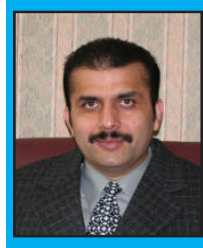




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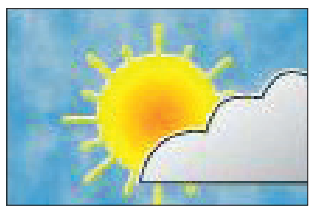


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Heflin urges citizen input on redistricting

Special to the Herald

CROSBYTON – State Rep. Joe Heflin is urging his constituents to attend and participate in a meeting of the House Committee on Redistricting in Lubbock set for noon Wednesday, Aug. 18. According to Heflin, the redistricting process will affect the representation of West Texas for the next 10 years, both in Austin and in Washington, D.C.



Heflin

"It is difficult to overstate the importance of this meeting," Heflin said. "I encourage all West Texans to attend this meeting and to let their voices be heard by the people in Austin who will be making these very significant decisions for our area."

According to Redistricting Committee Chair Delwin Jones of Lubbock, redistricting will be a

primary focus when the 82nd Texas Legislature convenes in January.

Although a number of Redistricting Committee meetings have been scheduled for other parts of the state, the Aug. 18 meeting is the only one dedicated to addressing the perspective of West Texas.

The committee's Lubbock meeting will take place at the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University. Additional information about

the meeting can be obtained by calling Rep. Jones' Lubbock office, 806-763-4468, or by calling Rep. Heflin at his Capitol office, 512-463-0604; his district office in Crosbyton, 806-675-0017; or Big Spring office, 432-213-2897.

Heflin represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall and Terry counties.

Rock the Desert to try for world record this year

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The desert will be the place to be Aug. 5-7, as Rock the Desert Ministries, a Christian faith-based non-profit organization, gets ready to present Rock the Desert 2010 in Midland.



According to RTD spokesperson Allison Greer, the event — which, in past years, has been a two day romp in the desert landscape that included plenty of food, fun and music — has been extended to a three-day run this year, a huge stride from the event's meager beginnings.

"Rock the Desert has been very successful in the Permian Basin, as well as all around the world," Greer said. "What first began as a small concert in a church parking lot has now almost 11 years later become a massive worldwide ministry."

Every year the Rock the Desert event, located just off of Highway 1788, brings in thousands of concertgoers from all across the United States. Last year the attendance was 15,000. This year's attendance should be anywhere between 15,000-16,000 people."

Greer said the concert will need every one of those people — and a few more — if they plan to make their way into the Guinness Book of World Records this year.

"We're going to attempt to break the Guinness World Record for largest line dance," Greer said. "The crowd of attendees will perform the 'Cupid Shuffle,' a popular line dance. The current world record is held by a group in China and stands at 17,200 people."

"Dance professional Taylor Fritschen with Dee Ann's Studio of Dance will be on hand to teach the participants the dance at the festival. Practice sessions have been scheduled for Aug. 5 and 6 on the main stage and also on the stage in the teen tent. The actual Guinness World Record attempt will be made on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 5 p.m."

Greer said tickets can be purchased at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church office located at 410 E. Third St., Mardel in Midland, as well as select Chick-fil-A restaurant locations in the West Texas area.

"Tickets are \$20 if purchased at any of the select locations," Greer said.

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VIEWERS OF 'LOST ARK'



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Movie-goers munch down on some popcorn Saturday evening at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater as they get ready for the Big Spring Film Society's screening of the classic "Raiders of the Lost Ark."



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Big Spring Film Society Chairman Brandon Johnson, left, takes a moment out from Saturday's screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" to pose with children dressed up as Indiana Jones at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Several hundred people attended the screening, part of the local film society's ongoing Steven Spielberg retrospective.

Town hall meeting set for Tuesday

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, will be in Big Spring Tuesday.

Rep. Neugebauer will visit the VAMC to commemorate the recent 60th anniversary of the facility in addition to hosting a town hall meeting.

The town hall meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus. The congressman will listen to constituents, discuss current issues facing the federal government and gather input.

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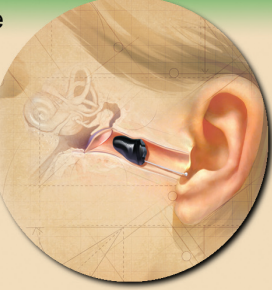
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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

Beaumont store clerk shot during robbery

BEAUMONT (AP) — Beaumont police say a grocery store clerk died after being shot in the head during an apparent robbery. Police searched Monday for the gunman. Lt. James Clay says the female clerk was fatally shot around 9:30 p.m. Sunday. She died later at a hospital. The victim's name was not immediately released.

Dozens hurt in Austin balcony collapse

AUSTIN (AP) — Code officials will examine an Austin condominium's second-floor balcony that gave way and left at least 26 people hurt. Fire Department Lt. Randy Elmore says investigators Monday will continue their review of what happened and whether the owner had a permit to construct the balcony. Elmore says it looks like the 400-square-foot balcony should have had more support. Partygoer Omar Flemming says about 30 people were on the balcony when it collapsed early Sunday. A spokeswoman says University Medical Center Brackenridge treated 23 people for injuries that ranged from scratches to broken bones. Three people were taken to St. David's Round Rock Medical Center.

Condemned inmate's sentence now life

DALLAS (AP) — A formerly homeless man condemned for the 1997 killing of a Dallas-area woman will no longer face execution. Judge Gracie Lewis on Sunday declared a mistrial in the penalty phase for 47-year-old John Wade Adams. The Dallas Morning News reports formal imposition of the life prison term was scheduled Monday. Adams in 1998 was convicted of capital murder, but a federal court last year granted him a new sentencing hearing. Jurors deliberated 27 hours on whether Adams should remain on death row over the slaying of Donna Vick of DeSoto. Vick had helped Adams and fellow transient Gregory Wright, who was executed in 2008 over the fatal stabbing. Prosecutor Brandon Birmingham objected to Sunday's jury dismissal because the foreman had

not indicated they were deadlocked.

25 years since Delta 191 crash at DFW

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A granite memorial will pay tribute to victims of the Delta Air Lines Flight 191 crash at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. A ceremony was planned Monday at the airport on the 25th anniversary of the fiery jumbo jet crash, during a landing attempt, that left 137 people dead. The flight was from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Delta crash, during a thunderstorm, drew attention to ways to better detect wind shear. DFW airport spokesman David Magana (muh-GAWN'-yuh) says the granite memorial, about two miles west of the crash site, will also honor emergency responders to the Aug. 25, 1985, accident.

Head-on crash kills five people

CHILDRESS (AP) — A wrong-way driver is being blamed for a head-on crash that left the driver and a family of 4 in the other vehicle dead. The Texas Department of Public Safety in Childress says the crash happened around daybreak Sunday on U.S. 287 about 13 miles east of Vernon, near the Oklahoma border about 160 miles northwest of Dallas. A DPS report says a Wichita Falls was driving his sport utility vehicle east in the westbound lane of the divided highway when his SUV slammed into another SUV bearing Colorado plates with a family of four inside. Both vehicles exploded in flames, killing all inside. Wilbarger County Justice of the Peace Lewis Templeton said the identities of the dead were being withheld until their relatives can be notified.

Texas man killed in Okla accident

RINGLING, Okla. (AP) — Authorities say a Texas man was killed when his vehicle rolled on Oklahoma 89 in southern Oklahoma. David W. Zondor of Flower Mound, Texas, was taken to a Healdton hospital, then flown by medical helicopter to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City where he died of massive injuries about 11:11 p.m. Friday. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says the 50-year-old Zondor was driving north on the highway when his car left the road for some reason. Troopers say when Zondor over-corrected, the vehicle rolled twice and threw him out. The patrol says Zondor was wearing a seat belt.

Flooded Mexican river spared South Texas

HARLINGEN (AP) — Flooding along a Mexican river that flows into Falcon Lake on the Rio Grande spared the lower Rio Grande Valley from more severe flooding after last month's rains. A spokeswoman for the International Boundary and Water Commission tells the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen that flood waters jumped the banks of the Rio Salado in the wake of Tropical Storm Alex and Tropical Depression 2. Sally Spenser says that created a temporary reservoir between Falcon Lake and the Carranza Dam on the Rio Salado and slowed the surge of flood waters into the Rio Grande. She says satellite imagery and on-the-ground inspections more than a week ago showed that the temporary natural lake had vanished.

Texas Marine killed in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 23-year-old suburban Houston Marine has died in combat operations in southern Afghanistan. A Pentagon statement says Marine Lance Cpl. Shane R. Martin of Spring died Thursday in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. The Marine Corps released no other details about the incident. However, NATO says that of the six Americans in uniform killed in southern Afghanistan Thursday and Friday, five were a result of hidden bombs and the sixth to an armed attack. Martin was assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Couple found dead after climbing fall

WESTCLIFFE, Colo. (AP) — A husband and wife from Texas have been found dead after they went missing on a camping trip in Custer County. The unidentified couple was found dead Sunday afternoon, apparent victims of a climbing fall. Bob Pruiksma, captain of Custer County Search & Rescue, says the couple appeared to have been dead "several days." The couple's son reported them missing Saturday after they failed to return from a camping trip near Crestone Needle. Authorities have not named the deceased couple, but says they are ages 57 and 56 and from Texas. Pruiksma did not have an exact hometown. Crestone Needle in the Sangre de Cristo range is a popular climbing destination with a summit at 14,197 feet.

Take Note

- The Salvation Army will take applications for its annual school supply program through Friday at the Army's headquarters at 811 W. Fifth. Application times are from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 267-8239.
- New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are

10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

- Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Mu-

seum at 510 Scurry St. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 267-8255.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-19-29-44-46-48.
Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$21 million.
Winning number purchased in: Garland.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-14-26-34.
Number matching five of five: None.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-9-1-6. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-1-4. Sum It Up: 9.

Oil pushes toward \$80 as global stocks gain

PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press Writer

Oil prices rose above \$79 a barrel on Monday as a global stock market rally gave crude traders optimism. By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for September delivery was up 83 cents to \$79.78 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added 59 cents to settle at \$78.95 on Friday. Asian and European stock markets rallied Monday, led by a 1.8 percent increase in Hong Kong's Hang Seng index and a 2 percent rise in London's FTSE 100 index. Oil traders of-

ten look to equity markets as a reflection of overall investor sentiment. Oil has traded briefly above \$80 this year before quickly sliding back into the \$70s amid signs the U.S. economic recovery may slow in the second half. The government said Friday that second-quarter gross domestic product rose 2.4 percent but demand — such as consumption, business investment and housing construction — gained 5.1 percent, a good sign for oil demand. "Anyone worried about a slowdown in U.S. demand should have been tickled pink by the Q2 GDP figures," DBS bank said in a report. "High

unemployment does not mean demand growth cannot be strong." Investors will be closely watching July employment figures. Analysts are expecting the economy lost 60,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent from 9.5 percent in June. Analysts also said that speculators buying into oil to take advantage of the weaker dollar seemed to be behind oil's rise despite the continued weakness in demand. "Their buying seems to keep prices moving higher despite every logical reason in the world working against prices

moving higher," said a report from U.S. energy consultancy Cameron Hanover. The euro bought \$1.3067 on Monday, up from \$1.3053 late Friday in New York, while the British pound rose to \$1.5803 from \$1.5699. A weaker dollar makes crude cheaper for investors holding other currencies. In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil rose 2.78 cents to \$2.1159 a gallon, gasoline gained 2.21 cents to \$2.1445 a gallon and natural gas rose 1.7 cents to 4.940 per 1,000 cubic feet. In London, Brent crude was up 96 cents to \$79.14 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

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\$25 if purchased at the gate, and \$20 plus a \$3 shipping fee if purchased online," Greer said. "Some things attendees can bring are coolers, food and non-alcoholic drinks with no glass containers present. "Once again this year Rock the Desert is teaming up with Buckner International to collect shoes for Shoes for Orphan Souls. Rock the Desert also intends to help a family in poverty build a home in the lower Rio-Grande valley." For more information on Rock the Desert, email Greer at allison@rockthedesert.com, log

on to the Web site at www.rockthedesert.com, or call the office at (432) 697-4548. For infor-

mation on purchasing tickets in Big Spring, contact Donna Nixson at (432) 816-3978.

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OTHER VIEWS

None so blind as those who will not see

Pride ranks high in the list of the seven deadly sins — a fact either lost on, or ignored by, the religious fundamentalists who control the State Board of Education.

Disregarding pleas from public school educators, academics and the public, board members earlier this summer adopted curriculum standards that pushed their narrow political agenda. This despite warnings from legislators that their actions would provoke more legislation trimming the board's powers and the defeats of Don McLeroy, R-Bryan, a faction leader, and at least two other candidates who campaigned on fundamentalist platforms in the March Republican primary.

A boastful McLeroy declared before the election that the primaries would be a referendum on the board's performance. If it was, then the board majority ignored GOP voters as well as the academics, legislators and the public in pursuing an agenda to push Texas education backward.

"Somebody has to stand up to these experts," was a particularly memorable — and telling — McLeroy quote.

While all that was going on, pollsters hired by the Texas Freedom Network were surveying public opinion on the board and its approach to education. The group bills itself as a nonpartisan research and citizen education organization. It is a consistent critic of the fundamentalist State Board of Education bent.

Released last week, the poll showed that overwhelming majorities of those polled want educators — and not politicians — writing curriculum. The support was bipartisan, with 84 percent of the Democrats, 63 percent of the Republicans and 76 percent of the independents polled statewide saying experts should write curriculum standards.

An overwhelming majority of the sample, 80 percent, agreed that high school sex education classes should teach "about contraception, such as condoms and other birth control, along with abstinence." ...

"Texas voters — regardless of political affiliation or ideological views — agree that politics has no place in developing public school curricula," researchers wrote.

Not surprisingly, however, the study found that most Texans were paying little or no attention to the goings-on as the State Board of Education monkeyed with curriculum standards. ...

While board supporters might dismiss the poll as the product of an organization of Austin liberals, they can't wave away results of the March primaries. Nor should they ignore the warnings from the Legislature, which included the Texas Senate's refusal to confirm McLeroy as chairman of the state board in 2009. Gov. Rick Perry appointed McLeroy chairman three years ago.

Perry appointed Gail Lowe, R-Lampassas, to succeed McLeroy. She faces confirmation in 2011 and will encounter turbulence.

We suggest that the board majority consult the book of Matthew: "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."

The survey report is available at tfn.org/educationsurvey.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we gravitate towards Your word, Lord, and experience Your love.

Amen

A mid-summer potpourri...

July can be both hazy and crazy, and my Uncle Mort's 98th birthday party down in the thicket fits both of the rhyming words.

Pride-swollen that he used only six of his 10 minutes allotted for candle-blowing, he blew the extra time rambling through his "impromptu response."

Though a far cry from the "over the top" party NBA star LeBron James orchestrated to herald his change of address, the party was back-drop for Mort's surprise announcement that even stunned Aunt Maude. His wife of 80 years usually can finish his sentences, interpret his dreams and predict his excuses. (She even knows how many grunts precede his deepest snoring, and how many kicks it takes to slow him down, mute him completely or at least re-direct the noisy blast to the opposite wall.)

This time, her "peepers" were pie-sized at the party with her partner's paunchy pals.

Mort announced that come September, he'll enter the "writing side" of literature.

He's already nailed down the title — Mort's First Hundred Years of Potpourri — and now is on the homestretch "assembling the words between the covers."

He claims that "potpourri" in the title will cause a run on dictionaries.

His marketing plan calls for an initial printing of 50 copies, all to be given to kin. A month later, another 50 will go to friends, and the next 50 will adorn the "please take one" table at the

senior center.

Then comes his publicity raves that his "best-seller is in its fourth printing in just four months!"

His "pronouncement" barely dented conversations around the punch bowl concerning basketball "King James."

Mort's flock "has no truck" for the manner LeBron chose to harness ESPN for infliction of an outright infomercial. The team owner just wishes that James' play for the Cavaliers had been as "cavalier" as his exit.

One guest summed up James with the old axiom that "there but by the grace of God walks God."

Someone else offered a pair of intriguing thoughts: 1) that LeBron and British Petroleum may share the same PR firm, and 2) that if the star ever writes a book, a title suggestion is Humility and How I Alone Attained It.

One attendee predicted a big drop-off of King James Bible sales in Ohio, but offered a plan for Cleveland's inventory of LeBron's bobble-head dolls. "They can add hatpins and peddle them as 'voodoo dolls' next season."

Another guest said his jaw dropped lowest when James predicted the "road to history begins now." Maybe James was thinking of the "pathway to hell" being paved with good intentions. (This quotation is attributed to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, almost 1,000 years ago.)

This reminded one party guest of his recent dream about Heaven. "I dreamed that new arrivals are shocked to find that all streets are not paved with gold, that most of the streets aren't even paved and that they're expected to help pave them."

Mort predicts that the Miami Heat will become the NBA what the Yankees are to major

league baseball.

"Miami will become the team fans love to hate," he claims. Meanwhile, much of Ohio weeps with tears of flood stage proportions, sad that no professional sports team from Cleveland has won a title in almost a half-century. "The last time we won, the telecast wasn't even in color," one fan lamented, remembering that the "vertical hold" knobs on most sets were worn smooth out.

Mort cocked his head about LeBron's promise to "take the Heat to a different level." Reassured that Miami remains situated at sea level, he wondered if the Heat will yell down at us from the sky, or "gurgle up" from the Atlantic Ocean? He laughed about "keys to the cities" given to James by South Florida municipalities, noting that in Cleveland, "they're changing the locks."

My uncle admits his views of James will change if the star should decide to underwrite the cost of my uncle's book. (Mort is already busy jotting down quotes that'll be "suitable for framing," as well as for embroidering.)

"I may let you try some of 'em out in your column, nephew," he laughed, scribbling notes on an envelope, including: "Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity," and "People who insist on a 'business as usual' approach to life soon will be out of business."

Meanwhile, this writer is putting pen and pad away for vacation. Please notice there's no "well-deserved" in front of "vacation."

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An odd observation or two...

It is important for us to be aware our surroundings.

It is also fun to know about the things going on around us. Some of us are such nerds, we actually accumulate knowledge and facts on subjects and people we probably should know nothing about.

As a highly caffeinated Christian, I tend to ponder and pick up things in a life of dedicated contemplation. This week's sip from the Master's cup comes blended with a different view of things we see everyday. Enjoy!



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KID'S STUFF

Did you know Walt Disney was afraid of mice? Turns out he had a phobia of mice and invented Mickey as a friendly and funny version of what terrorized him as a kid. I think that's cool.

Donald Duck, another Disney invention, was, at first, banned from Finland because Donald doesn't wear pants.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life."

The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan. There was never a recorded Wendy before.

In comic strips, the person on the left always speaks first.

Mel Blanc, who played the voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots. "That's all folks" on cartoons and puppets, but speaking of bugs...

BUGS AND CRITTERS

Did you know you are three times more likely to be killed by a flying champagne cork than you are to be killed by the bite of a venomous spider, so you probably should not waste time worrying about it.

On the same note, donkeys kill more people every year than plane crashes do. This bit of information, however, has not kept me from making a jackass out of myself on international flights — I hate airplanes.

A shrimp's heart is in its head. A bird chews with his stomach and some turtles can breathe through their butts. Eels have two hearts, elephants can't jump and bats always fly left when exiting a cave.

By the way, did you know you can melt pearls and kill scorpions with vinegar? Oh yes, there's more.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Did you know Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one of her feet? If she reminds you of a Barbie doll, I wonder of you know what Barbie's full name is? Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Albert Einstein's parents were worried he was mentally slow, because it took him a long time to learn how to speak.

Shakespeare invented the

words "assassination" and "bump."

You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world, and India has never invaded another country in the past 6,000 years of its history.

PAYING ATTENTION

While we might not need to know a lot of these things, we do need to know what's going on around us. The Good Book says that as we move forward through life, we should see the timing and events of things so that we can cash in on the value of our day.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." — Ephesians 5:15-17

A lot of us don't know the will of God simply because we don't see what is going on around us. We foolishly miss how God uses the things going on around us like billboards through which He speaks to us because we are so focused on selfish agendas.

The Brewer reminds you this week to stop and smell the coffee. Take a look around you and ask God to show you what He wants you see. If you get real with Him on this issue, get ready for sensory overload.

The Rev. Troy Brewer pastors Open Door Ministries near Joshua and can be reached through his web site at www.opendoorministries.org

THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

Obama to set course for changing Iraq mission as combat operations end

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will set a course Monday for the nation's changing mission in Iraq as the military prepares to end its combat operations there.

In a speech at the national convention of the Disabled American Veterans in Atlanta, Obama was to address the progress being made to meet his deadline of drawing down all combat troops by the end of the month. A transitional force of 50,000 troops will remain to train Iraqi security forces, conduct counterterrorism operations and provide security for ongoing U.S. civilian efforts.

Obama has said all U.S. troops will be gone from Iraq by the end of next year.

At the same time Obama has drawn down forces in Iraq, he has increased the U.S. commitment in Afghanistan, ordering a surge of 30,000 additional troops. But with casualties on the rise, there are fresh concerns about the 9-year mission in Afghanistan, as well Obama's plan to begin withdrawing troops in July 2011, a timetable

that critics say will embolden the Taliban and other extremist groups in the region.

Facing a potential loss of public and congressional support for the Afghanistan war, the White House is painting the U.S. mission there as humble and achievable: keeping the region from being a haven for terrorists.

Pakistani medical teams race to prevent disease outbreak after worst floods in history

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan dispatched medical teams Monday to the deluged northwest amid fears that cholera could spread after the worst floods in the country's history that have already killed up to 1,200 people, an official said.

The disaster has forced 2 million to flee their homes. Residents have railed against the government for failing to provide enough emergency assistance nearly a week after extremely heavy monsoon rains triggered raging floodwaters in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa province.

The government says it has deployed thousands of rescue workers who have so far saved an estimated 28,000 people and distributed basic food items. The army has also sent

some 30,000 troops and dozens of helicopters, but the scale of the disaster is so vast that many residents said it seems like officials are doing nothing. Thousands more people in the province remain trapped by the floodwaters.

The anger of the flood victims poses a danger to the already struggling government, now competing with Islamist movements to deliver aid in a region with strong Taliban influence.

"We need tents. Just look around," said flood victim Faisal Islam, sitting on the only dry ground he could find in Nowshera district — a highway median — surrounded by hundreds of people in makeshift shelters constructed from dirty sheets and plastic tarps.

'Smell tests' leave bad taste in mouths of Louisiana fishermen who harbor fears

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO (AP) — Even the people who make their living off the seafood-rich waters of Louisiana's St. Bernard Parish have a hard time swallowing the government's assurances that fish harvested in the shallow, muddy waters just offshore must be safe to eat because they don't smell too bad.

Fresh splashes of chocolate-colored crude, probably globules broken apart by toxic chemical dispersants sprayed by BP with government approval, still wash up almost daily on protective boom and in marshes in reopened fishing grounds east of the Mississippi River.

When shrimp season opens in a couple of weeks and fisherman Rusty Graybill drags his nets across the mucky bottom, he worries that he'll also collect traces of oil and dispersants — and that even if his catch doesn't smell, buyers and consumers will turn up their noses.

"If I put fish in a barrel of water and poured oil and Dove detergent over that, and mixed it up, would you eat that fish?" asked Graybill, a 28-year-old commercial oyster, blue crab and shrimp angler who grew up fishing the marshes of St. Bernard. "I wouldn't feed it to you or my family. I'm afraid someone's going to get sick."

Louisiana wildlife regulators on Friday reopened state-controlled waters east of the Mississippi to harvesting of shrimp and "fin fish" such as redfish, mullet and trout. Smell tests on dozens of specimens from the area revealed barely traceable amounts of toxins, the federal Food and Drug Administration said.

2010 Property Tax Rates in Howard County

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$9,854,214		\$728,956
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 528,617		\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$10,382,831		\$728,956
Last year's tax base	\$1,918,546,996		\$1,918,546,996
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.541182/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.37474/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$10,378,452		\$728,597
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$2,126,126,810		\$2,126,126,810
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.488138/\$100	/ \$100	
Total effective tax rate	\$0.522406/\$100		\$0.034268/\$100

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

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

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

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$9,850,602		\$728,598
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,126,126,810		\$2,126,126,810
= This year's effective rate	\$0.463312/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.034269/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.500376/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.037010/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.043580/\$100	/ \$100	0.0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.543956/\$100	/ \$100	\$0.037010/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.580966/\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.522406 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$47,669.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$5,650,000
Road & Bridge	995,000
EO	150,000
Tobacco	1,500,000

Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligations Bonds Series 2005	\$120,000	\$20,790	\$0	\$140,790
General Obligations Bonds Series 2008	\$295,000	\$507,824	\$0	\$802,824
Total required for 2010 debt service				\$943,614
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$30,000
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$913,614
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98% of its taxes in 2010				\$18,645
= Total Debt Levy				\$932,259

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main Street (County Annex Bldg.).

Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A Sayles, RTA

Title Tax Assessor Collector

Date prepared July 27, 2010

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2010 Property Tax Rates in HOWARD COLLEGE

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for HOWARD COLLEGE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,266,714	
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,782,733	
Last year's total taxes	\$6,049,447	
Last year's tax base	\$1,917,184,935	
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.315538	/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,044,048	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$2,116,124,189	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.285618	/ \$100

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

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

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

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal, justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,264,582	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,116,124,189	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.201528	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.217650	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.080706	/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.298356	/ \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard College adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.285618 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$26,094

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered M&O Funds	\$0

Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligation Bond Series 2007	\$725,000	\$907,038	\$400	\$1,632,438
Total required for 2010 debt service				\$1,632,438
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$1,632,438
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2010				\$85,918
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,718,356

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S Main St (County Annex Bldg.).

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Two-a-days open around local area



BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

All around the Crossroads area, some might argue that the push for the playoffs begins today.

But area football coaches are not thinking that far ahead as players start two-a-days. For most coaches, it's about finding out what they have before that first Friday night.

There are varying storylines heading into camp today for many different teams, from moving to a different classification, ushering in new quarterbacks to beginning the defense of a state championship.

A handful of those storylines deal with the Steers.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey said it's no question the team has lost some experience with 10 starters returning this

season. But five of those starters are offensive linemen, something Ritchey is glad about heading into two-a-days.

"It's definitely going to be a different team than we had the last two years," he said. "We had a lot of veteran players that had a lot of varsity experience playing for us, but we're excited about what this team can develop into with our veteran offensive line. All five of them back. We definitely have a chance to be a good offensive team with those guys anchoring our line."

Concerns for the Steers?

Ritchey said that lies with the skill-position players. Those position battles are expected to be up in the air. He said

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Devonte Lloyd blocks a field goal attempts during one of the Steers' games last season. Big Spring and other schools around the Crossroads area begin two-a-days today with hopes of starting the 2010 football on the right foot.

File Photo

Garcia takes City Golf title for fifth straight time

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Charles Garcia will be the first one to admit he escaped with the Big Spring City Golf Championship on Sunday as opposed to running away with it.

Maybe that's not the kind of talk expected from a player like Garcia, who now has won the tournament five years in a row.

"Just trying to keep the ball in play," he said. "Didn't work too good this weekend. I was lucky enough, I got a little help from the other guys and I made a few putts when I needed to."

Garcia's margin of vic-

tory at Comanche Trail Golf Course this weekend was closer than he would have liked. He started the second round Sunday one stroke back of Pat Loya and ended it one stroke ahead of him.

It speaks volumes to the competitiveness of what course superintendent David Course Birdwell said is one of the more anticipated golf tournaments the city has to offer.

While Garcia took the crown with a pair of 72s this weekend, Suzie Hernandez won the women's group with a 151 and Jim Roger won the senior division with a 154 to highlight the latest installment of the

Course fixture.

The competition was indeed tight at this year's City Golf Championship, with three playoffs needed to determine final finishes Sunday afternoon.

In the Championship A flight, Loya, Blake Broman and Justin Myers had to battle for second place behind Garcia. In the Championship B flight, Ben Garcia Jr., Mike Mendoza and Josh Helmstedler had to do the same behind Colin Carroll and Mike McMilliam and Jason Brock battled for first place in the second flight.

McMilliam won his

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HERALD Photo/ Adam Coleman

Charles Garcia won the Championship A flight in the Big Spring City Golf Championship this weekend with a score of 144. This is the fifth consecutive year he's won the tournament.

Astros win 5-2, sweep Brewers after trading away two stars

HOUSTON (AP) — Talk about a fun youth movement. The Houston Astros are piling up the wins while they shed some of their most experienced players.

Pinch-hitter Jason Michaels connected for a grand slam in the seventh inning and Houston beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2 on Sunday to complete the three-game sweep.

The Astros trailed 2-0 before Michaels' drive to the first row of the Crawford Boxes in left field. It was his seventh homer of the season.

Houston, starting four rookies since Lance Berkman was

traded on Saturday, has won five straight games while Milwaukee has dropped its last five. It's the Astros' longest winning streak since a six-game surge in September 2008.

"We just have some guys that want to go out there and play hard," Hunter Pence said. "We're having fun. It's just us now and we've got to look at each other, believe in each other and go out and do it."

Brewers starter Randy Wolf was cruising before he was hit on his left wrist by Pence's single with none out

in the seventh, forcing the left-hander out of the game. He was replaced by Kameron Loe (1-2), who walked Carlos Lee and Chris Johnson to load the bases before Zach Braddock took over.

That set up Michaels' second career pinch-hit grand slam.

Wesley Wright (1-1) pitched seven innings for Houston, yielding two runs and four hits. Wilton Lopez worked the eighth before Brandon Lyon tossed a perfect ninth for his second save.

"It was pretty special to see Wesley throw the ball like he

did today," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "It was an absolutely outstanding job to go that far into the game and to pitch as well as he did."

Wolf allowed one run and six hits. X-rays were negative, but Wolf has a bone contusion. He will fly with the team to Chicago before returning to Milwaukee on Monday for more tests.

"Initially that thing hit me really square," Wolf said. "Those are the ones that are scary because they are hard to see. They come at you pretty fast and it got me right on the bone."

Pence was upset about hitting Wolf.

"I hate to see that happen and I hope he's OK," Pence said. "I feel bad. He's a friend of mine. You don't ever want to see anyone take one anywhere."

Wolf was disappointed he had to leave when he was pitching so well.

"That last pitch was my 75th pitch," he said. "Those are the days where you think you can complete the game. But unfortunately, we had some crazy circumstances happen

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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 today. 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 Big Spring High School 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.

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. Combined 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. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

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.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the community center and everyone is welcome to attend.

LA Angels beat Texas Rangers 4-1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Seven of the Angels' final 14 regular-season games are against the Texas Rangers, who lead them by eight games in the AL West and are on the verge of ending Los Angeles' run of three straight division titles. What happens over the next six weeks will determine whether those last two weeks will mean anything in baseball's most lopsided

race. Jered Weaver out-pitched Cliff Lee with seven sharp innings in a matchup of the AL's strikeout and ERA leaders, and the Angels took the rubber game of the series with a 4-1 victory over the Rangers on Sunday. "Every game against those guys is important, and every game for us here on out is important," Weaver said.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we've been in this kind of deficit. But we've got guys in this clubhouse that know how to take care of business and know what it takes to win an AL West championship." The Angels have won eight division titles in their 50-year history — five in the past six years — but have never erased a deficit of more than 5½

games to do so. "I don't think there's anybody in here who's giving up. I'm certainly not," Weaver added. "That's not why we play this game. We play this game to win, and everybody knows it. But we have some work to do, and we've got to get some momentum going." The victory prevented the Angels from falling below .500 for the

first time this season, and slipping at least 10 games out of first place for the first time since the end of the 2003 campaign. "We're going to have to settle with two out of three," said Torii Hunter, who ended an 0-for-15 drought with a pair of singles that helped build two rallies. "I mean, we would have loved to sweep them, but it's hard to sweep a

major league ballclub — especially a ballclub like that." Weaver (10-7) allowed an unearned run on four hits and struck out seven to increase his league-best total to 162. The right-hander, making his fourth start against the Rangers this season, was coming off a pair of hard-luck losses — one of which came at Texas when Lee beat him 3-2.

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wide receiver Mike Menefield could be key as those battles unfold. Ritchey also said he expects some of his receivers and running backs who are used to a secondary role to step into the limelight this season. The Steers won't have to battle against 4A opponents this year, too. Big Spring made the drop to District 5-3A and has Brownwood, Snyder, Sweetwater and Wylie on tap instead. It's a move Ritchey said has highlighted most of the off-season for the Steers, but he's past it and ready for the sea-

son to start. "That's one reason why I'm so glad the season's starting, so we can put that behind us," he said. "It's going to be a tough season. We've got a tough schedule ahead of us and we've got a lot of work to do to get to where we want to be." Forsan shares something in common with Big Spring with the classification move. The Buffs will be in District 2-2A Division II this season with Anson and Idalou, among others. They'll be trying to improve on a 2-8 record from last year, which included an 0-5 district record. Hope for that lies in Foster Burchett's hands, Forsan coach Jason Phillips said. He started at quarterback as

a sophomore last season and Phillips said the experience at that position should help. "That year of experience I think is going to help him make great strides," he said. "Just the maturity level more than anything. He's going to be able to read defenses a lot better. His composure will be better just by going through it one year already. We're looking for him to have a real good year." To the east is one of the Buffs' district rivals this year. Coahoma will be ushering in a new coach in Trey Gardner, who was a mid-summer hire for the Bulldogs. Having the summer to prepare for two-a-days, Gardner said the speed his team has caught his eye. He said that

should help with his plans to run the ball a little more than the Bulldogs have been used to. But Gardner said he'll be searching for a solid five up front on the O-line and then there's the fact this will be the first time he has all his players together for an organized practice. "We personnel offense and defense so everybody would have somewhere to start (today)," Gardner said. "Just like I told the coaching staff, there's a good chance a lot of these kids are going to be moved because I'm kind of doing it blind and relying totally on them to some degree. It'll take me two or three days to kind of get a feel for them." On the six-man football

level, Garden City enters this season with a target on its back. Opponents looking to take down the defending state champion Bearkats will have to deal with the same offensive unit from last year that put up 122 points in that state championship game. But Garden City coach Vance Jones is quick to remind his players: everyone has the Bearkats circled on their schedule. "Everybody has their rival game and now everybody on our schedule has us marked," he said. "Everybody will be gunning for us. It's a different approach this year." *Contact Sports Editor Adam*

CITY GOLF

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flight Sunday with a 167. Bob Shaffer shot a 164 to win the third flight and Jeff Atkerson took the fourth with a 191. Player were split up into flights after the first round Saturday. Roger said having a lead heading into Sunday's second round made it easier to hold off his competitors in

the senior division. "I went out there with the idea of just trying to make par on every hole," he said. "I had a three-shot lead going into (Sunday) and I thought, 'Well I'm going to play just to make par and if I can do that, I can probably win.'" Aside from the stiff competition, Birdwell pointed out the low number of women competing in the tournament this year. Hernandez had two other competitors

in her flight — Debra Lusk and Jayci Brock. Birdwell said seeing how the women's flight played out Sunday was interesting and he can't help but think what it would be like if more were around to compete. Hernandez couldn't agree more. "It'd be nice if more people played and there's a lot of women out here," she said. "They just don't want to play in this thing. This

is a nervous situation." However, there are not many negative things Birdwell could say about this year's tournament. He said the conditions were perfect this weekend and he was pleased with participation. All in all, it comes down to playing golf with close friends for Garcia. He said the City Golf Championship is something he enjoys being a part of for that reason. "It's the one tourna-

ment that I really look forward to playing every year," Garcia said. "There's a lot of good players. You get the best players to come out. Gives you something to shoot for. It's a lot of fun. I know most of these guys, we're all real good friends." Birdwell said it's easy to think this tournament is difficult to win with a five-time champion playing in it ever year. But with all the tal-

ented players involved, Birdwell said he hopes those thinking about playing in the tournament next year know anybody can win. "I hope people don't get the idea that the same guy wins it every year," said Birdwell, who shot a 160 himself in the Championship A flight. "You just have to go out and compete and get your head in the game and play. This year, he only won by one stroke."

CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

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19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rodman unhurt when Land Rover flips

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Former NBA star Dennis Rodman walked away unhurt after riding in an SUV that flipped over on an interstate in South Florida. Sgt. Mark Wysocky of the Florida Highway Patrol said Rodman and another passenger weren't injured in the single-vehicle crash on Saturday on Interstate

95 near Fort Lauderdale. The driver was taken to a hospital. Wysocky said the Land Rover flipped over after having a tire problem. No charges are expected. Rodman's agent, Darren Prince, said he spoke with his client on Sunday, and he confirmed that he was unhurt. Rodman had just returned to the U.S. from

the Caribbean island of St. Tropez, where he had a disc-jockey gig. "Thank God he's OK," Prince said. "He walked out with a little scratch on his finger." Prince said that Rodman told him, "I'm still living brother. They can't get rid of me." Rodman told his agent that the driver had a gash in his head and was in stable condition.

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that are out of my control." Brewers manager Ken Macha didn't like being asked if his team was reeling. "What kind of a question is that? What do you think? We're happy we lost five in a row?" he said. "We're not happy and we need to start getting some runs on the board. When you only score two runs here, you're not going to win any games here." Houston stretched the

lead to 5-2 in the eighth inning when Pence tripled and scored on an error by second baseman Rickie Weeks. Weeks overthrew third by so much that the ball bounced into the stands behind Milwaukee's dugout. Corey Hart put the Brewers on top with a two-run homer in the sixth inning. It was his 23rd of the season. Hart's drive broke a string of 31 straight scoreless innings by Houston's pitching staff. The Astros' streak was tied for second-longest in the majors this season and was the longest

such streak by Houston since 1997. Milwaukee put runners on first and second after Hart's two-out drive, but Wright retired Casey McGehee on a fielder's choice to limit the damage. Wright didn't allow a hit until Ryan Braun singled to start the fifth inning. He responded by retiring the next three batters. Wright was excited about his victory and helping extend Houston's winning streak. "It's big," he said. "We are coming on to the latter part of the season and we haven't quit."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a challenging project at hand. You don't have the time to do proper research and preparation, so you're going to have to compress your efforts, improvise, be shrewd and make things happen quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love excitement and will be drawn to the center of the spectacle. You will not, however, be in a mood to create drama in your own life — who needs it? You have too much to do to let disharmonious relationships weigh you down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you are getting more than your fair share of emotional knocks, consider this an initiation process. You need a thick skin in order to play in the big leagues. This is how you'll prove your mettle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not what happens but what it represents to you that matters. Material concerns will be less important than they seem. Property is a symbol of something

emotional. From this perspective, you'll easily solve a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Vigorous exercise will do you well. You are stronger now and will benefit from pushing to the limits of your ability. Stay hydrated. Your mind and body will be elevated to new levels of ability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you need to do is not difficult. Making it a priority in your life and actually doing it every day is the hardest part. Look for an inspiring person to help you make the shift.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are usually the first to strike a balance, create a compromise and negotiate a plan that everyone is more or less happy with. But not right now. It will be important that it happens your way, and you won't back down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stick to the main matter. Don't allow yourself to go off on tangents. Those flights of fancy that usually add whimsy and wonder to your world will now just waste your time. Stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone wants to know you but doesn't have the guts to reach out. Be kind to all you come into contact with, and you just might figure out which person has stronger feelings for you than he or she lets on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You stay in control until the work is over. Then you will feel like relaxing. Your way is not to lie down on the couch. You want adventure. Free-spirited people bring out your wilder side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You will have a more intense attitude about love and personal relationships. You will want to know that those who are on your team are 100 percent devoted to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you are so aware of the concerns and thoughts of others, operating in a group is hard work for you. You will take more responsibility than the others for the way things turn out. You need alone time, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 2). You run your personal life and your work life with creative flair. The rules go out the window, as you find that what works for you is often not by the book. You'll use your talents to earn impressive money this month. Family heeds your leadership in September. Love bonds are cemented in November. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 25, 44, 3 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL HISTORY — INTRODUCING THE ARABIC PARTS: During the Islamic Golden Age of the 11th century, a mathematician, astrologer and scholar named Al-Biruni discovered that by applying specific mathematical calculations to planetary positions in a person's natal horoscope chart, one could accurately predict many things. Biruni identified 97 of these calculations, or Parts. Some could pinpoint things to avoid, so astrologers could warn a person about such unpleasant things as accidents, bankruptcy and cancer. Other calculations provided

beneficial information — things like fame, happiness and marriage — to help guide a person in the right direction. The Arabic Parts, as they came to be known, were the most popular astrological method for centuries, but fell out of favor after the decline of the Muslim world. Now, however, there is a renewed interest in the ancient ways, and the Arabic Parts are making a comeback. I'll discuss each of these topics with you in upcoming columns. You will need a copy of your natal horoscope chart, which you can find online if you know the time and place of your birth by searching "free astrology chart."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This former bricklayer has been a star in Australia for almost a decade, but his role as Jake Sully in James Cameron's "Avatar" made him an international sensation. Sam Worthington is an accomplished Leo, with Mercury, Venus and Saturn in the sign of the entertainer, as well. A smoldering Scorpio moon lends the magnetic intensity that creates this compelling big-screen presence.

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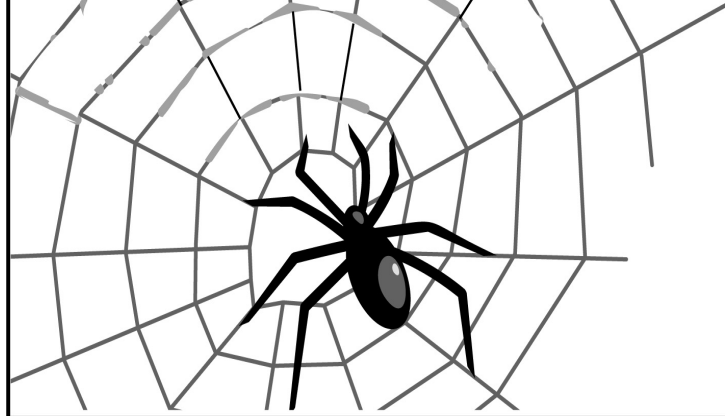
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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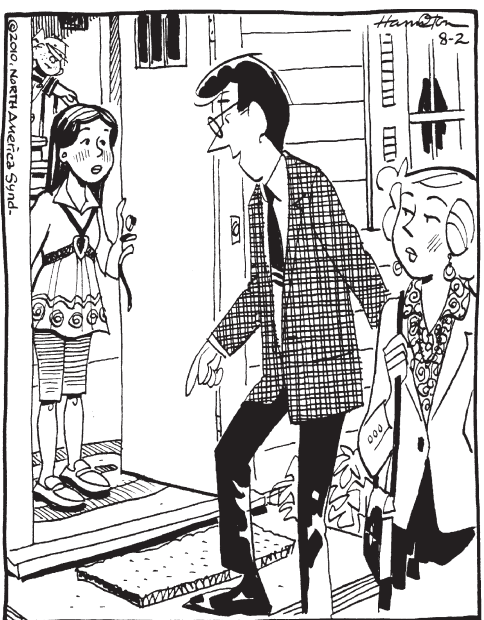
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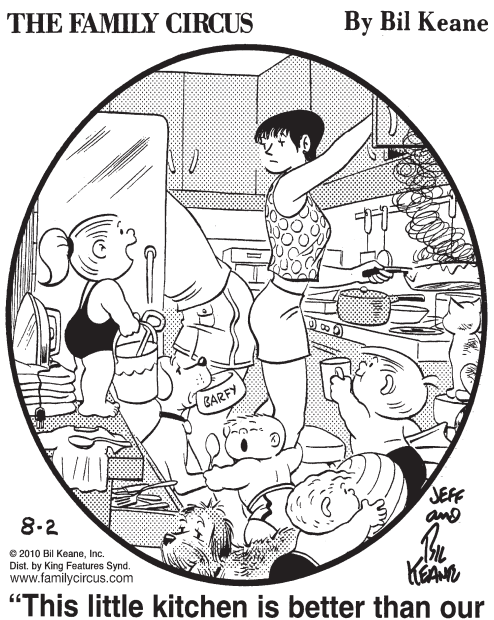
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12:AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corazón Salvaje	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones	Late Night	Name	CCM	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Cops	Day of the Shark 3	(12-02) CSI: Crime Son	HawthoRNe	Movie: Do the Right Thing, Ruby Dee	Wizards	NASCAR Now	NFL Live	
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"BY THE WAY, THERE'S AN EXTRA KEY UNDER THE MAT IN CASE DENNIS LOCKS YOU OUT AGAIN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"This little kitchen is better than our big one at home 'cause it saves you steps — right, Mommy?"

HAGAR



HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR STEAK COOKED, BOSS? PASS IT OVER THE FIRE ONCE OR TWICE

BLONDIE



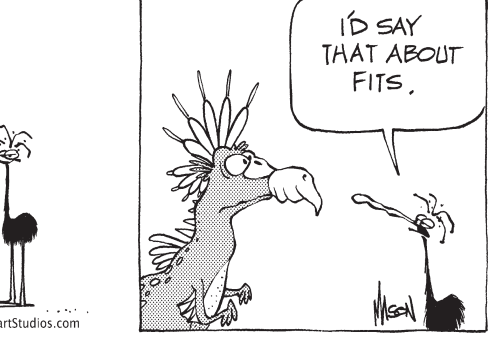
HONEY, LET THE ANSWERING MACHINE GET IT

WIZARD OF ID



HI THERE! I'M A DOPEKATYRANACONFLAPADOSAURUS.

AGNES



I'D SAY THAT ABOUT FITS.

HI AND LOIS



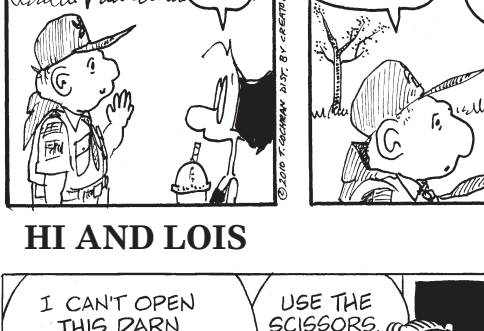
I CAN'T OPEN THIS DARN PLASTIC PACKAGING.

THE OTHER COAST



I COULDN'T FIND THEM. THAT'S WHY I BOUGHT NEW ONES!

SNUFFY SMITH



TOULOSE, HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO HOW WE WOULD SURVIVE IF WE WERE HIT BY A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE?

BEEETLE BAILEY



I NEED A NEW PILLOW

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2010. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

On this date:

In 1610, during his fourth voyage to the Western Hemisphere, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the

YARD GOODS

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10 Sharp-eyed birds
11 Gave happiness to
12 Baseball official
13 Opposite of WNW
21 Make good as new
22 Perform better than
26 Rainy mo.
27 Seem suitable for
28 Sunrise direction
30 Clever folks
31 James Bond, e.g.
32 Remove the rind from
33 Tax reduction
34 Place of residence

35 Like some mountain views
37 Not many
38 Violin kin
39 Bank-acct. entry
44 Trousers
46 Current fashions
48 Unable to sit still
49 Number of Little Pigs
50 Fashion-show strutter
51 Book of maps
52 "One of ___ days . . ."
54 Heroic deed
55 Mexican snack
56 Low-cal, on a label
57 Approx. landing hour
58 Cookie container

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Manicurist's tool
5 Maple-syrup sources
9 Smooth transition
14 Creative thought
15 Very much
16 Tropical trees
17 Football officials, for short
18 Kitchen-flooring piece
19 Open-mouthed
20 Natural universe
23 ___ as a fox
24 Hospital areas: Abbr.
25 Preowned
26 Chimp, for example
27 Wager
29 Uses needle and thread
32 Mama's mate
34 Is in charge of
36 Playful bite
37 Community structure
40 Historical period
41 Send off, as a payment
42 Brings to a halt
43 Moistens
45 Give permission to
46 Explosive initials
47 Airline to Israel
49 Prefix for angle
50 Small rug
53 Clergy member
57 DVD-player button
59 Make, as money
60 Doing nothing
61 Armored vehicles

DOWN

1 Lawyers' employers
2 Absolutely perfect
3 Southpaw's nickname
4 Make simpler
5 Literary spoof
6 Wanted-poster info
7 Opinion survey
8 Slow-cooked meal
9 Practices boxing

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