astros starter Bud Norris (3-7) allowed four hits, an unearned run and struck out seven in six innings for his first win since May 13.

"The big thing I was happy about Bud is he didn't let those innings get away from

him," Mills said. "In the first inning, he was able to stop it at one run. That's one thing that's been a struggle for him."

Hunter Pence added three hits and drove in a pair of runs for Houston.

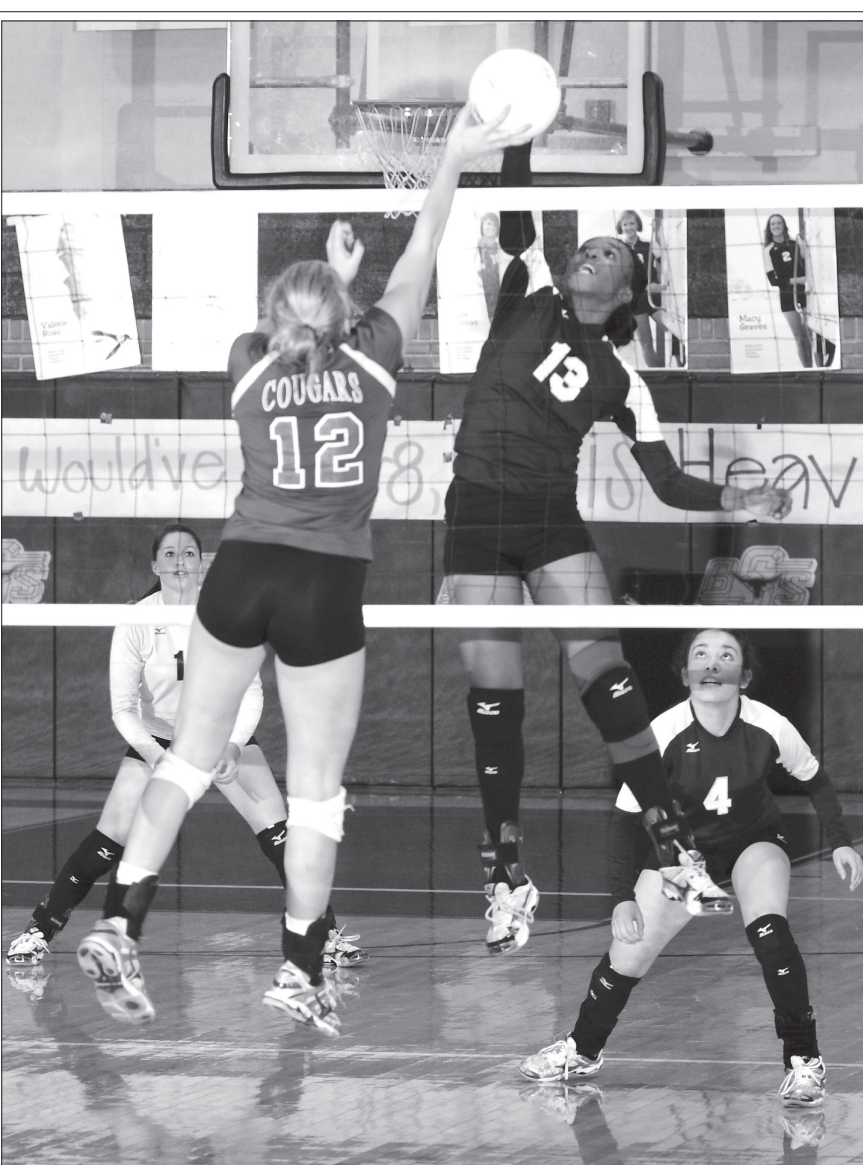
The Astros had managed just one hit before the sixth inning. Berkman walked before Pence hit a double that landed in the left field corner and scored Berkman to tie it

1-1. Then came Lee's homer that scored Pence and gave Houston the lead.

Cubs starter Randy Wells (5-8) had pitched 19 consecutive scoreless innings before Pence's RBI. Wells allowed five hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings. He was replaced by James Russell, who got one out.

"I was able to make pitches for a while there but ran out of luck I guess," Wells said. "I made some pitches to get out of some innings, but I put myself in a lot of trouble (with) five walks."

Ryan Theriot singled to lead off the first inning.



File Photo

Bridgette Tuitt spikes the ball past an opponent in one of the Lady Steers' volleyball games last season. While two-a-days for football are around the corner, the volleyball team is preparing to take the court soon as well. Two-a-days for the Lady Steers also begin Monday and run until Thursday. They wrap things up Aug. 6 with a varsity scrimmage at Steer Gym and a junior varsity and freshman scrimmage at the Big Spring junior high school gym at 9 a.m.

Cowboys LB Spencer becomes standout

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Wade Phillips is raving about the standout play by one of his outside linebackers. Then the Dallas Cowboys coach compared that player to Hall of Famer to be Rickey Jackson.

Phillips wasn't discussing Cowboys sacks leader DeMarcus Ware. The head coach-defensive coordinator instead was talking about Anthony Spencer, the linebacker on the opposite side of the four-time Pro Bowler.

"He's become a dominant player at his position, that's awfully important for us," Phillips said. "Anthony has to drop, he has to whip the tight end and then he has to rush. Being able to do all three of those things, he came on in the middle of last year and just played as well as anyone I've been around."

While Ware still dominated on his side as the primary pass rusher with more than 10 sacks for the fourth consecutive season, Spencer emerged as a force on the other when finally given the chance a year ago

to be a full-time starter. He was nearly unstoppable as Ware once he settled into his expanded role.

"He has come along very well. ... Taking pressure off me and having players like that, it's great," Ware said.

"I've never been a person lacking confidence," Spencer said. "I have the utmost confidence in myself and my ability to play. Once you start making those plays, it becomes a lot easier to make them all the time."

Spencer had six sacks in the last six regular-season games last year, after having none in the first 10 games. He also had one sack in each of the Cowboys' two playoff games and 77 tackles over that closing eight-game span for the NFC East champions.

"It means a lot just because of how hard I worked at it," Spencer said. "How much work I was putting into it, how much I watched, the extra time I put in with D-Ware and the coaches."

Spencer, Ware and the rest of the veterans were back on the field for the team's second practice Wednesday af-

ter a morning walkthrough that Phillips described as "a teaching session" for rookies and backup players.

Phillips believes Spencer and Ware make up the best tandem of outside linebackers in the NFL right now. And they might wind up being the best duo he has seen in his nearly 3½ decades coaching in the league.

"I'm not sure they aren't, but let's let them do it again," Phillips said.

Spencer plays on the same side that Jackson did for Phillips, who was the defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints from 1981-85 during Jackson's first five NFL seasons.

"I don't see a lot of difference as far as how (Spencer) plays that position," Phillips said.

Jackson is being inducted next month into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, where the Cowboys play their preseason opener. Reporters, not the coach, shared with Spencer the comparison to Phillips' former pupil.

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Cahill, Suzuki send Oakland Athletics past Texas Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Trevor Cahill seems to save his best for the Texas Rangers.

Cahill allowed two hits over eight innings, Kurt Suzuki homered and drove in two runs and the Oakland Athletics beat the Rangers 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Cahill improved to 5-1 for his career against the Rangers, 2-0 with a 0.87 ERA in three starts at Rangers Ballpark, one of the toughest sta-

diums in the majors for pitchers.

But Cahill has no theories as to why he's so successful against a usually potent offensive team.

"I just try to keep the ball down and get lucky, I guess," Cahill said. "Just a coincidence."

Cahill (10-4) struck out four and walked three as he took over the team lead in victories, breaking a tie with Gio

Gonzalez.

"(Cahill) threw only 90, 91 (mph) but he kept it off the fat part of the bat," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He was an All-Star for a reason. But our time will come."

Cahill was chosen for the AL All-Star team, but was ineligible because he pitched the Sunday before the game.

The Texas heat didn't deter Cahill, who threw 113 pitches.

Neither did the fact that the wind was blowing out.

"You think about the environment he's pitching in, the weather, the team, that's about as good as you can do," A's manager Bob Geren said.

In pregame warmups, Cahill thought he had mediocre stuff.

"He just said, 'Oh, my gosh, it's going to be a long night,'" Suzuki said. "I just told him, 'Don't think about it, go out

there and throw the ball."

Earlier in the day, the A's confirmed that right-hander Ben Sheets is out for the season due to a torn flexor in his right elbow.

The A's signed Sheets to a one-year, \$10 million contract in January to pitch at the top of their rotation. Cahill has taken over that role.

"He's really kind of turned

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Sports in brief

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will take place Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, e-mail rising-stars07@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for more information.

Co-ed Softball Tournament

There will be a co-ed softball tournament Aug. 7 in Ozona. The entry fee is \$125 per team and the deadline to enter is Aug. 2. There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners. For more information call Chris at 325-763-6630 or e-mail him at cardenas_chris@yahoo.com.

Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting July 26 and ending Aug. 9. General public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Aug. 10 and ending

Aug. 18. The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. The last day to purchase will be Aug. 18. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Athletic Physical Exams Notice

Athletic physical exams are required by the University Interscholastic League for all athletes entering the seventh, ninth and 11th grades. This also includes any new person to athletics who has never completed a physical exam. Forms can be picked up at the Athletic Training Center. Once completed, the physical form must be turned in to coach Campbell in the training room or to Kay Cook, the athletic secretary. Prior to Aug. 2, equipment will not be checked out until physical is complete and on file in the training room. For more information, call 264-3662.

Over 80 Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club invites everyone to participate in its over 80 scramble Aug. 14 and 15. It benefits the Big Spring Shirne Club. Cominbed

ages of the 2-person team must be 80 or higher. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry includes barbecue on the course both days. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

City Golf Championship

Any Howard County resident and anyone who is currently an annual member at the Big Spring Country Club or at the Comanche Trail Golf Course can play.

The event takes place July 31 and Aug. 1. and the entry fee is \$40. The entry fee does not include the cart. Call the Comanche Trail Pro Shop at 264-2366 for complete details.

Big Spring Quarterback Club Meeting at ATC

This meeting takes place Monday at 5:30 p.m. All parents of football players in grades seven through 12 are encouraged to attend. Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 for more information.

Obituaries

Eleanor D. Burlison

Eleanor D. Burlison, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born April 20, 1921, in Oceola, S.D., and married Elliott Wayne Burlison on April 4, 1946, in New Orleans, La. He preceded her in death Sept. 29, 1998.

Mrs. Burlison and her husband moved to Big Spring in 1950. She was a homemaker, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include five sons, David Burlison and wife Brenda of Clear Lake City, Marvin Burlison of Big Spring, Michael Burlison and wife Renee of Crosby, Donnie Burlison of Dallas and Ronnie Burlison and wife Renee of Big Spring; three daughters, Carol Schultz and husband Mike of Burlison, Betsy Anderson and husband George of Odessa and Amy Stewart and husband Will of Lubbock; one brother, Arnold Westerberg of Long Prairie, Minn.; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Rose Schmidt.

Pallbearers will be her five sons and three sons-in-law.

The family suggests memorials be made to a donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Joe Lewis Wetsel Jr.

Joe Lewis Wetsel Jr., 88, of Ballinger, formerly of Tarzan, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, in a Ballinger nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at the Chapel at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Kendall Tomlinson, minister of Downtown Church of Christ, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at the funeral home prior to the service.

He was born June 10, 1922, in Rannels County to Joe Lewis Wetsel Sr. and Hattie Alvis (Emfinger) Wetsel. He married Betty Lou Huffman Sept. 14, 1943, in Wingate and she preceded him in death Sept. 26, 1999.

J.L. farmed at Tarzan and had also worked in the Midland and Martin County Gins. During World War II he served his country in the United States Army.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth Stovall of San Angelo; two brothers, Troy Wetsel of Azle and Coy Wetsel of Cordele, Georgia; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Wetsel of Martin County; a grandson; a granddaughter; and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his only child, Joe Neil Wetsel; brothers, Alver, Albert, Jessie and Arlee Wetsel; and sisters, Mittie Marie Wetsel Danford and Norene Roxie Wetsel Flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Flora Brant

Flora Brant, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 29, 2010, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Billy Joe Nelson

Billy Joe "Wild Bill" Nelson, 38, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 25, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Mona Lue Tonn officiating. Interment will follow at Cuthbert Cemetery in Cuthbert.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 28, 1972, in Big Spring and married Jamie Rae Feemster on Feb. 14, 2008, in Big Spring.

Billy was a life-long resident of this area. He had worked as a roughneck all of his life and was a driller with Robinson Drilling Company. He attended Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie Nelson of Big Spring; one daughter, Shelbi Kay Nelson of Big Spring; three step-sons, Tyler, Dylan and Austin, all of Big Spring; his parents, Rick and Rhonda Nelson of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbi and Randy Johnson of Big Spring; a brother, Terry Wayne Bliesner of Bloomfield, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Melba Womack; his grandfather, Arnold Nelson; his step-grandmother, Ruth Echols; and a brother, Rick Arnold Nelson Jr.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Jimmy Hinsley

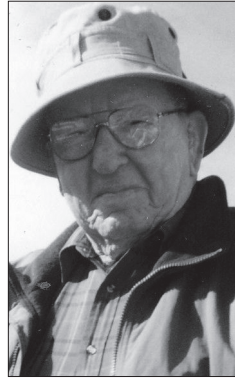
Jimmy Hinsley, 84, of Coahoma died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Coahoma Cemetery with Bro. Elwin Collum officiating.

He was born Sept. 16, 1925, in Stanton to Vora and Ed Walter Hinsley. He married Maxine Ellis on Sept. 14, 1945, in Dunn. He had been a resident of Howard County for more than 50 years. He served in the Army in Europe in World War II. He was a firefighter at Webb Air Force Base, retiring after 32 years. He then worked for Coahoma Independent School District for 16 years as a maintenance man. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Hinsley of Coahoma; one daughter, Debbie Millsap and husband Wade of San Angelo; two sons, Lynn Hinsley and wife Susan of Aledo, and Mike Hinsley and wife Nancy of Midland; one sister, Mildred Fritsch of Abilene; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com



Police blotter

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

- PIERRE JEAN GORDON, 20, of 806 Ohio, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- PAIGE JALENA SMITH, 18, of 1609 Oriole, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- TEREL DEVON HOUSTON, 18, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- HENRY MILLER, 18, of 1809 Young, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 32, of 821 W. Eighth St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for animal at large.

- LEANNE SMITH, 26, of Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving without a seat-belt.

- RICHARD H. MARTINEZ JR., 25, of 805 E. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- SHAWNA CRENSHAW, 39, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 22, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.

- LLOYD TYLER HOLSENBECK, 17, of 803 Baylor, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 47, of 902 E. 12th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 27, of 902 E. 12th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1700 block of S. Rannels.

- In the 400 block of Rannels.
- In the 700 block of S. Lancaster.

- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

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Longhorns ready to get running



AP File Photo

Mack Brown wants to focus on running the ball more this season as the Texas Longhorns' opener approaches.

IRVING (AP) — Mack Brown thinks defenses are starting to catch up to the spread offense.

He's noticed how much his defense has struggled against powerful, traditional running teams in bowl games.

And with a young quarterback replacing Colt McCoy, the Longhorns probably shouldn't throw as much as they have been anyway.

Brown stacked it all up and came to a simple conclusion: Texas needs to spruce up its running game.

So the Longhorns spent the spring changing their blocking schemes and dusting off some old formations. They are determined to have new quarterback Garrett Gilbert line up under center more often than McCoy did and to have him hand off more than McCoy did.

But don't get the wrong impression.

"We're not going to be three yards and a cloud

of dust," Brown said. "We're just changing our personality. We're not going to change it entirely, but we are going to tweak it some."

That's about the extent of the particulars thus far. Brown doesn't even know whether his lead back will be Tre Newton or Fozzy Whittaker.

"We're not going to have a magic wand and just say, 'OK, we're back to running it again,'" Brown said.

Texas is the birthplace of the Wishbone under Darrell Royal, the coach who said only three things can happen when you throw the ball and two of them are bad. But things change, sometimes pretty quickly.

Brown pointed out Wednesday that when Vince Young was rising to prominence in 2004, the Longhorns were among the nation's best rushing teams and near the worst in passing.

They were almost evenly balanced when they

won it all the following season.

But by last year, when McCoy was wrapping up a career with the most wins and one of the top accuracy rates of any quarterback in Division I-A history, the Longhorns had become pass-happy.

"When you've got a kid who is completing seven out of 10 passes, you lose your patience," Brown said. "You sit there and say, 'Well, shoot, we're not moving it — throw it! Let's just get this fixed.' And all of a sudden you look up at halftime and you've run it four times and made two yards. You're saying, 'We need to pick up the running game,' but you're ahead 24-0 so it's OK."

The McCoy era ended, and the Gilbert era began, after Texas' fifth snap in the national championship game against Alabama.

Forced into action because of an injury, Gil-

bert couldn't find his helmet right away, then played like a true freshman.

"My head was kind of spinning a little bit," he said Wednesday, laughing.

But in the second half, Gilbert looked like a worthy heir to McCoy, Young and their recent predecessors, Chris Simms and Major Applewhite. The Longhorns were down only a field goal in the final four minutes. Although Gilbert didn't pull out the rally, he certainly won over his teammates.

"Last year, there were times I would say, 'Garrett, you're not very vocal. You're not leading as well as I expected,' and he said, 'This is Colt's team. I'll lead as soon as Colt graduates and moves on' and he did that (in the spring and summer)," Brown said. "I do think his presence in the national championship game gave him instant credibility..."

Family mourns for former NBA player Wright

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Relatives and friends of Lorenzen Wright gathered Wednesday and grieved for the former NBA player who has been missing for 10 days, as police investigated the discovery of a man's body outside of Memphis.

Wright's uncle, Curtis Wright, told The Associated Press that police called the player's father, Herb Wright, Wednesday afternoon with the news he had died.

Sgt. Alyssa Macon-Moore of the Memphis Police Department wrote in an e-mail to the AP that police were investigating the death of an unidentified man

beside a wooded area about 15 miles south of downtown Memphis. Asked if the man was Wright, she wrote they could not confirm the victim's identity Wednesday night.

The family issued a statement through a cousin of Lorenzen Wright, Camella Logan: "Lorenzen's family has come together to mourn his loss and honor his legacy. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and condolences as they are comforting at this very difficult time. Additionally, we ask that you please respect our privacy as we try to cope with his sudden loss."

Wright's mother, Deborah Marion, arrived at

the scene Wednesday night with a handful of family members. She crossed the crime scene tape and tried to talk to police when she was told to move back. She sat in a TV van before returning to the tape. Two officers then let her through.

The distraught Marion then started running down the road toward the crime scene before being stopped by an officer. She spoke with officers, then walked back past reporters without speaking straight to a van.

The 34-year-old Wright was last seen July 18 when he was expected to fly out of town. His family filed a missing

person report July 22.

Wright played 13 years in the NBA for the Los Angeles Clippers, Atlanta Hawks, Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento Kings and most recently the Cleveland Cavaliers with 17 games in the 2008-09 season. Wright left the University of Memphis early for the NBA, and the Clippers made him a lottery pick with the No. 7 selection overall.

He averaged 8 points and 6.4 rebounds in 778 career games.

By nightfall, nearly 200 people had visited the road blocked off by police while TV news helicopters showed investigators scouring the grounds for evidence.

Police brought in a mobile command center that further blocked off the scene.

Former NBA star Penny Hardaway, who played at Memphis two years before Wright, said he heard the news from a friend and went to the scene near where the body was found.

"I cried. The emotions hit me immediately. It's just sad because we lost a good person and a brother," Hardaway said.

Elliot Perry, another friend and former Memphis player, also was at the scene. Wendy Wilson, who once worked as Wright's personal assistant, also was there and said Wright often used

the road police had cordoned off as a shortcut to his mother's house.

"He was a good person. He did not deserve to die this way. God is not pleased with this," Wilson said.

Memphis Grizzlies majority owner Michael Heasley issued a statement late Wednesday saying, "We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of Lorenzen Wright. We lost a member of the Grizzlies family. Lorenzen delighted fans on the court with his passion and off the court with his generosity in a Memphis community that watched him grow throughout his playing career..."

Haynesworth must pass test, won't be with Redskins starters

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Albert Haynesworth finally showed up for work — and quickly learned the Washington Redskins won't be cutting him any slack.

On the eve of the first day of training camp, Haynesworth ended his months-long boycott of the team by meeting Wednesday morning with coach Mike Shanahan. Hardly sympathetic to the plight of a player who recently received a \$21 million bonus, the coach wasn't about to let bygones be bygones.

Shanahan said Haynesworth must pass a condition-

ing test in order to practice. And, assuming the test is passed, the two-time All-Pro defensive lineman with the \$100 million contract won't be practicing with the starting unit, at least not right away.

"I'm expecting him to be in great shape," Shanahan said. "And if he's not in great shape, then we're going to do what we need to do to get him in shape."

"Once he gets to that point, hopefully he'll fit into our system and do the things we want him to do. Because, if he does, he can be an excellent football player for us. If not,

we're going to be very good anyhow."

Asked if he expected Haynesworth to be a part of the team in 2010, Shanahan would only say: "We'll see."

"All I can do is tell you we're going to give him every opportunity to show us what we can do," the coach said. "Hopefully he'll like the position that we play him in and give us everything that he's got."

The "position that we play him in" is the main point of consternation for Haynesworth. He's unhappy with the Redskins' switch to a 3-4

defense and would rather play for another team. Shanahan was ready to grant that wish in February and March — but the door was shut once Haynesworth collected the \$21 million bonus on April 1, part of the seven-year contract he signed a year earlier. The deal is part of the enduring legacy of a decade of bad offseason signings under owner Dan Snyder.

Thus Haynesworth continues to overshadow a team trying to turn a new page. By all rights, Thursday's start of training camp should be about Shanahan and new quarter-

back Donovan McNabb, but instead all eyes and ears will be on the disgruntled big man whom teammates called "selfish" when he skipped the mandatory minicamp last month. Even Shanahan said at the time that it was "really a shame that Albert has got so much attention for not showing up."

Haynesworth wants the freedom that helped make him a dominant player for many years with the Tennessee Titans.

He most certainly does not want to line up as a nose tackle in a 3-4 defense.

COWBOYS

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"It's great to hear my coach say that. At the same time, you don't want to get complacent. I feel like I have got a long way to go. I look at more the things I'm

not doing right than the things I'm doing good," Spencer said. "I'm not comparing myself to anybody. I'm me. I'll just say that."

After being drafted out of Purdue, Spencer became only the fourth rookie linebacker to start a season opener for Dallas. (Ware was

another, in 2005). Spencer started his first six NFL games filling in for an injured Greg Ellis, then didn't start again until last year when the veteran was cut after 11 seasons.

"It was just a me coming into my own type of thing, because when Greg was here, I was

in and out of the game. And then when he was gone, I was in the game full time," Spencer said. "Everyone has their moment. Either you're ready for it or you're not. I think I came up big last year at the end of the season playing well."

back spasms.

Rangers starter Colby Lewis (9-7) matched Cahill until Suzuki's one-out homer in the sixth.

"It was one pitch, a hanging slider, and Suzuki hit it," Lewis said. "If I bury it, he's out."

Suzuki added an RBI single in the eighth off Darren Oliver. Suzuki later scored from second on Jack Cust's single that was misplayed for an error by Cruz in right field.

RANGERS

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into our ace," Geren said.

Rajai Davis had three hits for the A's, who are 8-3 since the All-Star break. Oakland pulled within 7½ games of the AL West-leading Rangers, moving past the Los Angeles Angels and into sole possession of second place for the first time since June 4.

The Rangers broke up the shutout bid in the ninth on Vladimir Guerrero's RBI single off Michael Wuertz, who gave up the game-winning, two-run homer to Nelson Cruz in the 10th inning Tuesday night.

Craig Breslow struck out major league batting leader Josh Hamilton and Cruz for his first save of the season and second of his career. A's closer Andrew Bailey was unavailable due to



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GILBERT

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those duties. Under current law, food safety is the responsibility of various state and federal agencies, depending on the type of commodity subject to inspection, he said. "This kind of disjointed process puts our food supply in jeopardy," he said. "Food is being imported to Texas today from other countries that use dangerous pesticides outlawed in this country and our fruits and vegetables are treated with those pesticides. Food is coming to market from Texas and

south of the our border that is harvested under potentially unsafe conditions where workers lack proper sanitation facilities and proper health inspections." Also, because different agencies are tasked with the job of inspection and regulation, the end result is often "two or three agencies pointing fingers at each other" when potentially unsafe food enters the marketplace, Gilbert said. To remedy the situation, Gilbert proposes putting responsibility for food inspection where he believes it belongs — with TDA. "If the entire process

was under TDA, maybe situations like that would be handled differently," he said. "I believe the department should be responsible for inspecting the product in the field and all the way through the process, including manufacturing, wholesale and retail, all along the way until the food is picked up by the customer in the grocery store." Responsibilities currently under TDA's umbrella also are in need of reform, he said, pointing to the agency's duties with regards to weights and measures. "The department is responsible for inspecting and calibrating all equipment that measures products that are for sale by volume

or weight," he said. "Those inspections used to be required every year ... but in 2005, that was changed to every four years, which is just too long a time to go between inspections. Nothing is going to operate 24/7 for four years without breaking." Gilbert proposes making those inspections mandatory every two years as well as providing "enforceable penalties" for violators. "There are currently hundreds and hundreds of violations each inspection cycle, but very few penalties are assessed," he said. "I propose that if operators are found to be out of compliance three or more times, they would be liable for criminal

penalties and yearly inspections." Other changes proposed by Gilbert include:

- Passage of the Limited Agricultural Cooperatives Act, which would allow the creation of agricultural cooperatives. This would "help farmers and ranchers in rural Texas obtain capital necessary to establish and expand agricultural cooperatives by allowing investment by non-agricultural investors," he said.
- Moving the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Wildlife Services and Texas Forest Service under TDA's control.
- Creating an inspector general position within the agency to help en-

sure that TDA programs are being operated legally and fairly.

- Increasing the Texas Young Farmer Grant program to include grants up to \$50,000.
- To protect Texas landowners, Gilbert proposes establishing the Office of Farm and Ranch Land Preservation to operate TDA's new eminent domain protection programs.

 "The reason for these initiatives is to bring TDA into the 21st Century," he said. "We're still working under policies that are out of date ... and we need to modernize the process."

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BSISD

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target with the state average as it pertains to personnel turnover," she said. A typical summer will find McClarty and campus principals fanning out across West Texas, attending job fairs at universities such as Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, Angelo State and Sul Ross in an attempt to attract teachers to Big Spring. She said the district has some advantages — and disadvantages — when competing against other schools for teacher talent. The size of our district can be a disadvantage," she said. "Larger school districts in places such as Dallas and Fort Worth can be more attractive to a prospective teacher fresh out of college... And they usually pay more, which is definitely attractive to someone looking to pay off his or her student loans.

"But our size can be an advantage, as well," McClarty added. "In a small community, you really get to know everybody and, as a rule, the parents are very involved, as well. Plus, we work hard to keep our class sizes down ... and that's an advantage for us." And McClarty quickly noted that BSISD has made a commitment to make its salaries more attractive to prospective teachers. "They've worked very hard at that for the past few years," she said. "The result is that I believe we've become very competitive with schools in our area." While McClarty would like to have the district fully staffed as early as possible, she said it is typical to still have a few openings in the final few weeks before classes begin.

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POLICE

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- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.
- **DELPRADO OSWALD MARTINEZ**, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on Arizona warrants for fugitive in possession of dangerous drugs for sale (two counts), fugitive — failure to appear and possession of drugs for sale.
- **JAMES EVERETTE ROBERTS**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for assault causing bodily injury.
- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **TEREL D. HOUSTON**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **HENRY DEWAINNE MILLER**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant for animal at large.
- **PAIGE JALENA SMITH**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **LIANDRO L. VENTURA**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check and a parole warrant.
- **SHAWNA DAWN GRAYSON**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **WILLIAM RILEY BOUNDS**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **LEANNE SMITH**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of unrestrained child under 18 years of age and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **LLOYD TYLER HOLSENBECK**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **RICHARD HILARIO**

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

MARTINEZ JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- **ANGELA ANN MCGEE**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KAYLA DENISE HORTON**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

Fire/EMS

Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3000 block of Cornell. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3800 block of E. Highway 350. Service refused.

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Chester D. Urban, 90, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Sunday (August 1) at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Esteban M. Martinez, Jr., 66, died Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Galveston. Funeral Service was at 2:00 PM today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Vernon "Jimmy" Hinsley, 84, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 A.M. Friday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Correction

A letter to the editor concerning the disappearance of a Coahoma man and the compassion shown his family by the entire community was incorrectly credited to Bo Fryar, when it was actually penned by Jeffie Phinney of Sand Springs. The Herald regrets the error.

WALK

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Association is certainly a priority for us, the Memory Walk is about raising awareness." Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations. According to information provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia is expected to skyrocket in the coming years. Cur-

rent estimates indicate more than 340,000 Texans already suffer from the disease, with numbers expected to go as high as 470,000 by 2025. Nationwide, a staggering 5.3 million people already suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. More than \$172 billion is being spent each year on treating and caring for Alzheimer's patients, with an estimated 10.9 million unpaid caregivers in America alone. "This isn't something we can ignore," Stovall said. "This disease is just as deadly as some types of cancer." Stovall said area residents can also get more information on the walk by contacting him at (432) 816-8508.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Many people enjoy summer time in the mountains amid the trees and cool air. Some folks head for the lake to enjoy family time and leisure. In the quest for rest and relaxation, it is possible to forget a basic truth. Joy is not a destination but a way of life. It is possible to let unrealistic expectations, unwise spending and selfishness crowd out peace and family bonding. As you pursue summer activities, remember to acknowledge and appreciate the glimpses of God's glory you encounter. Seek to strengthen relationships and look for opportunities to laugh. Understand life is not just doing - it is being. Most importantly, may the words of Jeremiah 8:30 NOT describe you, "...the summer has ended, and we are not saved."

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OUR VIEW

State park is again needing residents' help

It's again time for residents of Big Spring and Howard County to come to the aid of the Big Spring State Park. And that's something the community has already proved it can do.

Several years ago, some officials in Austin expressed concern about the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's budget and suggested cutting some funding and closing some state parks. One of those closures being discussed at the time involved shutting the gates on the Big Spring State Park.

The Herald's editorial board called on the community to call the governor's office and express their opposition to any closure of the Big Spring State Park.

While none of the Herald's editorial board worked for this newspaper at the time, our predecessors tell us response was so overwhelming that the governor's office called to ask the Herald's publisher to cease and desist, stressing that there was no plan to close the local state park.

This time the state park's existence isn't being threatened, but some financial aid is needed and state officials say the current economic climate in Austin makes it unlikely that any state funding for a nature center will be forthcoming. At least it can't be expected any time soon.

For the past several months, the Friends of the State Park has been actively seeking local and state support for the proposed facility, which they believe would increase visitation to the park in general and Howard County as a whole.

Plans drawn up by the group call for a 5,000-square-foot center at the park, which Friends of the State Park Chairman Jerry Worthy projects will have a cost of about \$560,000.

The Friends recently hosted a tour of the site for the proposed center by Parks and Wildlife officials, pressing for both approval and help for the effort.

Carter Smith, the TDPW executive director, was enthusiastic about the proposed center, but added there's little chance of any financial aid at this time.

Although state money will not be forthcoming anytime soon, Worthy said Smith promised aid in the form of technical expertise, including architectural assistance.

Meanwhile, Worthy and other Friends members will continue collecting private donations to help build the center. Pledges and donations can be made through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third.

So far, they've received more than \$70,000 in pledges, and we're encouraging readers to consider pledging a donation and making good on the promise.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We make wise choices, Lord, when we make them through our careful consideration of Your word.
Amen

Get sensible about immigration

On Mother's Day, three months before Arizona's draconian new immigration law was to go into effect, a mother of two addressed a vigil outside of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center.

The woman had been intercepted, without papers, on her way to work. Unable to fight back tears, she told the crowd of the months she spent in this privatized detention center, wondering if she would ever see her children again.

Arizona's new law, which goes into effect at the end of July, will legalize racial profiling by requiring officers to pull over, question and detain anyone they have a "reasonable suspicion" of being undocumented.

The law has catalyzed the grassroots immigrant rights movement, driving hundreds of thousands of activists into the streets demanding comprehensive immigration reform.

However, given President Barack Obama's recent com-

ments, the chances of a national overhaul in immigration policy is unlikely to happen this year.

And with the failure of reform at the federal level, states are taking matters into their own hands, drafting and passing cruel anti-immigrant laws that mirror Arizona's legislation.

They're also embracing a controversial federal program that essentially lets local authorities convert police officers into de facto ICE agents. (ICE is the agency that used to be called the Immigration and Naturalization Service, or INS.)

The Obama administration should scrap enforcement-only policies that separate families and encourage raids, deportations, border militarization and racial profiling.

To achieve sustainable immigration policies, we'll need to consider the roots of migration.

What's pushing people to leave Latin America in the first place?

On a recent Witness for Peace Speaker's tour, Baldemar Mendoza Jimenez, a farmer and agriculture expert from the Mexican state of Oaxaca, described how the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) undermined traditional agriculture.

Unable to compete with subsi-

dized grains imported from the States, millions of farmers were forced out of work.

"Many [farmers] could not make ends meet. They abandoned their lands, left to work in factories and emigrated to the United States."

Jimenez's story isn't unique, but this perspective is largely unaccounted for in the immigration debate.

In general, undocumented immigrants and their communities get blamed for the situation, rather than the ill-fated economic policies that displaced those immigrants. Not one of the 4,130 words in Obama's most recent speech on immigration addressed why people migrate.

He didn't address unfair trade, mention displaced farmers, or acknowledge that the immigration rate doubled after NAFTA transformed U.S.-Mexican trade.

The situation in Arizona demonstrates that we need to overhaul our immigration policies.

If we want to stem or slow the flow of undocumented workers into the United States, however, we'll also need to revamp our foreign economic policies.

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Beware the cowardly deficit vulture

There's an invasive species in our national discourse, a recent arrival in our civic forest. It's the "yellow-bellied deficit vulture," recently spotted circling the Capitol building and heard squawking on syndicated talk shows.

You can identify the vulture by its distinct screech it uses to selectively attack spending choices like unemployment benefits for hard-pressed workers.

The vulture flaps furiously about President Barack Obama's spending in response to the worst economic meltdown in 60 years. But it is close-beaked about the previous decade, when both parties in Congress and President George W. Bush borrowed trillions of dollars to fight two wars and give tax cuts to corporations and the super-wealthy.

He's also eerily silent about the \$1 trillion over 10 years in military spending waste, identified by the Sustainable Defense Task Force watchdog panel.

That's because the yellow-bellied deficit vulture has powerful interests to defend and is determined to keep some things "off the table."

Fortunately, this vulture is conspicuous with its bright tailfeathers of excessive political

partisanship.

To be clear, the vulture is distinct from the vigilant "deficit hawk," which, like most Americans, is concerned about the national deficit and its impact on our economy and future generations. It can recognize the urgent need to assess the causes of the deficit and make thoughtful choices going forward.

A mature hawk knows that budget politics are complicated and that borrowing is the path of least resistance for both major political parties. It understands the pressure that politicians face from powerful constituents that want both tax cuts and preferential spending.

That's why a mature deficit hawk would reconsider the prudence of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for households with incomes over \$250,000, which are due to expire at the end of this year. Retaining the tax cut would add \$826 billion to the national debt over the next decade.

But the deficit vulture takes flight when faced with the possibility of reversing reckless tax cuts for multi-national corporations and the very wealthy. Instead, it appears bold about cutting retirement benefits for future generations.

Seasoned hawks also demonstrate support for two proposals that would generate more than \$200 billion per year and strengthen the U.S. economy: closing overseas tax havens and instituting a financial speculation tax.

This is wisdom we should follow.

U.S. multinational banks and corporations use overseas tax havens to reduce or avoid taxes, adding billions to the deficit and creating phony subsidiaries in places like the Grand Cayman Islands. They compete unfairly against responsible domestic businesses that pay taxes. Such tax-dodging costs responsible American taxpayers an estimated \$43 billion to \$123 billion a year.

A financial speculation tax is a modest levy on financial transactions, such as the purchase and sale of stocks, bonds, derivatives and swaps.

One proposal would collect a penny on every four dollars of financial transactions, generating an estimated \$177 billion a year.

Hawks in England and Taiwan have secured such taxes on securities that encourage productive investment and discourage the kind of reckless trading that crashed our economy.

Here in America, the yellow-bellied deficit vulture is doing all it can to make sure we don't consider these proposals. It nests with corporations, squawking for tax breaks, bailouts and military contracts that have little to do with national security.

We can't allow this bird to distract us from the serious national discussion we need to have.

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Ford introduces new, untraditional Explorer

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AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. — The Ford Explorer used to be one of the best-selling vehicles in the U.S., but as demand for big, truck-like SUVs fell, so did its sales.

Now Ford is trying to breathe new life into the Explorer by reinventing it as a more car-like, fuel-efficient utility.

Ford begins a marketing campaign Monday for the 2011 Ford Explorer, which will be in dealerships this winter. The automaker promises a utility vehicle with seating for seven that has similar fuel economy to a Toyota Camry sedan. At \$28,190, the base price is also \$1,000 less than the 2010 Explorer. It's priced competitively, midway between the Toyota 4Runner and Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The new Explorer has been completely redesigned. The most obvious difference: It's built on a car platform, not a truck one, so it sits lower to the ground and has a smoother, more fuel-efficient ride. The new Explorer shares a platform with the Taurus X sedan.

Ford is taking a risk with an important vehicle, which is Ford's best-known product after the Mustang. Some buyers looking for a truck-like SUV will be disappointed. The new Explorer will have less towing capacity than the outgoing model — 5,000 pounds, versus 7,115 pounds — and it

won't offer a V-8 engine.

"Ford's challenge is to match the idea of the Explorer to this product," said Aaron Bragman, an analyst with IHS Automotive. "It's a good test for Ford to determine what an SUV is these days."

Trends in the market suggest most buyers aren't looking for the power of traditional SUVs and would prefer a more fuel-efficient vehicle. Ford's top U.S. sales analyst George Pipas said that a decade ago, 85 percent of all SUVs sold were truck-based; last year, just 23 percent were.

Pipas said there's a trend away from the McMansions and big vehicles of the 1990s, when people measured their wealth by home and car size.

"It's a different world. People are much more thoughtful about their consumption, and the new Explorer is in line with that," he said.

As a result, it's unlikely the new Explorer will ever reach the sales heights of the old version. In 2000, its peak sales year, Ford sold 445,157 Explorers, outselling everything in the U.S. but the Ford F-150 and Chevrolet Silverado pickups. By last year, sales had slipped to 52,190. That's partly because there are more options in the market — Ford now makes the seven-passenger Flex, for example, that competes with the Explorer — and because of changing trends.

But Erich Merkle, presi-



dent of consulting company Autoconomy.com, said Ford could easily double its current sales.

There's at least one built-in fan base: Current Explorer owners. Because the Explorer was such a big seller, with 4 million of the 6 million sold still on the road, Ford sees 140,000 Explorer customers returning to its showrooms each year, Ford's marketing chief Jim Farley said.

"Explorer is really still the backbone of the brand," Farley said.

Among the 2011 Explorer's features:

— A standard, 3.7-liter V-6 engine that gets 290 horsepower — the same as the current V-8 — and 20 percent better fuel economy than the outgoing V-6.

— An optional, four-cylinder EcoBoost engine, which has the power of a V-6 — 237 horsepower — with better fuel economy. The government hasn't issued fuel economy ratings, but Derrick Kuzak,

2011 Explorer

Engines: 3.5-liter V-6, 290 horsepower (standard); 2.0-liter EcoBoost I4, 237 horsepower (optional)

Fuel Economy: The government hasn't released ratings, but Ford says the EcoBoost I4 will be similar to a Toyota Camry with a V-6, which gets 28 miles per gallon on the highway.

Towing: 5,000 lbs. maximum

Size: Car platform, 70.4 inches high

Price: \$28,190, or up to \$37,190 for the Limited

Source: Ford Motor Co.



head of Ford's global product development, said the engine would be similar to a 2010 Toyota Camry sedan with a V-6 engine. That Camry gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 28 on the highway.

— Inflatable seat belts in the back seat that help protect occupants' heads and chests in a crash. This is the first vehicle on the market with inflatable seat belts.

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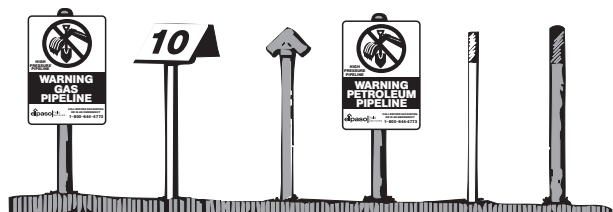
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Mars enters Libra, reminding us that no man is an island, especially where work is concerned. Those who work and play well with others will succeed. Everything that happens at work is a direct result of the relationships you've built there. Furthermore, relationships you think have nothing to do with work will affect your work tremendously.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). After much hinting, nagging and cajoling, a superior finally gives you the nod to go forward. Take it and run all the way. This is your moment to show just how well suited to this job you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more you think about someone the more you love that person. And the more you love that person the more you think about him or her. At this rate, you're going to fall and fall deep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's nothing to be defensive about. Everything that's happening will benefit you. You may not readily see how this is true, but try to believe it anyway, and it will become apparent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can be dramatic -- it's for effect. After all, if you're going to tell a good story, you have to know what to emphasize, where to stretch reality a bit and what to leave out, too.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Your audience will be riveted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Frustration is caused by the belief that you need to do something in a particular timeframe in order to be acceptable. Maybe it's not true. Maybe you have all the time in the world. From this perspective, frustration will fade away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Commit to your responsibilities. Imagine that the fate of the world depends on a successful outcome. Concentrate your efforts. If you are not committed and concentrated, confusion will set in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The music you hear in your head today is yours and yours alone. If you can whistle the melody you hear, then do it. But if you can't, all the better, because now it's a secret pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your work environment could be better, and your home life isn't quite perfect, but you're still, at heart, a happy person. You have the good sense to notice all the beauty and humor that's around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Wading around in the backwater of your past is an escape, at best. You've been through there so many times that there's nothing new to find. It's time to head out to the high country.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything will go smoothly. Almost suspiciously so. You are so used to hiccups and half-starts that their absence has you somewhat

dubious. It's real -- this part of life is meant to be easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What a relief. A disharmonious scene ends happily, and you are sent back out to your normal life. Only this time you have a better sense of how precious it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Making money isn't everything, but it seems like it is right now. That's because your work life just shifted. Now is a good time to make a concerted effort to get a little financial security going.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (July 29). You find novel ways of contributing to your favorite people and causes; your offbeat generosity could even make the news. August brings a new development in your personal life and more people to your team. A professional calling could have you moving in 2011. An investment pays in February. Sagittarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 22, 14 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm contemplating a professional change. I have been at the same work for three years and am happy to have a stable job. But I also long for more adventure and the chance to stretch creatively. I'm so bored at work, and I want so much to drop the job and do something new. When is the right time to quit and start finding what I really want to do? Also, you should know that I have three children, ages 8, 6 and 4. I'm a Cancer." Do you have savings enough to last you for two

years without working? Or is there someone else who supports you? You were born under the sign of mothers, and you will ultimately be happiest when you are doing the right thing for the well-being of your children. You can fill your need for adventure in other ways without quitting your job. Take a class, or join a club. Sometimes you get in whimsical moods and feel that life must change immediately. But these moods will pass. Always take into account that you made the decision to be a mother and your first responsibility is to your children.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She grew up in a small Kansas town with a population of 200 and rode to superstardom on her huge vocal talent. Country music star Martina McBride is a Leo, with Venus, Mars and Jupiter in soulful Cancer. Leos love the spotlight, but McBride's chart reveals her time, attention and ties to family are sacred. She says, "I can't be the big star in the family. We have a family, and we are all equal."

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Betty," is having a terrible problem with her sister-in-law, "Linda" (her husband's sister). Linda is very manipulative, thinks she's never wrong and can be downright hateful. Recently, Linda's husband was given a very bad diagnosis, and she used this situation as an opportunity to verbally attack Betty. She brought up things that were resolved years ago and wouldn't shut up until my daughter agreed with her on everything.

Linda also was angry that Betty and her kids went to our family reunion and mentioned having fun on her Facebook page. She yelled at Betty, who took the abuse since she felt sorry for her. The very next day, Linda called my daughter and acted like nothing happened.

Here's the kicker: Betty recently had medical troubles of her own that were quite similar to the ones Linda's husband is having. The compassion she feels is real. She

genuinely wants to help in any way, but unless she bows and scrapes to Linda,

her help is refused. What kind of wife refuses support for her husband?

We understand that Linda is hurting, afraid and maybe insecure. Her world is out of control, and she is jealous of anyone who is living a "normal" life. But how much does one have to take? She's always been ornery and now has a good excuse to be even more so. I want to help my daughter. What is the best way to deal with this situation? -- Repercussions for Caring

Dear Caring: Linda's personality is not going to change, no matter how helpful or sympathetic your daughter is. Betty's husband might be able to get through to his sister, suggesting she speak to her husband's doctor about coping with her stress levels. But even so, it may not be enough. Betty needs to accept Linda as she is

and respond as if the negativity doesn't exist. That means ignoring her barbs, pretending to be oblivious, changing the subject and smiling sympathetically while saying, "You must be so frazzled. I'm so sorry." Repeat as needed.

Dear Annie: Over the past several years, surrounding neighbors have installed lovely swimming pools. But instead of the sounds of splashing, we hear their radios blasting. Sometimes they leave the music on when they go back inside and don't return for hours.

We turn our radio on when we're in the backyard, but never so loud that it disturbs the neighbors. We have asked them to turn it down, and they have, but why do we have to be the ones to control the volume? -- Missing Splashes and Laughter

Dear Missing: Your neighbors will crank up the music until someone objects. Since they already know it bothers you, that is inconsiderate and rude, but there you have it. If you want the volume lowered, you'll have to ask. Be grateful they comply. Too many neighbors do not.

Dear Annie: Here's a news flash for "Stiffed in Iowa," who objected that

her parents are only leaving the kids half their estate instead of all of it.

She is entitled to exactly zero of her parents' money, now or after their demise. If they are so kind, loving and generous as to believe she deserves anything, it will be a gift, not an entitlement.

Some children are fortunate enough to have parents who can afford to leave an inheritance. For others, the inheritance comes from knowing they were loved unconditionally and that their parents left a legacy of good deeds and kindness. You can outlive your wealth, but decency and love stay with us forever. -- Never Got a Cent in Omaha

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News in brief

Arizona immigration law ruling throws monkey wrench in other states' plans to copy law

PHOENIX (AP) — States that had been watching Arizona's immigration law in hopes of copying it received a rude awakening when a judge put most of the measure on hold and agreed with the Obama administration's core argument that immigration enforcement is the role of the federal government.

The ruling marked a repudiation of the Arizona law as U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton indicated that the government has a good chance at succeeding in its argument that federal immigration law trumps state law. It was an important first-round victory for the government in a fight that may not be settled until the U.S. Supreme Court weighs in.

But opponents of the law said the ruling sends a strong message to other states hoping to replicate the law. "Surely it's going to make states pause and consider how they're drafting legislation and how it fits in a constitutional framework," Dennis Burke, the U.S. Attorney for Arizona, told the Associated Press. "The proponents of this went into court saying there was no question that this was constitutional, and now you have a federal judge who's said 'hold on, there's major issues with this bill.'"

Gov. Jan Brewer called Wednesday's decision "a bump in the road" and vowed to appeal. The key sponsor of Arizona's law, Republican Rep. Russell Pearce, said the judge was wrong and predicted that the state would ultimately win the case.

In her temporary injunction, Bolton delayed the most contentious provisions of the law, including a section that required officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws. She also barred enforcement of parts requiring immigrants to carry their papers and banned illegal immigrants from soliciting employment in public places — a move aimed at day laborers that congregate in large numbers in parking lots across Arizona. The judge also blocked officers from making warrantless arrests of suspected illegal immigrants.

AP survey: Economists turn more pessimistic for coming year, but most say rebound will endure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economic recovery will remain slow deep into next year, held back by shoppers reluctant to spend and employers hesitant to hire, according to an Associated Press survey of leading economists.

The latest quarterly AP Economy Survey shows economists have turned gloomier in the past three months. They foresee weaker growth and higher unemployment than they did before. As a result, the economists think the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates near zero until at least next spring.

Yet despite their expectation of slower growth, a majority of the 42 economists surveyed believe the recovery remains on track, raising hopes that the economy can avoid falling back

into a "double-dip" recession.

The AP survey compiles forecasts of leading private, corporate and academic economists on a range of indicators, including employment, consumer spending and inflation. Among their forecasts:

- Economic growth the rest of this year and early next year will weaken, to less than 3 percent. From January through May, the economy grew at roughly a 3.5 percent pace.

- The unemployment rate will be no lower at the end of the year than it is now — 9.5 percent. A majority think it will be 2015 or later before the rate falls to a historically normal 5 percent.

- State budget shortfalls pose a "significant" or "severe" risk to the national economy. The loss of tax revenue has forced state and local governments to cut services and lay off workers.

Coast Guard may start redeploying cleanup resources once Gulf well is killed permanently

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The government's point man for the Gulf spill plans to meet with coastal parish officials Thursday to talk about what's next now that the oil has stopped flowing.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said crews are having trouble finding patches of the crude that had been washing up on beaches and coating delicate coastal wetlands since the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig exploded April 20, killing 11 people.

Though no one knows for sure how much oil might be lurking below the surface, most of what was coming ashore has broken up or been sucked up by skimming boats or burned.

"The oil that we do see is weathered, it is sheen," Allen said.

Barring a calamity, the oil won't start flowing again before BP PLC can permanently kill the well, which could happen as soon as mid-August. Allen said the Coast Guard expects oil to keep showing up on beaches four to six weeks after that happens.

Then, he said, the Coast Guard may start redeploying some of the 11 million feet of boom, 811 oil skimmers and 40,000 people that have been part of the oil spill response. Many of the workers are fishermen who have lost their livelihoods because of the spill.

Jury of Rangel's House peers holding first meeting, charges in ethics case to become public

WASHINGTON (AP) — A jury of Rep. Charles Rangel's congressional peers is ready to publicly discuss charges of ethical misdeeds. But the political discussions outside the room will be far more significant.

Eight House lawmakers who will determine guilt or innocence of the former committee chairman will hold their first meeting Thursday. A number of Democrats considering calls for the New York Democrat to resign will get their first look at the allegations.

"I think everyone is looking forward to getting all the facts out in the open and people will have to react once we know what we're dealing with," said

Rep. Mike Quigley, D-Ill.

Rangel is tied for fourth in House seniority, having served for 40 years. He's still vigorous at 80 years old. He had substantial influence as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which handles taxes, trade, portions of health care, Medicare and Social Security.

Rangel stepped down from that post in March after the ethics committee criticized him in a separate case, saying he should have known that corporate money paid for two trips to Caribbean conferences.

AP-Univision Poll: Hispanics strongly aspire to a college degree, but many settle for less

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 10 years have passed since she gave up her pursuit of a degree in computer science, but Yajahira Deaza still has regrets. She says she feels incomplete.

She now works in customer service for a major New York bank, and her experience reflects the findings of an Associated Press-Univision poll that examined the attitudes of Latino adults toward higher education. Despite strong belief in the value of a college diploma, Hispanics more often than not fall short of that goal.

The findings have broad implications, not only for educators and parents, but for the economy.

In the next decade, U.S. companies will have to fill millions of jobs to replace well-trained baby boomers going into retirement. As the nation's largest minority group, Latinos account for a growing share of the pool of workers, yet their skills may not be up to par. Aware of the challenge, some California State University

campuses are reaching out to Hispanic children as early as the fourth grade.

"Aspirations for higher education are very strong among Hispanics, but there's a yawning discrepancy between aspirations and actual attainment," said Richard Fry, an education researcher at the Pew Hispanic Center.

Cooler temperatures, calmer winds help firefighters gain ground on California fires

TEHACHAPI, Calif. (AP) — Cooler temperatures and calmer winds helped firefighters in their battle against the most destructive of two big wildfires that have burned homes and forced hundreds of people to evacuate mountain communities on the edge of the Mojave Desert and in the southern Sierra Nevada.

A 1,436-acre blaze that chased residents from the Old West Ranch community about 10 miles south of Tehachapi was 25 percent contained Wednesday. If the weather continued to cooperate, officials expected to have it fully contained by Friday, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman John Buchanan said.

The firefighting command revised the number of destroyed structures down to 25, and Kern County Fire Department Battalion Chief Dean Boller said most were homes.

Another 150 homes in the loosely connected community remained threatened.

The area is usually so gusty that wind farms line ridges, but Wednesday afternoon the weather was cooperating with the 784 firefighters on the lines, producing only light breezes.

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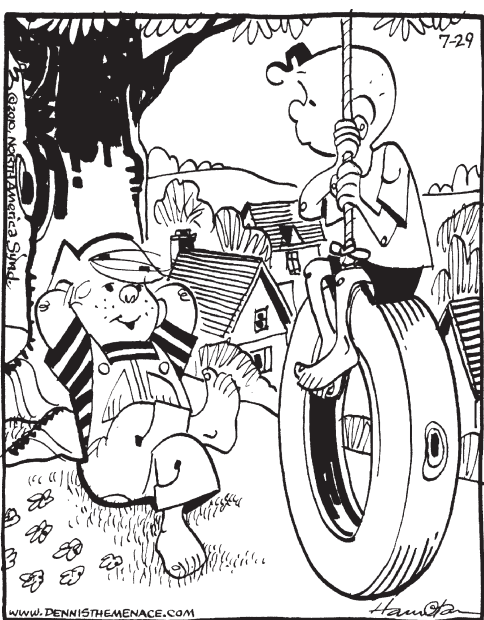
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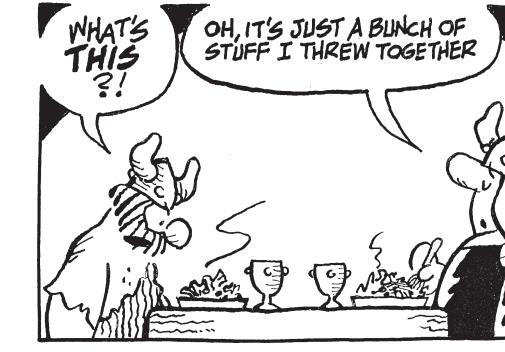
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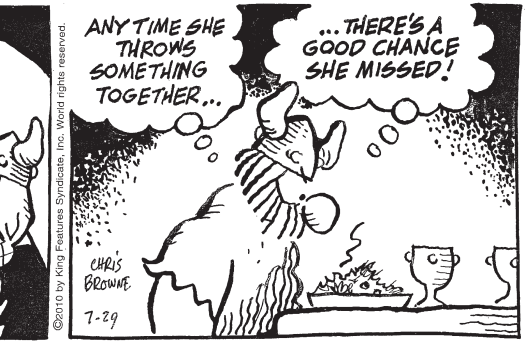


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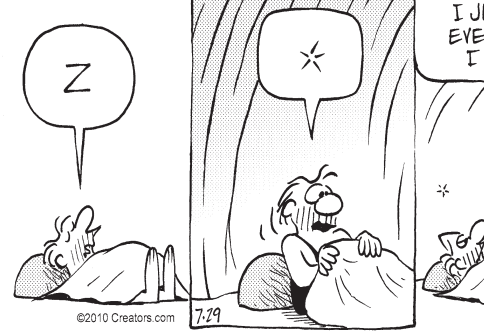
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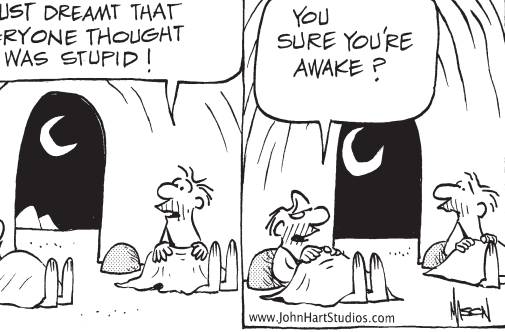
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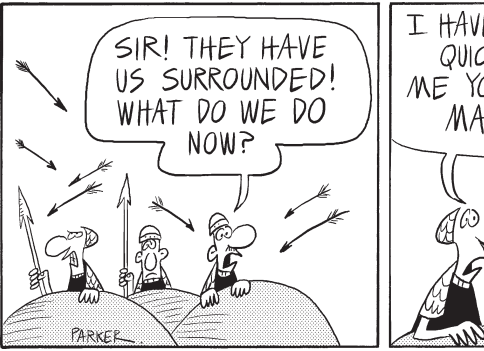
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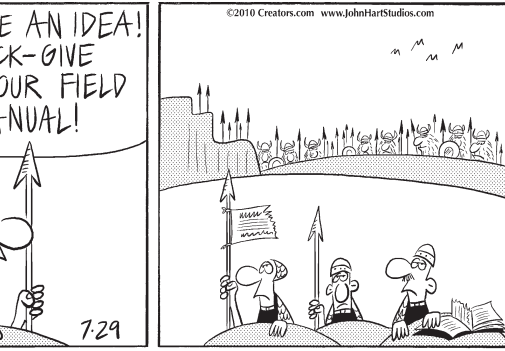
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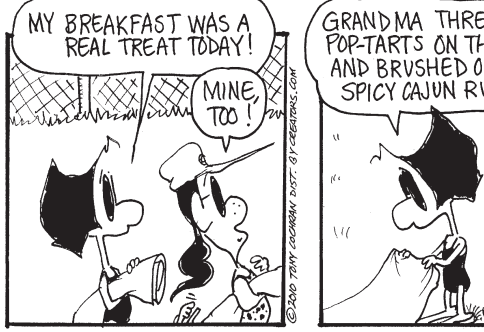
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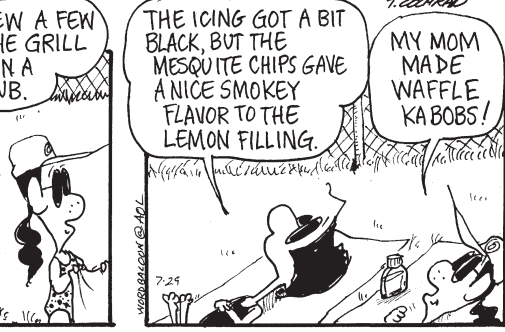
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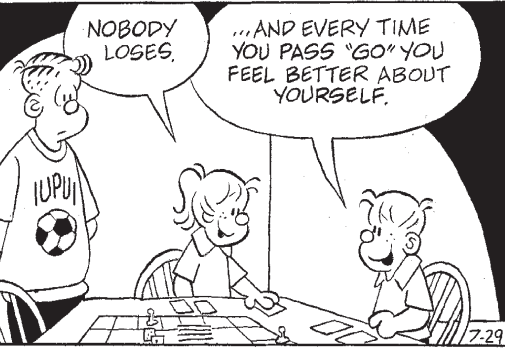
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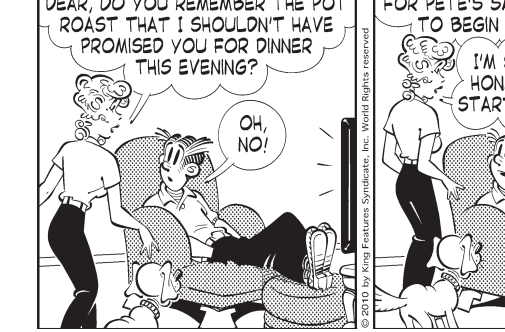
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 29, the 210th day of 2010. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (However, the couple divorced in 1996.)

On this date:

In 1030, the patron saint of Norway, King Olaf II, was killed in battle.

In 1588, the English attacked the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines, resulting in an English victory.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first test phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

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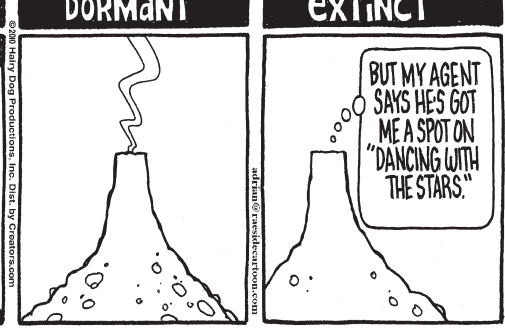
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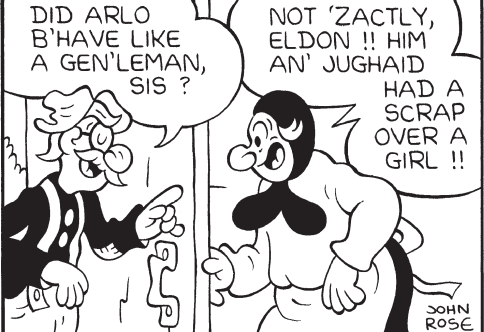
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Casual Cooking

with Kris Soliz

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

My husband and I will be celebrating our ninth anniversary in September. We met at work, worked opposite shifts, worked 12-hour days, six days a week. We met and married within three months, so there was not a lot of time for premarital cooking.

One weekend, my soon-to-be husband wanted to cook his fajitas for me and like any warm-blooded woman who likes to see a man in the kitchen, I said yes. I pushed the cart while he placed the goodies inside and as we shopped I noticed this is not chicken fajitas as you and I would know. He cooked his dish placing it inside a tortilla and topped it with cheese. It was delicious!

This week's recipe is my husband's. I told him we had to change the name because it was misleading. As you know by now we like things hot in our house, so adjust the heat to your needs. You can use boneless/skinless chicken breasts, thighs or chicken fajita meat like

we do. I have never tried it with pork (soon too), but it should work great. Use pork steaks cut off the bone or the packages of carnitas and cut up into bite size (can get that carnita meat at H-E-B). Serve this dish with traditional rice and beans or go a little different with roasted corn and a mixed green salad. Enjoy!



KRIS SOLIZ

Jesse's Southwestern Chicken

- 8 pieces of chicken/pork cut pieces
- 1-2 packages of flour tortillas
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 3/4 cup of barbeque sauce any kind
- 1/2 cup of salsa any kind
- shredded cheese
- 2-4 pickled canned serrano peppers diced hot** (optional)
- sour cream (optional)
- guacamole (optional)

In a large pot, place the cut meat into a medium/high heat and cook until it is no longer pink on the outside. Lower the heat to medium and add tomato sauce, barbeque sauce and salsa. You can add serranos at this time if you choose. Stir well and allow to come to a light boil, stirring often. Lower the heat to low and let simmer for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Warm your tortillas and spoon some of the mixture onto each one. Add cheese, sour cream and guacamole. Serve with your choice of side dishes.

Coping with Alzheimer's

Editor's Note: The following information is provided in conjunction with the annual Memory Walk, planned Sept. 18 in Big Spring. See related story, Page 1A.

Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease can affect different people in different ways, but the most common symptom pattern begins with gradually worsening difficulty in remembering new information. This is because disruption of brain cells usually begins in regions involved in forming new memories. As damage spreads, individuals experience other difficulties.

The following are warning signs of Alzheimer's:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- Challenges in planning or solving problems
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure
- Confusion with time or place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood and personality

For more information about the warning signs of Alzheimer's, visit www.alz.org/10signs.

In advanced Alzheimer's, people need help with bathing, dressing, using the bathroom, eating and other daily activities. Those in the final stages of the disease lose their ability to communicate, fail to recognize loved ones and become bed-bound and reliant on 24/7 care. The inability to move around in late-stage Al-

zheimer's disease can make a person more vulnerable to infections, including pneumonia (infection of the lungs). Alzheimer's disease is ultimately fatal, and Alzheimer-related pneumonia is often the cause.

Although families generally prefer to keep the person with Alzheimer's at home as long as possible, most people with the disease eventually move into a nursing home or another residence where professional care is available.

Risk factors for Alzheimer's disease

Although the cause or causes of Alzheimer's disease are not yet known, most experts agree that Alzheimer's, like other common chronic conditions, probably develops as a result of multiple factors rather than a single cause.

The greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease is advancing age, but Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. Most Americans with Alzheimer's disease are aged 65 or older, although individuals younger than age 65 can also develop the disease. When Alzheimer's or another dementia is recognized in a person under age 65, these conditions are referred to as "younger-onset" or "early-onset" Alzheimer's or "younger-onset" or "early-onset" dementia.

A small percentage of Alzheimer's disease cases, probably less than 1 percent, are caused by rare genetic variations found in a small number of families worldwide. These variations involve chromosome 21 on the gene for the amyloid precursor protein, chromosome 14 on the gene for the presenilin 1 protein and chromosome 1 on the gene for presenilin 2. In these inherited forms of Alzheimer's, the disease tends to develop before age 65, sometimes in

individuals as young as 30.

A genetic factor in late-onset Alzheimer's disease (Alzheimer's disease developing at age 65 or older) is apolipoprotein E-e4 (ApoE-e4). ApoE-e4 is one of three common forms of the ApoE gene, which provides the blueprint for a protein that carries cholesterol in the bloodstream. Everyone inherits one form of the ApoE gene from each of his or her parents. Those who inherit one ApoE-e4 gene have increased risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Those who inherit two ApoE-e4 genes have an even higher risk. However, inheriting one or two copies of the gene does not guarantee that the individual will develop Alzheimer's.

A significant portion of people with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), but not all, will later develop Alzheimer's. MCI is a condition in which a person has problems with memory, language or another essential cognitive function that are severe enough to be noticeable to others and show up on cognitive tests, but not severe enough to interfere with daily life.

Studies indicate as many as 10-20 percent of people 65 and older have MCI. It's estimated that as many as 15 percent of these individuals progress from MCI to dementia each year. From this estimate, nearly half of all people who have visited a physician about MCI symptoms will develop dementia in three or four years. It is unclear which mechanisms put those with MCI at greater risk for developing Alzheimer's or other dementia. MCI may in some cases represent a transitional state between normal aging and the earliest symptoms of Alzheimer's.

Note: Information provided by the Alzheimer's Association.



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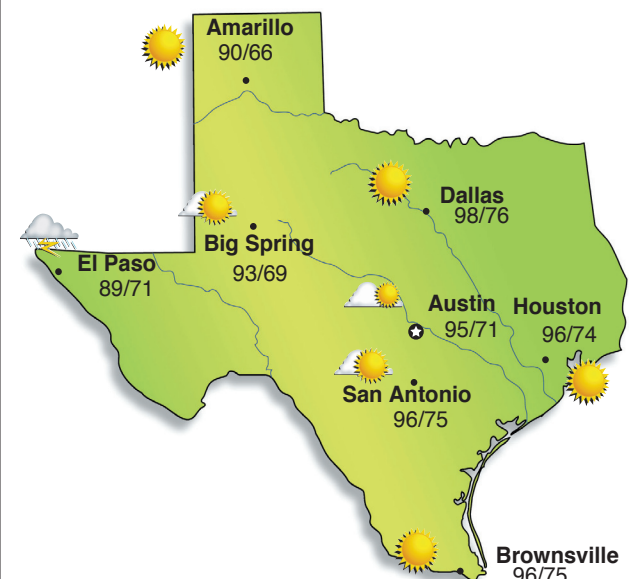
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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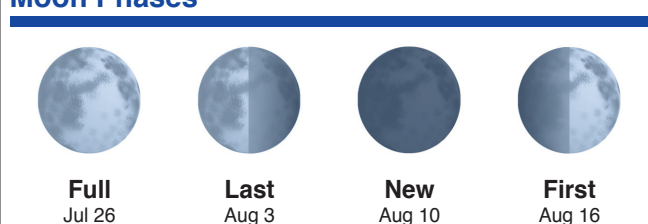
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Amarillo	90	66	sunny	Livingston	98	72	sunny
Austin	95	71	pt sunny	Longview	97	75	sunny
Beaumont	96	74	sunny	Lubbock	90	69	sunny
Brownsville	96	75	sunny	Lufkin	99	74	sunny
Brownwood	99	73	sunny	Midland	96	73	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	94	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	74	sunny
Corsicana	97	74	sunny	Rosenberg	96	74	sunny
Dallas	98	76	sunny	San Antonio	96	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	96	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	73	pt sunny
El Paso	89	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	100	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	94	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	94	71	sunny
Gainesville	98	74	sunny	Tyler	97	74	sunny
Greenville	98	74	sunny	Weatherford	98	74	sunny
Houston	96	74	sunny	Wichita Falls	97	73	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	98	74	mst sunny	Minneapolis	79	67	rain
Boston	81	58	mst sunny	New York	86	67	sunny
Chicago	82	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	99	82	t-storm
Dallas	98	76	sunny	San Francisco	62	51	pt sunny
Denver	90	65	t-storm	Seattle	80	56	mst sunny
Houston	96	74	sunny	St. Louis	91	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	89	70	sunny
Miami	91	79	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 7/30	Sat 7/31	Sun 8/1	Mon 8/2	Tue 8/3
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

State briefs

4 dead in San Antonio in apparent murder-suicide

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say a man shot three people in a San Antonio home, then turned the gun on himself after the young children inside saw their dead mother and fled for help.

San Antonio police early Thursday had yet to release the name of the gunman or his relationship to the victims. The shootings happened late Wednesday on a quiet cul-de-sac in a gated community on the city's north side.

Authorities say the gunman entered the home with two handguns, killing two men and the mother of three children. San Antonio police Sgt. Chris Benavides said the children had been playing when they heard the gunshots.

The children were taken into protective custody. Authorities didn't immediately know the motive, but said the gunman appeared to know the people in the home.

Brown pelicans find new home in Texas

ROCKPORT (AP) — Twenty brown pelicans from Louisiana that were exposed to oil from the massive spill in the Gulf of Mexico have been cleaned and released in south Texas.

The pelicans were released Wednesday at Goose Island State Park. The U.S. Coast Guard had brought them from Hammond, La., to be released at the park near Rockport.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports that about 200 pelicans have been relocated to the Coastal Bend area since June.

Texas man could learn fate for kids' drownings

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston father could learn his fate for the drunken-driving deaths of five children, including three of his own, who drowned after he lost control of his car and veered into a rain-swollen ditch.

A sentencing hearing with witness testimony was scheduled for Thursday in Houston for 34-year-old Chanton Jenkins. He pleaded guilty earlier this year to five counts of intoxication manslaughter.

Prosecutors say state District Judge Mary Lou Keel could issue a sentence on Thursday or hold off until next week. Jenkins could face up to life in prison.

Police say Jenkins was driving drunk and using his cell phone on the afternoon of April 18, 2009, when he lost control of his car, which went off the road and plunged into the ditch.

Jury to decide if man will get death in beheadings

EDINBURG (AP) — A jury that already rejected an insanity defense and convicted a south Texas man of beheading his common-law wife's three children will next decide whether he will get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Attorneys were expected to present closing arguments Thursday in the penalty phase of the trial for

John Allen Rubio. After that, jurors will begin deliberations. They will decide between capital punishment and life in prison without parole.

The same jury on Monday found Rubio, 29, guilty on four counts of capital murder — one charge for each child and one for the children together.

Prosecutors used their witnesses during the punishment phase to sketch a portrait of a remorseless killer and an inmate who caused trouble even on death row before his earlier conviction was overturned.

Even inside prison, Rubio would continue to be a threat to others, they said.

Rubio's attorneys argued that it's unlikely that a man convicted of killing three children under the age of 4 would pose a threat in prison.

With the exception of setting several fires while on death row, Rubio never attempted to assault inmates or guards, they said. Their experts testified that Rubio's childhood — filled with violence at home, "toxic" parents, drug use and prostitution — damaged him developmentally and set him on a path for failure.

Police discovered the bodies of 3-year-old Julissa Quesada, 14-month-old John E. Rubio and 2-month-old Mary Jane Rubio on March 11, 2003, in a Brownsville apartment. Rubio unsuccessfully pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Rubio was originally convicted and sentenced to death for killing the children. But a state appeals court overturned that conviction in 2007 because statements from the children's mother, Angela Camacho, were wrongly allowed as evidence.

Camacho pleaded guilty and is serving a life sentence for her role in the murders.

Rubio said he believed the children were possessed and tried to smother and stab them before ultimately decapitating them.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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♦K 6
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♦Q J 10 8 3
♣K 7 6 2

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♣Q 9 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠A Q 7 6 3
♥A Q 8 6 2
♦—
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The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Before proceeding with the play, declarer should first identify all of his assets. The trouble is that some assets are not as easy to spot as others.

Consider this deal where it seems that making six spades depends strictly on the outcome of the heart finesse. If East has the king, you make six; if West has it, you go down one. But closer study reveals that the contract is ice-cold regardless of who has the king of hearts! All you have

to do to assure the slam is to play the hand correctly.

Ruff the opening diamond lead, cross to dummy with a trump, ruff another diamond, return to dummy with a trump and lead the four of clubs. If East follows low, play the ten from your hand. The effect of this play is that you lose a club trick you didn't have to lose, but this has a very attractive redeeming feature: You are now sure to make the slam no matter how the opposing cards are distributed.

Whatever West returns after he wins the club, you're home. If he leads a heart into your A-Q, you win and dispose of dummy's third heart on the club ace; if he returns a club into your A-J, you discard two hearts from dummy; and if he leads a diamond instead, you discard a heart from dummy as you ruff in your hand and dispose of another heart from dummy on the ace of clubs.

If East plays the king or queen on the club lead from dummy, the outcome is exactly the same. You win with the ace and return the jack of clubs. If West covers the jack, you ruff in dummy and later discard a heart on the ten; if West does not cover the jack, you discard a heart from dummy and subsequently discard another heart on the ten. Either way, you're sure of 12 tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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