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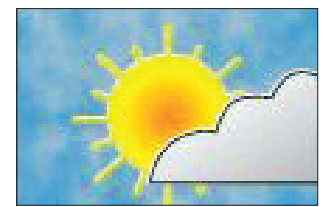
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Garrett Stuteville prepares to throw a pass during a Steers' practice this week. Big Spring is preparing for its scrimmage against Andrews on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The varsity team is expected to take the field around 10 a.m.

Hearing set tonight on ISD tax rate

Bond passage expected to fuel 33-cent increase

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

When Big Spring Independent School District voters approved a \$60 million construction bond in May, they realized they were giving themselves a substantial tax increase.

Tonight, they'll learn how substantial.

BSISD trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room.

Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the district, said officials will pro-

pose a tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 valuation — an increase of 33 cents from the current rate which expires at the end of the month.

All of the increase will go toward servicing the debt incurred from the bonds, which were sold earlier this month.

The rate increase is less than the 35-cent figure officials estimated prior to the election, but will still result in a marked increase in district property owners' tax bills. Owners of a median-priced home within the district should see an increase of

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Howard College to host Guy Doud

Special to the Herald

Howard College will host Guy Doud, 1986 National Teacher of the Year, as part of a joint professional development activity with local school districts at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010.

The event, open to the public, is free of charge and is scheduled to be held at the

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

In 1986, Doud received the highest award the education profession offers.

He was chosen from more than 2.5 million teachers as the National Teacher of the Year for the United States of America. At the time, Doud



Doud

was a high school language arts teacher in Brainerd School District in Brainerd, Minn.

Doud has addressed hundreds of groups since being chosen teacher of the year and was honored at a ceremony at the White

House by President Ronald Reagan.

He graduated summa cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 1975 and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Judson College in 1992.

He has published five award-winning books, including the best seller, "Molder of Dreams," which will serve as

the topic of his presentation.

All Howard College offices will be closed for the day as the staff participates in their annual professional development activities. Visit www.howardcollege.edu for more information.

For more information, contact Cindy Smith at (432) 264-5034 or csmith@howardcollege.edu

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Maddening manhunt for 2 fugitives reaches Arkansas

JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS
MATT VOLZ
 Associated Press Writers

GENTRY, Ark. (AP) — Law enforcement officers descended on back roads and densely wooded terrain in north-west Arkansas, following a lead that apparently took them nowhere. Word had spread that a local beauty salon may have been robbed by a couple who fancy themselves a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde and have eluded capture since a brazen Arizona prison break.

Officers in body armor and camouflage pored over maps as a helicopter whirred overhead Wednesday. A mobile command post took over the church parking lot. Frightened residents gossiped but were on guard, knowing the pair being



sought was suspected in a bloody, multi-state crime spree.

It may have been all for naught. By evening, officials said their investigation gave them "no reason to believe" that John McCluskey and Casslyn Welch had pulled off the heist at the Kut & Kurl salon in Gentry, Ark.

The latest turn in the maddening man-

hunt left authorities from northern Montana to the Arkansas Ozarks still searching for two of the most-wanted fugitives in America, who have traversed far-off towns across the West and evaded police at every turn.

Benton County Sheriff's Office spokesman Doug Gay said the extensive search around Gentry would continue. He acknowledged McCluskey and Welch could be anywhere, including Arkansas.

"They could be in Las Vegas, Nevada, they could be in Akron, Ohio," he added.

Salon owner Joyce Cook was alone at her business Wednesday morning when a couple entered and the woman said she wanted a haircut. Then the man pulled

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Obituaries

Fay Mitchell

Fay Mitchell, 72, passed away Monday, August 9, 2010, at her residence. Services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope, 3349 North 12th St., with the Rev. Paul Matta officiating. A visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Cedar Hill Cemetery, directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mitchell was born Feb. 27, 1938, in Ellis County to Garland and Janie Brumit. She had been a resident of Abilene for 55 years and a member of North Side Baptist Church. She was a long-time employee of K-Mart.

Survivors include a son, Marvin Mitchell and wife Olivia of Abilene; two brothers, Benjamin Glover Brumit of Big Spring and Charlie Brumit of Cleburne; three sisters, Dorothy Matthews of Hermligh, Sue Whiteside of Big Spring and Anita Buchanan of Snyder; a grandson, Alejandro Beltran; a granddaughter, Chrissy Musick and husband David; and three great grandchildren, Alexi, Brooke and Chloe Anne Musick.

Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin Joseph Mitchell; and three brothers, Carl Wayne, Johnny Brumet and Buddy Brumet.

Online condolences and guest book may be signed at www.abilenefuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Manuel Ochotorena Sosa Jr.

Manuel "Blue" Ochotorena Sosa Jr. went with the Lord on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 17, 1942, in Big Spring to Guadalupe and Manuel Coleman Sosa Sr. He was a welder at Webb Air Force Base and later worked as a cook. He became a member of Templo Belen. He was a cancer survivor and an active member of Relay For Life. He was also a volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and attended schools in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ortega Sosa of Big Spring; two daughters, Diane Lopez and husband Jesus of Midland, and Cyndi Rubio and husband Andy of Denver; two sons, Manuel Sosa III and wife Angel, and Freddie Sosa of Big Spring; six sisters, Beatrice Kirkeeng and husband Eldon of Amarillo, Linda Sarinana of Big Spring, Aggie Padilla, Nancy Coker and husband Jody, and Belinda Taylor and husband Wayne, all of Amarillo, and Delmiro Silvera and husband Pete of Midland; four brothers, Robert Sosa and wife Maria, Louis Sosa and wife Sally, George Sosa and wife Yolanda, and Fred Sosa and wife Dori, all of Midland; seven grandchildren, Andy Jr. Rubio, Jeremy Rubio, Mario Rubio, Manuel Sosa IV, Nick Sosa, Abel Miriada Garcia and Mark Sosa Edmondson; five great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Rubio, Elias Rubio, Airianna Sosa, Alexa Sky Edmondson and Alena L. Edmondson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Pallbearers will be Freddie Sosa, Mark Sosa Edmondson, Mario A. Rubio, Abel M. Garcia Jr., Jeremy J. Rubio, Manuel Sosa IV, Nick N. Sosa, Shawn Jones and Arthur Ortega.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- GUY JAMES PETERSON, 20, of 311 W. Sixth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- KENNETH KIRK KIRKHAM, 42, of 2600 Carol Dr., was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- WILLIAM LEE HAYES, 53, of 1704 W. Fourth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JORDAN JAMES KINNEAR, 20, of 2711 Cindy Lane, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for speeding.
- HOLSTON BANKS III, 18, of 1905 Donley, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- GARY STEVEN HARRIS, 27, of 545 Hillside, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- ROBERTO MENDOZA, 62, of 901 N. Gregg Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- FREDDIE RAMOS, 25, of 809 S. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for criminal mischief and a warrant from another agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of N.E. Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of N. Carey.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- BRANDI LYNN MAYO, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JORDAN JAMES KINNEAR, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for speeding.
- GARY STEVEN HARRIS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- HOLSTON BANKS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- WILLIAM LEE HAYES, 53, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FREDDIE RAMOS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on warrants for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and criminal mischief.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ANDREA ROBLEDO, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ROBERTO MENDOZA, 62, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- MONICA MARTINEZ, 27, was arrested Thursday by DPS on warrants for bail jumping – failure to appear, failure to appear and expired driver's license.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Cherry. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. 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 1400 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. Service refused.

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Jalapeno Soup
potato, bacon, red onion, jalapeno \$7

Weekend Special's
Maple Glazed Quail
Texas Slaw
Hand Made Fettuccini
garlic marinated & grilled steak, crimini mushrooms, green onions & bleu cheese cream

Entrées
1 lb. Bone In Rib Eye
poblano potatoes, crispy onion, shiner bock sauce \$30

Blackened Red Snapper
white cheddar rice, broccoli & lemon butter sauce \$25

Citrus Marinated Chicken Breast
roasted thigh, garlic mashed potatoes, cajun-jalapeno creamed corn \$20

New York Strip au Poivre
brandy-green peppercorn, bacon-green onion-horseradish mashed potatoes, asparagus \$27

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Jori Hanlan is pictured on her way to a rehearsal with the Texas Choral Directors' Association's Elementary Honor Choir which recently performed a concert at the annual convention in San Antonio. Hanlan was part of a 160-voice choir selected from more than 600 applicants. The young singers rehearsed for two days with nationally known clinician and composer Rollo Dilworth and then sang a concert for family, friends and 2,000 choral directors from Texas. Hanlan is a member of the Coahoma Choir Kids and is the daughter of Rod and Misti Henson of Big Spring and James Hanlan of Midland.



Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 4-21-24-40-43-48.
 Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$6 million.
 Winning number purchased in: McAllen.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-13-27-37.
 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$19,761.
 Winning ticket purchased in: Bedford.

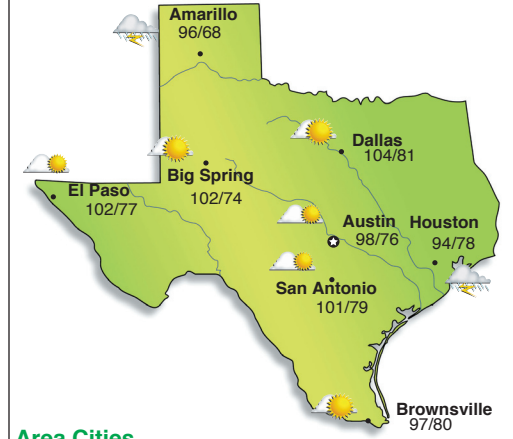
The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-9-2. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-0-6. Sum It Up: 13.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Fri 8/13	Sat 8/14	Sun 8/15	Mon 8/16	Tue 8/17
102/74 Generally sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 102F.	100/75 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	97/73 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/72 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	94/70 Scattered thunderstorms possible.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities			
City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	96	68	t-storm
Big Spring	102	74	
Dallas	104	81	
Austin	98	76	pt sunny
Houston	94	78	pt sunny
San Antonio	101	79	
Brownsville	97	80	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	pt sunny

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around \$70 this coming year, Waggoner said.
 The bonds will finance a wide variety of projects in the coming years, including:
 • The construction of three new elementary campuses and extensive renovation at Moss Elementary, resulting in four elementary schools housing all the district's students in grades kindergarten through 5.

- Renovation to Kentwood Elementary, which officials are eyeing as a pre-kindergarten center for the district.
- The addition of 11 classrooms to Big Spring Junior High School, which will eventually house all of the district's students in grades 6 through 8.
- New science labs, a new roof and installation of a fire suppression system at Big Spring High School.
- Improvements to grounds, parking lots, etc.

The district will repay the

bonds over a 30-year period with the first year's payment being in excess of \$2.6 million, Waggoner said.
 "If our valuations remain stable, (bond payments) should remain in that area," Waggoner said. "That's the way we have it planned out."
 The new budget, which is balanced, calls for \$30.9 million in expenditures, an increase of \$200,000 from this year. Most of that increase will be taken up in pay raises for district employees, including a 3 percent salary

increase for teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses, Waggoner said.
 In addition to salary increases, officials are looking to add more than \$300,000 to the district's reserve fund, which will bring that account up to \$10.8 million.
 The single biggest portion of the budget — \$16 million — will be allocated toward classroom instruction, with \$14 million of that being allocated to salaries for teachers and aides.
 In other business, trustees

- will consider:
- Bids for career and technical education equipment and supplemental education supplies.
 - Naming of the district's flagship radio station.
 - Approval of the district's teacher appraisal calendar and student code of conduct.
 - Recommendations for employment.

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FUGITIVES

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a gun, tied her up with rope and stole money. Authorities have declined to say how much.
 "I just burst (out crying), before they even left, I was boo-hooing so hard," said Cook, who in 35 years of running her business had never been robbed.
 Gay said Cook was shown photographs of the fugitives. And even though officials believe they have changed their appearance — Welch dyeing her hair blond and McCluskey dyeing his black — Cook was certain they were not the couple in her shop.
 Gay also said that although at least one of the fugitives had family in the area at one point, "that individual has since moved" and neither McCluskey nor Welch still have relatives in Gentry.
 Investigators had thought they may have bought in the escaped Arizona inmate and his fiancée — who also is his cousin — near Glacier National Park in recent

days. Federal, state and local authorities began checking vehicles at the border and patrolling tiny towns near the park on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police were notified as well.
 The saga began July 30 when McCluskey and two fellow inmates broke out of a medium-security prison in the Arizona desert. Authorities believe Welch, 44, threw wire-cutting tools over the fence that allowed the criminals to slice their way through a fence.
 Two of the escaped inmates already have been caught, including one who captured after a shootout with law enforcement in Colorado and one who was spotted hanging out and singing hymns at a Wyoming church.
 New Mexico authorities have said forensic evidence links the group to the deaths of an Oklahoma couple whose bodies were found in their charred camper in eastern the state a week ago. The badly burned skeletal remains of Linda and Gary Haas — both

61 and from Tecumseh, Okla. — were found in a charred camper last Wednesday on a remote ranch in eastern New Mexico.
 McCluskey, 45, was doing 15 years for attempted murder, aggravated assault and discharge of a firearm. He also served 14 years in Pennsylvania state prisons for a string of convenience store robberies in April 1992.
 The mug shots of McCluskey and his lover have become a daily fixture in newscasts around the nation as authorities have found themselves spending a lot of time sifting through tips that turned out to be false, possibly delaying them from finding credible information.
 "They're continuing to come in, it's a matter of prioritizing them. The problem with the sheer number is it may take a little while to get to a certain lead," said Rod Ostermiller, Montana's acting U.S. Marshal.
 The Glacier County Sheriff's Office, which has been helping the U.S. Marshal's Service in the search, said Good

steps from a church he had been visiting.
 The Arizona attorney general's office on Monday charged McCluskey's mother and ex-wife with helping the inmates after they escaped.
 Gentry is about 1,600 miles from St. Mary, Mont., where the couple may have been spotted Sunday, but Gay also noted the salon robbers didn't appear to have a vehicle.
 "They were on foot as

best as I could discern," Gay said.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

 By Eddy Pitchford

The nomination and confirmation of a supreme court justice always intrigues me. In theory, a judge is chosen to objectively apply the constitution to particular legal cases. In practice, a judge is often expected to subjectively interpret the constitution.
 We live in a world where it is difficult to be objective. We often approach scripture and religious authority subjectively. Sometimes, we go so far as to choose who we want to interpret and apply God's word for us.
 Rather than accepting someone else's interpretation and application of scripture, why not study for yourself? Jesus said, "The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day." (John 12:48).

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Here are some recipes from The

Family Dish cook book your family can use to get creative — and connected — in the kitchen today.

Fettuccine

Primavera

6 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

1 jar (1 lb. 10 oz.) Ragu Old World Style Pasta Sauce
3 tablespoons olive oil

6 cups assorted cut-up fresh vegetables (broccoli florets, red and/or green bell pepper, onion, zucchini and/or yellow squash)

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves

1 box (12 ounces) fettuccine, cooked and drained

In 2-quart saucepan, heat pasta sauce until heated through; set aside and keep warm.

In 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over

medium heat and cook vegetables and basil, stirring occasionally, 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender. To serve, spoon sauce over hot fettuccine, then spoon vegetable mixture over pasta. Sprinkle, if desired, with grated Parmesan cheese.

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

Sandwiches

10 servings

1 3- pound boneless pork shoulder
1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Mushroom or Onion Soup Mix
1 cup ketchup
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce
10 Kaiser rolls or hamburger buns

Arrange pork in slow cooker. Combine remaining ingredients except rolls and pour over pork; turn to coat.

Cook covered on low 8 to 10 hours or high 4 to 6 hours until pork is tender.

Remove pork; reserve juices. Shred pork with fork, then stir into reserved juices. Serve on rolls.

Marbled Peanut Butter

Brownies

16 servings

1 box (18 to 23 oz.) brownie mix
1/2 cup Skippy Creamy, Super Chunk or Roasted Honey Nut Peanut Butter

Prepare brownie mix according to package directions, pouring batter into 9-inch baking pan.

Microwave peanut butter in microwave-safe bowl at high 30 seconds or until melted. Stir, then drizzle peanut butter over batter and swirl with butter knife to marble. Bake according to package directions. Cool completely on wire rack. To serve, cut in squares.

Casual Cooking with Kris

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



KRIS SOLIZ

... want to hear a secret? Lean in a little closer and I'll share one with you. The recipe provided this week is made of two secret words, easy and dessert. If you can turn on the oven and open a can of biscuits, half of the work is done.

When I first made these I used the big size biscuits and a large muffin tin, but for a crowd pleasing sweet-

ness and quantity use the small biscuits and regular size muffin tin. As a little bonus I'll share a variation to this recipe. The only disadvantage to making this recipe is you will lick your fingers. Now don't beat yourself up over this because it will happen. Besides no one is looking. Enjoy!

Mini Upside Down Pineapple Bites

2 cans of biscuits - 10 count each
2 sticks of butter
brown sugar
large can of crushed pineapples - drained
jar of maraschino cherries
non-stick spray

Preheat oven according to directions, spray non-stick into muffin tin. Place a tablespoon

of butter in each of the tins and top with a half a tablespoon of brown sugar. Add a half of tablespoon of drained crushed pineapples and a cherry. Place a biscuit on top in each tin and bake until lightly brown, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Let cool 1-2 minutes. Place a large cookie sheet on top of the biscuits and flip upside down, serve warm. Yummy!

Variation: Remove the pineapples and cherry, add cinnamon and chopped pecans. Bake the same way. Use a store-bought butter cream cheese frosting and lightly thin with water. Warm in microwave and drizzle the tops of the flipped over sweet, nutty cinnamon bites.



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The Deadly Threat of a Nuclear-Armed Iran

What can the world, what can the USA, what can Israel do about it?

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has declared publicly — not once, but repeatedly — that Israel must be "wiped off the map." That effort, the destruction of Israel, seems to be the main goal of Iranian policy. When Iranian missiles are paraded through the streets of Tehran, the destination "to Jerusalem" is clearly stenciled on them.

What are the facts?

A death wish for Israel. Ahmadinejad and the ayatollah who is the "supreme leader" have publicly mused that one or two nuclear bombs would obliterate Israel, but that, though it would cause devastating damage and millions of casualties, Iran would survive Israel's retaliatory attack. Iran is a huge country, with about 60 million inhabitants, so they are probably correct. And who can doubt that those religious fanatics would not hesitate to allow the destruction of much of their country and to sacrifice a third or even one-half of their population in order to eliminate the hated Jewish state. When our country was entangled with the Soviet Union in the bitter 40-year long "cold war," with both sides having sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy the opponent's country and its people, things were kept in place by MAD — Mutually Assured Destruction. However "evil" the leaders of the Soviet Union (the "Evil Empire") may have been, there was one great consolation and assurance: They were not crazy. But the Iranians and other Muslims are crazies, as we understand the concept. Because they take instructions directly from Allah, who tells them to kill the Jews and other infidels, whatever the cost.

Israel has no problem with Iran. They share no borders and have no territorial dispute. In fact, they face common Arab enemies and should be natural allies, as they indeed were under the Shah. Iran's death wish for Israel is based entirely on religious fanaticism. In contrast even to the intractable North Koreans, the determination of the Iranians is immutable. It cannot be changed by persuasion, by diplomacy, by sanctions or by threats.

Once Iran is in possession of nuclear weapons, it will not only be a deadly danger to Israel, but to all of the Middle East and to virtually all of Europe. The flow of oil from the Middle East, the lifeblood of the industrialized world, would be totally under its control and so would be the economies of all nations of the world, very much including the United States.

What is to be done? In 1981, then prime minister of Israel Menachem Begin, being aware of Iraq's nuclear ambitions and looming realization of those ambitions, decided that its nuclear reactor at Osirac had to be destroyed. The IAF

(Israeli Air Force) accomplished that in a daring and unprecedented raid. Iraq's nuclear capability was eliminated in one stroke, never to rise up again. Israel had done the world an enormous service. Had it not been for Israel's decisive action, the Iraqi conquest of Kuwait and, without question, also of Saudi Arabia and its enormous oil fields, and, for that matter, of Iran, could not have been prevented. Saddam Hussein would have been the ruler of the world.

The solution to the deadly threat that Iran poses to the world is obvious. Of course, diplomacy and persuasion, threats and promises, sticks and carrots — every possible means short of military action — should be used until it becomes clear even to the most obtuse that nothing can deviate Iran from its chosen path of becoming a nuclear power and to dominate the Middle East.

There is reason to believe that the people of Iran, especially the young people, oppose the oppressive and theocratic regime of their country and are hostile to the mullahs who control everything. But the government has the tools of power firmly in its hands. It controls the instruments of coercion — it can kill people and it controls the oil money. While it would be most desirable and in the interest of the world to be able to foment an overthrow of the Iranian regime, that is an unrealistic and unattainable prospect.

Regrettably, there is only one solution to the terrible dilemma confronting the world, the unacceptable danger of a nuclear-armed Iran. The terror, the destruction and the 60 million dead of World War II could have been prevented at several times during the Nazi regime. But the Allied powers, under the leadership of Britain's prime minister Neville Chamberlain, opted for appeasement and for "peace in our time." We cannot afford to make that same mistake again. The world must give Iran an ultimatum: Desist immediately from the development of nuclear weapons; if you do not, we shall destroy the facilities that produce them. There still is a window of opportunity to do that. That window may close very soon. But who would do the job? The United States would be the obvious choice. But if the United States were in accord, Israel could do it, just as it did the job in 1981 in destroying Iraq's nuclear potential once and for all.

An attack on the Iranian nuclear installations would fall under the heading of "anticipatory self-defense," recognized and sanctioned by international law and by common sense. Nobody really knows for sure how far Iran is from reaching its goal — six months, six years? The experts disagree. But if Iran is not stopped now, it may well be too late not very long from now.

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Sovereign citizens spin history, reject government

ANDREW HUGGINS
Associated Press Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio — They call themselves sovereign citizens, U.S. residents who declare themselves above state and federal laws. Many don't register children's births, carry driver's licenses or recognize the court system.

Some peddle schemes that use fictional legal loopholes to eliminate debt and avoid foreclosures.

A few such believers are violent: Two police officers in Arkansas died in a shootout in May after stopping an Ohio sovereign citizen and his son.

As many as 300,000 people identify as sovereign citizens, the Southern Poverty Law Center found in a study to be published Thursday that was obtained by The Associated Press. Hate group monitors say their numbers have increased thanks to the recession, the foreclosure crisis, the growth of the Internet and the election of Barack Obama in 2008.

Adherents expect the current American system of government to end one way or another.

"I'm the Patrick Henry of the 21st century. I'm here to regain our freedom," James McBride said in a jailhouse interview. "I'm going to, or die trying."

At the heart of their belief system: The government creates a secret identity for each citizen at birth, a "straw man," that controls an account at the U.S. Treasury used as collateral for foreign debt. File enough documents at the right offices and the money in those accounts can be used to pay off debt or make pur-

Baffling beliefs mark Sovereign Citizen theories

The Southern Poverty Law Center estimates the number of people who now consider themselves sovereign citizens, Americans above the law who adhere only to the Constitution and follow a revised history of the United States, grew to 300,000 during the past decade. Some of their beliefs:

—14th Amendment citizens: Belief that the 14th Amendment created a class of citizens who had no constitutional rights but were instead slaves to the government. They also believe the government tricks people into becoming 14th Amendment citizens by signing contracts for privileges such as vehicle registration, Social Security and even fishing licenses.

—The gold standard and bankruptcy: Belief that the

country went bankrupt in 1933 when it suspended the gold standard and no longer had collateral to back its loans. In response, the government, with the consent of state governors, secretly pledged current and future citizens as collateral. The government also set up secret accounts at the U.S. Treasury linked to the birth certificate number of each citizen. The value of the accounts ranges from \$600,000 to \$20 million.

—Straw man: Under a sovereign citizen theory called redemption, the government creates a fictional identity for each citizen at birth tied to the secret accounts. The identity is represented by a person's name in all capital letters. Often referred to as an "artificial person" or a "legal fiction."

Sources: Southern Poverty Law Center, Anti-Defamation League, AP research

sovereign citizen, came across anti-government beliefs while in federal prison in Michigan on a 1992 cocaine importing conviction.

Over the years he developed his own tenets, including a revised history of the United States that says the country was secretly organized as a general post office in 1789.

He dismisses any accusation that the programs he pitched were fraud, arguing he's not subject to the laws of the U.S., which he calls a corporation along the lines of a car company.

"General Motor's laws don't affect me because I'm not an employee of them," McBride said. "Same with the state of Ohio and the United States."

Today, McBride is headed back to federal prison after prosecutors said he cashed bogus checks and refused to cooperate with his parole officers following a 2004 bankruptcy fraud conviction.

"I'm never going to have my grandchildren say, 'Grandpa, why didn't you do something to protect my rights?'" McBride said.

chases worth thousands of dollars.

The movement is based on a form of "legal fundamentalism," said Michael Barkun, a retired Syracuse University political science professor who researches anti-government and hate groups.

"These people really seem to feel that filing certain kinds of legal papers that are connected to their theories will somehow also magically have the power to alter relationships and grant things that otherwise would be unobtainable," he said.

Experts say sovereign citizens are the latest manifestation of anti-government activists going back to the Posse Comitatus movement of the 1970s, which recognized only local governments and no law enforcement official with more jurisdiction than a sheriff. In the 1980s, government protesters exploited the farm crisis by selling fraudulent debt relief programs.

"In good times they focus on tax cheating, in bad times they focus on getting out of debt," said JJ MacNab, an expert on tax and financial schemes and author of

the SPLC report.

Martin Smith of Carthage, Mo., lost \$8,000 to a father-and-son company in Columbus called Liberty Resources that pitched a method to eliminate credit card debt based on a theory that national banks aren't authorized to issue credit.

In April, a group called the Guardians of the Free Republics sent letters to governors demanding they leave office or be removed. The group's website calls for the restoration of lawful government and an end to tax forms, vehicle registrations and marriage licenses.

Jim Jarvis is Ohio coordinator for the Restore America Plan, which shares similar beliefs with the Guardians group. He maintains the country has lacked a legitimate government since Congress failed to adjourn properly in 1861.

The people who are crazy, he says, are those who won't do the research to find out what's really going on in the country.

The sovereign citizen movement has grown to about 100,000 hardcore believers, the SPLC report estimates, and 200,000 people trying

out the theories by "resisting everything from speeding tickets to drug charges."

The report cites IRS figures that estimated as many as 250,000 tax protesters in the mid-1990s, though not all of those were part of the sovereign citizen movement. The 300,000 figure is the first calculation of the movement's numbers separate from tax protesters.

In May, Jerry Kane, who pitched so-called redemption schemes for reducing debt, died in a shootout with West Memphis, Ark., police after authorities said his 16-year-old son, Joe, fatally shot two officers during a traffic stop.

Kane's Florida widow, Donna Lee Wray, denies her husband and stepson were sovereign citizens. She maintains a website that asserts they weren't involved in the officers' deaths.

In a 2003 document Jerry Kane filed in a county recorder's office in Ohio, he said he was not a "Fourteen Amendment Citizen." Many sovereign citizens believe the 14th Amendment created a new class of citizens, people who had no constitutional rights but were instead slaves to the government, according to Mark Pitcavage, investigative researcher for the Anti-Defamation League.

McBride, the jailed

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Villagers in Afghanistan protest killing of 3 civilians by NATO

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A crowd of about 300 villagers yelled "Death to the United States" and blocked a main road in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday as they swore that U.S. forces had killed three innocent villagers, officials said.

NATO forces rejected the claim, saying they had killed several suspected insurgents and detained a local Taliban commander in the overnight raid.

The gulf between the two accounts is a reminder of how sensitive every NATO operation in Afghanistan has become. In Taliban-heavy areas it is hard to distinguish villagers from insurgents and sometimes public opinion turns against coalition forces even when they say they are certain they targeted the correct people.

And while NATO has drastically reduced the civilian deaths it causes, the military coalition still makes mistakes. During a clash in southern Helmand province Wednesday, coalition forces mistakenly killed an Afghan woman as they fired back at insurgents, NATO said in a statement.

In the first six months of this year, 386 civilians were killed by NATO or Afghan government forces, including 41 during search-and-seizure operations such as night raids, according to the United Nations.

The Taliban issued a statement decrying the U.N. report, which said insurgent groups were responsible for 76 percent of civilian deaths and injuries in the first half of 2010.

Watchdog says U.S. financial rescue had greater impact overseas than foreign bailouts in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$700 billion U.S. bailout program launched in response to the global economic meltdown had a far greater impact overseas than other countries' financial rescue plans did on the U.S., according to a new report from a congressional watchdog.

Billions of dollars in U.S. rescue funds wound up in big banks in France, Germany and other nations. That was probably inevitable because of the structure of the Treasury Department's program, the Congressional Oversight Panel says in a new

report issued Thursday.

The U.S. program aimed to stabilize the financial system by injecting money into as many banks as possible, including those with substantial operations overseas. Most other countries, by contrast, focused their efforts more narrowly on banks in their nations that usually lacked major U.S. operations.

But the report says that if the U.S. had gotten more data on which foreign banks would benefit the most, the government might have been able to ask those countries to share some of the cost.

FBI says suspected 'Granddad Bandit' captured in La.

BATONROUGE, La. (AP) — The so-called "Granddad Bandit" suspected of robbing banks in 13 states eluded authorities for about two years even as he stayed in plain, unremarkable sight.

Michael Francis Mara, 52, had recently moved into a modest home in Baton Rouge with his new wife, a schoolteacher. She told neighbors about his frequent business trips around the country.

But authorities say he is connected to a string of 25 robberies beginning in Richmond, Va., in 2008 and passing through Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Arkansas, Kansas, New York, Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri — but not Louisiana.

The trail ended Wednesday when police and FBI agents acting on a tip surrounded his home and he surrendered peacefully after a six-hour standoff.

Last week, the FBI began posting pictures of the "Granddad Bandit" on billboards across the country, saying he was connected to a string of robberies dating to a 2008 holdup of a SunTrust Bank in downtown Richmond. U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride in the Eastern District of Virginia credited the billboards with helping catch Mara.

Poll: Many U.S. Latinos who speak English turn to Spanish TV, radio

WASHINGTON (AP) — An automobile technician by day, Miguel Ramirez often returns home in a mostly white Dallas suburb to a world of romantic telenovelas, futbol or the latest U.S. news on Spanish-language TV.

"When there is a Mexican soap opera that is re-

ally juicy, my wife and her mother are so focused on watching you can't talk to them," Ramirez, 52, of Frisco, Texas, said with a chuckle. "It's a chance for my young daughters to watch and learn since they don't get to speak Spanish in school."

An Associated Press-Univision poll finds many U.S. Hispanics who, like the Ramirez family, mainly speak English are turning to Spanish-language TV and radio. The main appeal: sports and entertainment, a cultural connection and a nagging feeling among some Latinos that English-language media portray them negatively.

The enduring interest in Spanish media has helped fuel a surge of Spanish marketing in a bid to reach the fast-growing U.S. Latino demographic of 48 million people — from Spanish music and college recruiting to a bit of politics — even as many cities and states consider English-only policies amid a contentious immigration debate.

The nationwide poll, also sponsored by The Nielsen Company and Stanford University, found U.S. Latinos spent at least some time each day — in many cases, several hours — consuming Spanish-language media. They included almost 90 percent of Hispanics who mostly speak Spanish who watched TV and roughly 75 percent who listened to Spanish radio.

As BP, feds explore whether final plug is needed for Gulf gusher, locals fear being forgotten

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With the oil well that had been spewing into the Gulf of Mexico plugged from the top and BP PLC and federal officials pondering whether the final plug, or "bottom kill," is needed, local officials fear national disengagement from what remains a crisis of unknown proportions.

Meanwhile, bad weather delayed work on the relief well being drilled into next week.

"This is going to be a long-term situation," Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young said. "I think it's way too early for the federal government have a 'mission accomplished' type of attitude."

Work on the final kill to the well has been postponed by bad weather blowing through the region. Crews drilling relief wells to the gusher have stopped their work, and will need about four days to finish once the weather passes.



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Rangers sale almost complete

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan and sports lawyer Chuck Greenberg have had a long and difficult struggle to gain ownership of the Texas Rangers.

It's almost over. The MLB ownership committee and executive council each unanimously approved the sale Wednesday at the quarterly owners' meetings. All that remains for the sale to be completed is a final vote of all teams Thursday, which appears to be a formality.

"I'm delighted we took the first two steps today in unanimity," Commissioner Bud Selig said. "Tomorrow we'll come out after the meeting and tell you how the final vote came, but I suppose you could probably guess that."

The acquisition from current owner Tom Hicks had been delayed and then ended up in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The team's May filing included a plan to sell to the Greenberg-Ryan group, chosen as the new owner in January, but angry creditors successfully argued to reopen the bidding. The messy court fight dragged on for 11 weeks and included a contentious auction with Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban last week.

The Greenberg-Ryan group won with a bid valued at \$590 million.

"I know it was a difficult process. But everybody really conducted themselves well," Selig said. "Last week was a very tough week, but all

is well that ends well. We're one step away from having a great ending for generations to come for the Texas Rangers."

With Ryan remaining in Texas to watch his first-place Rangers play the New York Yankees, Greenberg and two other lead investors, pipeline billionaire Ray Davis and XTO Energy founder Bob Simpson, traveled to Minneapolis to go before the ownership committee.

Greenberg said everything went smoothly and he was looking forward to putting the rancor of the last few months behind him and getting to work.

"They wanted to make sure there was a good handle on the transaction, the impact

of what last week was and our operating philosophy," Greenberg said. "Those are fun things to talk about."

Most of the questioning, Greenberg and Davis said, centered around what the ownership group's philosophy will be going forward as they take the reins of the surprisingly successful team, which led the Angels by 8½ games in the AL West.

"Jon Daniels and Nolan Ryan and the whole group have done an incredible job through scouting and player development and that's what we're going to continue to focus on," Greenberg said. "We want to elevate the sales and marketing of the franchise to the same level off the field that we're now performing on

the field.

"If we can do that, this is a franchise that can operate at a very high level and be a credit to the game and the community and build a lot of memories for our fans."

Greenberg said he has already signed all the necessary documents to complete the transaction, and if everything goes well on Thursday it will be officially completed later in the day.

"I'm not going to lie to you; it's pretty cool," he said with a smile.

Even though approval seems all but certain, Greenberg said he isn't quite ready to relax yet.

"It did (help) to have a lot of the uncertainty removed," he said.



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The Forsan Buffaloes run drills after practice Wednesday on their new turf field. The Buffs spent the second half of practice Wednesday running drills for quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs.

Yankees beat Rangers, 7-6

ARLINGTON (AP) — Once Marcus Thames finally put the New York Yankees ahead, there was no way Mariano Rivera was going to have a repeat performance.

One loss in Texas was enough for the longtime Yankees closer.

Thames hit a long homer in the eighth inning, then had the go-ahead RBI single in the ninth as New York rallied from five runs down to beat the Rangers 7-6 on Wednesday night for a split in the two-game series between the division leaders.

A night after losing in Texas for the only time in his first 32 career ap-

pearances over 16 seasons, Rivera gave up a leadoff triple to Elvis Andrus in the ninth before retiring the Nos. 2-4 hitters, including Josh Hamilton on a comebacker after the majors' leading hitter already had three hits.

"That's Mo, right through the heart of their order, three tremendous hitters," manager Joe Girardi said. "I was thinking we're in trouble here, but if anyone can do it, Mo can."

After Andrus' liner into the right-center gap, Michael Young had a short flyball to right

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QB Campbell making Raiders' debut vs. Cowboys

ARLINGTON (AP) — The silver-and-black debut for Jason Campbell comes against a familiar silver-and-blue opponent, though it will only be a glimpse of Oakland's new quarterback.

Campbell's first snaps for the Raiders will come in their preseason opener Thursday night, when Washington's former first-round pick who is replacing Oakland's No. 1 overall bust JaMarcus Russell faces the Dallas Cowboys.

"Yeah, I get the Cowboys and DeMarcus Ware and Jay Ratliff I know

well," said Campbell, who started for the Redskins five times against their NFC East rival the past 2½ seasons. "I have the opportunity now to start playing some games and stop looking at the same old faces every day."

Even though Campbell might know the Cowboys as much as he knows his new team, Raiders coach Tom Cable has no plans for his new quarterback and the rest of the starters to get any extended time for a chance to get better acclimated with each other and new coordinator Hue Jackson.

"No, I've lumped the first-team guys

through the first quarter," Cable said.

All Campbell wants a chance to do is get used to playing with his new teammates and getting out to a good start.

"The main thing in preseason is for all of us to get a feel for each other in a game-like situation," he said.

For Dallas, it will be the second preseason game in five days.

Tony Romo and the Cowboys' starting offense played only one series in the 16-7 victory over Cincinnati on Sunday night, a 14-play, 63-yard drive

that ended with a field goal. They probably won't play much more than that against Oakland, especially since they got an extra game by playing on Hall of Fame induction weekend.

"It really is the first preseason game if you have a four-game preseason," coach Wade Phillips said. "I was going to play the starters a little bit more, except I want to see those young guys play. ... We will play starters more than we did, but it's not going to be a full half of anything like that."

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Pacers get Collison from Hornets in 4-team trade, Rockets get Lee

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Larry Bird always said he wouldn't rush the rebuilding of the Indiana Pacers.

He wanted to wait, and it paid off. He waited until all the free agency hype died down before delivering one of the biggest moves for his franchise in years — the acquisition of point guard Dar-

ren Collison from New Orleans — in a four-way trade that also includes New Jersey and Houston.

"We said at the beginning of the summer that we were going to be patient and don't make drastic moves just to make a move," Bird said. "We have a plan here. It's a three-year plan, and I expect to get

the job done in three years."

The term rebuilding might no longer apply now that the Pacers have added the 22-year-old Collison to a core that includes forward Danny Granger and center Roy Hibbert.

"I think it helps out tremendously," Bird said. "I think this was the piece that

we needed. The vision I have for this franchise is to get the core group up and ready to go as quick as we can, and this piece here will accelerate everything."

The Pacers also announced Wednesday they have dealt Troy Murphy to the Nets, who sent guard Courtney Lee to Houston. To complete the

trade, the Rockets shipped swingman Trevor Ariza to New Orleans.

Indiana also got James Posey from New Orleans in the deal.

The Pacers were searching for a point guard because T.J. Ford fell out of favor last sea-

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Sports in brief

Big Spring football season tickets

Get season tickets at the Big Spring High School ATC. Public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Tuesday and ending Aug. 18.

The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 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.

Soccer sign-ups

Big Spring Soccer Association will have sign-ups from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, then from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 13. The last day to sign up is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 21. All sign-ups are at the Big Spring Mall. There will be no late registration.

This for 3-to 13-year-olds and cost is \$65. Call Issac Miramontes at 935-9056 for more information

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Denise Carrillo at 816-

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Ragball tournament

There will be a Ragball tournament Aug. 28 and 29 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Cost is \$10 per person, with a six-game guarantee.

All proceeds will go toward medical costs for Debbie Hicks, who is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant. Register at the complex between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 28 and games start at 10 a.m. that day.

For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting

This club will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Facility. Contact Carmen Ritchey at 940-389-0633.

RANGERS

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where Austin Kearns made a shoestring grab. Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero hit grounders to give Rivera his 24th save in 26 chances.

Asked what was going through his mind after the leadoff triple, Rivera responded, "Nothing. I'm trying to get the next guy out and go from there."

What about after Kearns' catch?

"I'm thinking, 'Oh, my God. We have to win now,'" he said. "I've got Hamilton next, who I've seen before, so I made my pitches."

The Yankees (70-43), who have the best re-

cord in the majors and a 1½-game lead over Tampa Bay in the AL East, matched their biggest comeback of the season despite tying a franchise record with 17 strikeouts. Their other 17-K games were in 1901 and 1999.

Thames drove in the go-ahead run on a rolling single between shortstop and third base came after Derek Jeter had tied the game with a chopper past a drawn-in infield, an RBI single off Rangers rookie All-Star closer Neftali Feliz (3-3).

"The whole game, we were where we wanted to be. We just couldn't stop them from the sixth inning on," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We got their

"I started missing my spots a little bit. I felt like I was running out of gas."

Cliff Lee,
Rangers pitcher

closer last night. They got ours tonight."

Feliz, in his first save chance since July 31 after converting 20 in a row, walked the leadoff batter in the ninth, gave up a single to No. 9 hitter Brett Gardner and threw a wild pitch before Jeter's tying hit. Nick Swisher struck out of the fourth time before Alexi Ogando came on and gave up the single to Thames.

Thames led off the eighth by pulling a 410-foot shot down the left-field line off Frank

Francisco to get New York with 6-5.

Kerry Wood (2-4) threw two scoreless innings for his first decision in five appearances since New York acquired him from Cleveland on July 31.

Texas (65-48) still has a 7½-game lead over the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West, by far the largest lead in any of baseball's six divisions.

Rangers starter Cliff Lee struck out 11 with no walks in 6 1/3 innings, matching his shortest outing of the season and

ending his streak of 10 consecutive starts going at least eight innings. He gave up four runs.

But Young homered while David Murphy and Mitch Moreland had two-run singles for Texas, which had scored only 2.28 runs a game for Lee in his first six starts since being traded to the Rangers instead of New York on July 9.

Lee already had seven strikeouts by the end of the fifth, five on called third strikes.

He struck out Swisher, Thames and Alex Ro-

driguez in order in the sixth after Jeter had a leadoff triple and scored on a wild pitch to make it 6-2.

But after Lance Berkman had an RBI double and Gardner an RBI single in the seventh for a 6-4 score with two runners still on base, Lee was done. Submarine-throwing Darren O'Day struck out Jeter before Darren Oliver struck out Swisher to end the threat.

"I started missing my spots a little bit," said Lee, who still threw 76 of 106 pitches for strikes. "I felt like I was running out of gas."

Yankees starter Javier Vazquez gave up six runs and eight hits over 4 1/3 innings.

COWBOYS

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Oakland, which has had an NFL-record seven consecutive seasons with at least 11 losses, acquired Campbell during the draft in April.

A couple of weeks after that, the Raiders released Russell after spending more than \$39 million and nearly three seasons trying to develop the 2007 No. 1 overall pick into a franchise quarterback. He won only seven of his 25 career starts with 18 touchdowns and 23 interceptions.

Campbell had 55 TDs and 38 inter-

ceptions going 20-32 as a starter for the Redskins after being a first-round pick in 2005. He had three different offensive systems in five years for Washington after four different schemes in as many seasons at Auburn.

"I'm happy that he's in a situation where he can kind of get under an offensive coordinator's wing ... just kind of get in a system and grow," said Ratliff, the Cowboys nose tackle who was Campbell's teammate at Auburn for four seasons. "This is a fresh start for him. That's something he kind of needed. I think he's going to be a premier quarterback in this league."

Ratliff last spoke to Campbell before

the trade, when the quarterback had stopped attending offseason workouts and was given permission to seek a trade after the Redskins acquired Donovan McNabb.

"I didn't want any information of anything, I just wanted to make sure he's good," Ratliff said. "I knew some team was going to pick him up."

Campbell was 1-4 with five TDs and four interceptions while completing 63 percent of his passes in his starts against the Dallas. He was sacked 11 times, including four last December.

"He's a tough guy. We hit him a lot of times. He can run around with the ball, he's got a strong arm," Phil-

lips said. "He showed a lot of leadership on a team that didn't win a lot of games, but he kept hanging in there, so I have a lot of respect for him."

The Raiders are expected to be without running back Darren McFadden (hamstring), receivers Chaz Schilens (left foot), Jacoby Ford (quadriceps) and Paul Hubbard (hamstring), quarterbacks Bruce Gradkowski (groin) and Charlie Frye (right wrist), fullback Luke Lawton (concussion), and defensive end Jay Richardson (knee).

Dallas has only two healthy tight ends, including rookie free agent Da-jLeon Farr, who was signed Tuesday and will play Thursday.

TRADE

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son with coach Jim O'Brien. The Pacers get a good young one in Collison, who played well when Chris Paul was injured. He averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 assists as a rookie last season, including 18.8 points and 9.1 assists in 37 starts.

"I didn't think he'd have the year he had last year," Bird said. "He's solid. He likes to defend. He always could shoot the ball. We think he's

a complete player."

The Nets get a good rebounder in the 6-foot-11 Murphy, a New Jersey product who is an excellent outside shooter for his size. The former first-round pick from Notre Dame is a career 39 percent shooter from 3-point range. He played in 262 games for the Pacers, with averages of 13.3 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

"We are very pleased to add Troy to our roster," Nets general manager Billy King said. "He is a quality power forward who has the ability to stretch the floor, and we feel

that he will be a very positive addition to our frontcourt rotation."

Posey has spent 11 seasons in the NBA with career averages of 8.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Last season, he averaged 5.2 points and 4.3 rebounds. The cash-strapped Hornets were able to move the remaining two years and more than \$13 million remaining on Posey's contract.

The Rockets cut salary with the move after re-signing point guard Kyle Lowry and power forward Luis Scola,

both restricted free agents, and picking up backup center Brad Miller.

Ariza was due to make about \$6.3 million this season, the first of four years left on his contract. Houston signed Ariza in July 2009, when free agent Ron Artest decided to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey said their involvement in the trade was mostly about the opportunity to get Lee, a 6-5 guard whom they've coveted since the 2008 draft.

"We really target players

who we think will fit in well here over time," Morey said. "When we got our first chance to acquire him, we were fairly aggressive to get that done. He's very versatile."

The Rockets envisioned the 6-8 Ariza developing into a dependable scoring threat on the wing. He averaged a career-high 14.9 points in 72 games last season, but shot 39.4 percent from the field and 33.4 percent from 3-point range.

"To get something you like, you've got to give up something," Morey said.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon is void of course at the day's start, signifying a lull in the action.



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This, however, is a matter of perspective. It depends on what plane you're on. A seed grows like crazy under the ground before it bursts through the soil. But to the one waiting on the surface, it's nothing. A lull. Followed by a glorious breakthrough.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Avoid roaming the marketplace unarmed against the seduction of today's persuasive sales force. Note: Getting the best deal can only happen after you've done your research.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Conflicts are draining. Most come from a belief that there is only one right way — yours. Self-importance can only lead to folly. You'll stay strong and powerful by remaining open-minded and working toward harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be a test of your character. Tolerance and restraint are easy to practice in theory, but now, you'll get to see how well you do in the heat of the moment and in the face of provocation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are human and therefore fallible. You can't trust your own automatic response to a situation, retreat. Get calm. Connect to deeper resources inside yourself. You can take another turn at this one tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are not the boss of your own heart. It moves in mysterious ways, forming bonds before you even have time to wrap your mind around the connection. It will be liberating to admit that you are not entirely in charge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Something will break your attention on the world as you see it. And suddenly, you can't see it that way anymore. This happens in a way that's similar to an alarm clock interrupting a dream.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Follow your hunches — they are right on the money. You'll be an inspiration to those who work with you and for you. As for those who work over you, note that they might be threatened by your current hot streak.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Affections will deepen with communication. It doesn't have to be profound, only consistent. Think of yourself as a bird making pleasant chirping noises in the direction of your beloved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get the information — that's the easy part. Then you will have to cobble together your own meaning, and that's tricky. Even trickier still is managing the quantity. Discern what is useful to you and chuck the rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Challenge your own logic. If you don't, someone else will. Either way, you'll learn of your own hidden motives in a situation, and the new information will lead to a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will once again tackle a job that you have no idea, technically speaking, how to do. It's all possible because you have faith in your ability to execute the directives of your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The sensible thing is not to rush into love. However, this might not be possible now, as life whisks you ever nearer to a person or endeavor that is quite simply and deliciously irresistible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). Your personal triumphs come in all sizes this year — celebrate one and all. You'll serve your community well, and you'll find a fulfilling niche because of this. Friends talk you up to all the right people in December. You'll make money from a skill that you are exceptionally

good at. Family unites in fun in October. Capricorn and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 14, 20, 46 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Which planets and signs are best for farming?"

Venus and Jupiter are both good for growth and abundance, while Saturn's stabilizing influence is helpful in weathering the ups and downs of the market. As for signs, Virgo has been associated with plants, while Taurus is the sign of pastures, stables and barns. There's a mathematical formula we also use in astrology to determine the "part of agriculture" in a natal chart. The formula is the location of your ascendant plus Saturn minus Venus. This equation was employed by astrologers in agrarian societies for hundreds of years, and is now gaining popularity again as people are becoming disillusioned with mass food production, the disappearance of the honeybee population and the rise in global hunger. To determine your part of agriculture, go to an Arabic Parts calculator online and enter the coordinates of your key planets. For example, let's suppose your ascendant is 13 degrees Virgo, Saturn is 5 degrees Leo and Venus is 23 degrees Capricorn. Your part of agriculture would be located in Pisces — you would find

fortune with fishing or watery fields such as cranberry bogs or rice paddies.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Oscar-nominated Leo Casey Affleck stars as a charming sheriff deputy who just happens to also be a psychopathic killer in the noir thriller "The Killer Inside Me." Affleck's mysterious and private Scorpio moon lends a kind of intensity for such a role. Though, in reality, Affleck is so against

killing of any sort that he's vegan.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a blessed child of two wonderful, loving people. My parents are incredibly generous. Right now, they are putting my sister through school and paying all of her expenses so she will graduate debt-free.

They have helped me in countless ways, both emotionally and financially, and my husband, as well.

They have custody of my cousin's child because my cousin is a drug addict.

They also help my grandfather, saying how fortunate they are to be in a position to do so.

My issue is with "Aunt Liz." Ever since I can remember, she's been sponging off my parents.

My parents are raising her grandchild, and she can't even be bothered to baby-sit for a day.

Liz used to work full time, but was temporarily on disability. When she was able to work again, she managed to lose every job she had.

She doesn't even try anymore. She just asks my parents for money.

My mom is stressed about the number of people depending on her and worries what will happen when she and Dad retire.

She has started refusing when Aunt Liz wants

money, but Liz will go to my father's workplace and cry until he gives in.

Annie, it would be different if Liz were making an effort to become independent, but she's not. How can I help my parents? — *Sick of It*

Dear Sick: Make sure your parents know how grateful you are for everything they have done for you.

At the rate they are going, you may need to return the favor someday. Meanwhile, you cannot change the choices they make, but you can encourage them to present a united front to Liz, whatever it happens to be.

Dear Annie: I'm a newlywed. My wife and I get along great, but we are experiencing growing pains.

She has a Facebook account, and one of her photos is what I would deem overly risqué.

She is dressed, but barely. As her husband, this really bothers me. I've told her how I feel, but she doesn't want to discuss it. Don't I have any say in the matter? — *Husband With No Say*

Dear Husband: Not as much as you think. You

don't get to dictate how your wife presents herself. However, a wife who cares for her husband takes his opinions into consideration (and vice versa) and responds in a way that shows respect for the marriage.

We wouldn't make too big a deal over this. It's probably temporary. Your wife sounds a bit immature, but time should take care of that.

Dear Annie: This is a response to "Still Cry About It," who wasn't sure how she'd react if the baby she gave up for adoption showed up on her doorstep after 25 years.

I'd like to thank her. My husband and I adopted an infant more than 25 years ago. She is the light of our lives.

From the start, we told her she was adopted. (Although when she was little, she repeated to others that she was "a doctor.") She does not wish to meet her birth mother, but we have given her all the necessary information to do so.

I want to tell my daughter and all adopted children that what their birth mothers did took courage.

It's not the easy road, and it probably wasn't the path her friends were

encouraging her to take. She did it because she was mature enough and strong enough to do what she thought was best for her child.

We would never want our daughter to judge her birth mother harshly. That woman not only allowed me to become a mother, but made me want to be the best mother because I owed it to her and the sacrifice she made. It took all of us for my daughter to become the person she is, and I am eternally grateful to the woman who gave birth to her. — *With a Grateful Heart*

Dear Grateful: Every birth parent will bless you for your kind words.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Happy Ending

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 9 8 4		♠ 6	
♥ K 7		♥ A Q J 9 6 4 3	
♦ A J 9 3		♦ 8	
♣ A Q 5		♣ K 10 8 4	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 7 3		♠ A Q J 10 5 2	
♥ 10 8 5 2		♥ —	
♦ 10 5 4 2		♦ K Q 7 6	
♣ J 9 2		♣ 7 6 3	

The bidding:
North 1 NT East 2 ♠ South 3 ♠ West Pass
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠
Opening lead — two of hearts.

The outcome of many deals is determined strictly by the location of one or more specific key cards. If they are favorably placed, declarer will prevail; if not, he will fail. It is often as simple as that.

But there are many other deals where declarer's fate is really in his own hands, even though the outcome may at first seem to depend on luck. It is these hands that give declarer an opportunity to demonstrate his skill.

Take this case where West leads a heart against six spades after East has overcalled in hearts. At first glance, it would appear that the success of the slam depends upon the location of the king of clubs. If West has it, the finesse will succeed, and declarer will lose only one club trick; if East has it, the finesse will fail — and so will the contract.

But this view is not correct, since with proper play South can make the slam regardless of who has the club king. Both the opening lead and the bidding have marked East with the ace of hearts, and declarer should put this information to good use.

He starts by playing low from dummy on the heart lead, ruffing East's jack. Next, two rounds of trumps are drawn. South then cashes four diamond tricks, ending in dummy. This sets the stage for the coup de grace that will assure the slam.

The king of hearts, carefully preserved for this moment, is now led. When East covers with the ace, declarer discards a club instead of ruffing. East wins the trick, but the battle is over. Whatever he returns — a club into dummy's A-Q or a heart, permitting South to discard a second club from his hand while ruffing in dummy — gives declarer the slam.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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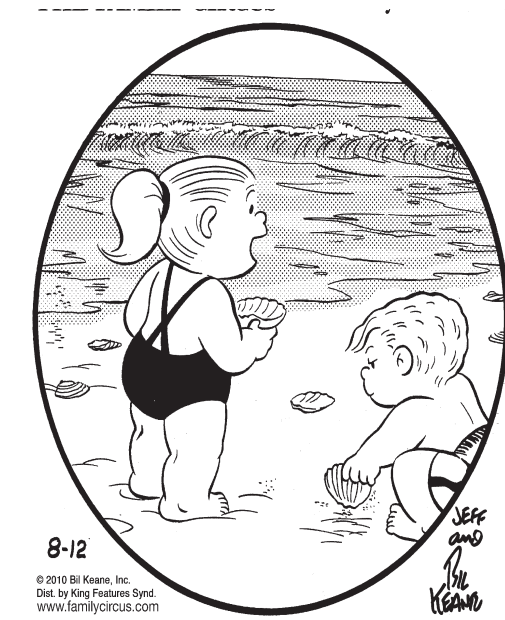
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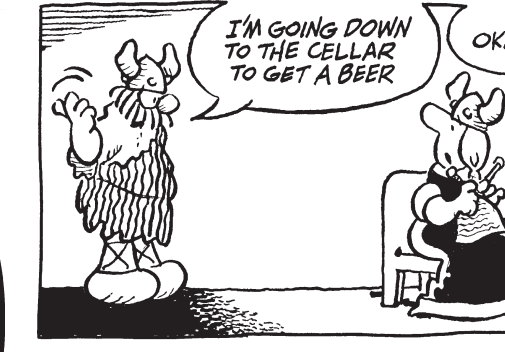
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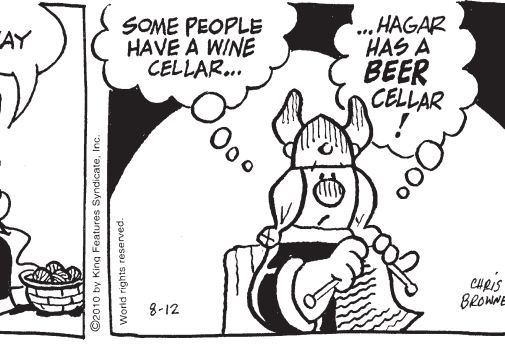


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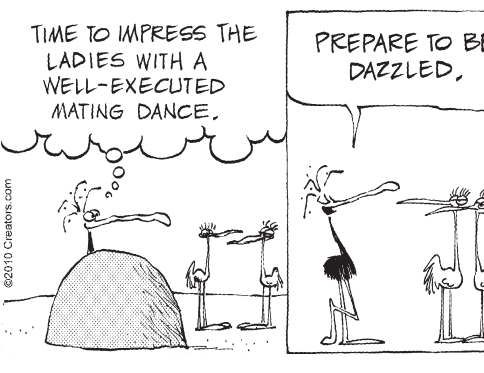
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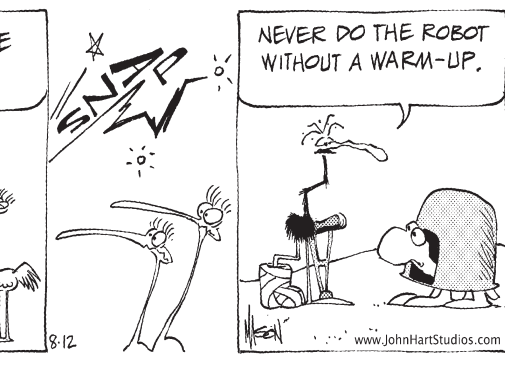
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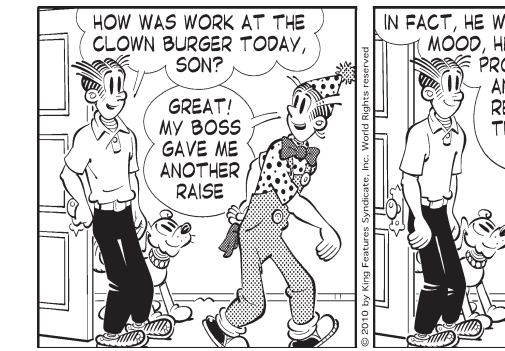
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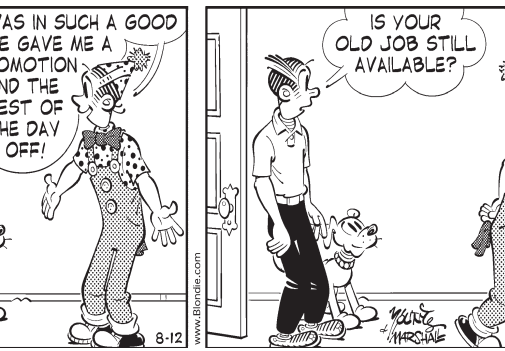
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2010. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 12, 1960, the first balloon communications satellite — the Echo 1 — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

On this date:

In 1859, poet and English professor Katharine Lee Bates, who wrote the words to "America the Beautiful," was born in Falmouth, Mass.

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their

explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed the Postal Reorganization Act that abolished the U.S. Post Office Department in favor of the independently run United States Postal Service.

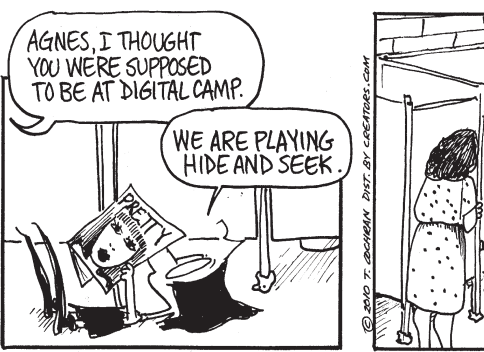
In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1980, during the Democratic national convention in New York, Sen. Edward Kennedy dropped his White House bid and threw his support to President Jimmy Carter.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Senator Dale Bumpers, D-Ark.,

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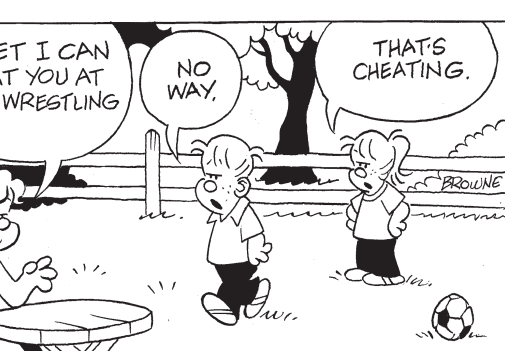
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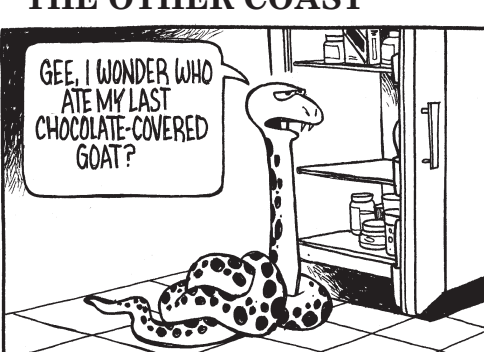
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- 1 Squad-car alerts
- 5 "___ la vista!"
- 10 Be bold
- 14 Flamboyant Spanish artist
- 15 Sectors
- 16 Bibliography abbr.
- 17 Designer Cassini
- 18 Left the ground, in a way
- 19 Hair sample
- 20 Manufacturing establishments
- 22 Treats as a VIP
- 24 Little folks
- 25 Shakespearean history
- 26 No longer fresh
- 28 Adds up to
- 32 Mother of Castor
- 35 Chops down
- 37 Sap
- 38 Baldwin of 30 Rock
- 39 Polishes, as prose
- 41 Austen novel
- 42 Brief acknowledgment
- 44 Frat party
- 45 Fraught with meaning
- 46 After-dinner drink
- 48 Put the bite on
- 50 One fooled by a wooden horse
- 52 Was father to
- 56 Sci-fi "reboot" of 2009
- 59 Fund-raising event
- 60 Hot rock

DOWN

- 61 Spiteful
- 63 Trattoria choice
- 64 Office bigwig
- 65 Follow
- 66 Memo directive
- 67 Detergent target
- 68 '80s heavyweight champ
- 69 Hair-salon jobs
- 8 Short putt
- 9 Fur family
- 10 Brought dinner, in a way
- 11 Complete
- 12 Sprint, for one
- 13 Benevolent brothers
- 21 Homeland Security agcy.
- 23 Big Apple's Finest
- 25 Listens to
- 27 Word alphabetizers ignore
- 29 Like some excuses
- 30 Cocktail garnish
- 31 Something simple
- 32 Not of the clergy
- 33 Nevada city
- 34 Mao successor
- 36 Detergent target
- 40 Certain driller: Abbr.
- 43 Toad feature
- 47 Waist reducer
- 49 Security Council permanent member
- 51 Female donkey
- 53 Hoist
- 54 Really annoy
- 55 Needs a new washer
- 56 Gravity-powered vehicle
- 57 Prepare for takeoff
- 58 Affirm
- 59 Served as
- 62 Pair

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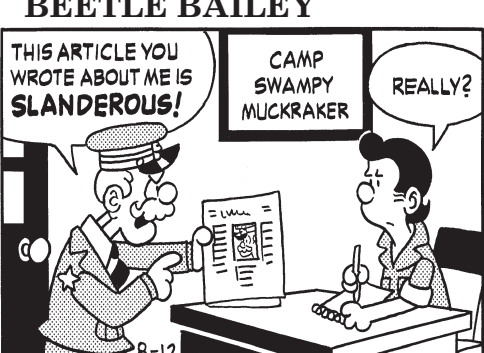
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