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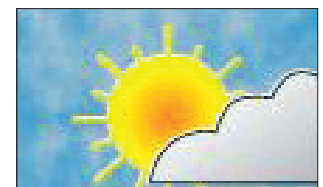
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**SCHOOL ZONE**

## Be prepared, motorists told

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Area students aren't the only ones getting ready to head back to school next week, as officers with the Big Spring Police Department will be patrolling local school zones in search of law breakers.

"Starting Monday we'll have more than 3,000 kids making their way to school. Most of those kids are going to be dropped off by parents or family members in or near the schools," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "One of things we have almost chronic problems with every year is traffic congestion in the school zones."

Everett said parents and guardians dropping off students at Big Spring High School will need to pay close attention to a new ordinance passed last year.

"There's an ordinance regarding Big Spring High School that people need to be aware of," said Everett. "That's now a no-parking zone on both the north and south side of the street. From 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. there's no parking on the north side from Goliad to State Street, and no parking on the south side of 11th Place from Austin to Owens.

"We're going to have extra officers in the school zones, and if they observe people

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**A hang glider pilot begins his ascent into the clouds Monday afternoon during the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The competition continues through this week and will wrap up Saturday.**

## Stripling roast tickets on sale through today, get them now

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Tickets still remain for the Boy Scout's roast of Hayes Stripling Jr., officials said, but today is the last day to secure passes to the event.

The Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trail Council will stage the roast of local resident Stripling at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Big Spring Country Club. Stripling, a long-time BSA backer, will receive the organization's Good Scout Award during the event.

Valerie Acosta, finance director for the Buffalo Trail Council, said tickets must be purchased by 5 p.m. today and can be secured by calling either the Big Spring Scouting office at 263-3407 or in



HERALD file photo

**Hayes Stripling, left, thanks fellow Texas A&M graduate Don Knight for his donations to an Aggie auction. Next week, Stripling will be roasted in a Boy Scout fundraiser.**

Midland at (432) 570-7601. Tickets are \$50 apiece. Those who are unable to

make the trip to Midland or See **ROAST**, Page 3

## Reception tonight at Hangar 25

The public is invited to help Hangar 25 Air Museum celebrate five years of its Veteran of the Month program this evening.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. and will include refreshments, a reunion of previously honored veterans and the reading of a proclamation by City Council Woman Gloria McDonald.

Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP by calling (432) 264-1999.



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## 'Don't give in to fear,' Obama says

**BEN FELLER**  
 AP Correspondent

**MILWAUKEE** — Flying thousands of miles to reap millions of dollars, President Barack Obama is dashing across the country to help his party retain power, essentially offering one familiar argument: Republicans don't solve problems.

"Don't give in to fear," Obama said Monday in his latest ominous vision of a country led by the opposition party. "Let's reach for hope."

Obama has settled on his message for the pivotal mid-term elections, which means what he said Monday in Milwaukee will sound like what he says Tuesday in Seattle and Wednesday in Miami. He is covering more than 8,000



freewheeling miles in three days, the kind of personal attention that gets donors to the door.

This week offers not just a window for Obama to campaign — Congress is gone,

his summer vacation awaits — but also a window into his thinking about the fall campaign. Despite deep voter impatience over the sickly economy, the White House is betting people will stick with Democrats if the choice is framed as one between those who act and those who obstruct.

On Monday, he warned of reliving a dreadful past, saying Republicans want voters "to be afraid of the future."

"The worst thing we could do is to go back to the very same policies that created this mess in the first place," Obama said at a fundraiser in Wisconsin. "In November, you're going to have that choice."

Obama has advanced all the big parts of his agenda — the

massive stimulus spending bill, health care reform, the rewriting of rules for Wall Street — with little or no Republican support. Republicans counter that the president's policies have come at a huge cost to taxpayers far into the future without the payoff many voters want most: jobs.

Obama's campaign speech is filled with lines he has used for weeks. As intended, they usually yield fresh laughs and applause from local, friendly audiences who have never had occasion to hear them before. Like his metaphor about Republicans and driving: put the car in "D" (as in Democrat) if you want to move ahead, "R" if you want to go backward.

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# Obituaries

## C.A. Ross Jr.

C.A. Ross Jr., 84, of Midland passed away Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Gary Groves, pastor of the Church on the Journey, officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 27, 1925, in Grandview and married Annette McLelland Dec. 4, 1947, in Thornton.

He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1951 and was recalled from 1951 to 1953 into the Air Force. He flew B-52s and C-47 transport planes and had been stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, before moving to Greenland. He then flew planes from Greenland to England over the Arctic Realm in 1952. C.A. then served as a flight instructor at the rank of first lieutenant, and spent many years teaching. He joined Sherwin Williams in 1954 and moved to Big Spring, before moving to Midland and retiring in 1981.

C.A. was a member of the Midland Centennial Masonic Lodge #1448, Midland Scottish Rite Association, Midland Amateur Radio Club, Confederate Air Force Amateur Radio Club and the American Legion Woods W. Lynch Post #19. He was also a graduate of the first Midland Police Department Citizen's Police Academy.

He is survived by two daughters, Beth Ann Broughton of Midland, and Jerilyn Wilkerson and husband Mark of Gorman; two granddaughters, Courtney Broughton of Midland, and Shelby Broughton-Settles of Levelland; two great-grandsons; a sister, Janis Porfilio of Crivitz, Wisc.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a sister and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761; or to Shriners Hospital for Children, 815 Market St., Galveston 77550.

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

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## Richard Delgado

Richard Delgado, 65, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## John Hughes

John Hughes, 77, of Garden City died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at his residence. Rosary services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Francis Njoku officiating.

He was born Sept. 7, 1932, in Brady and married Carolyn Mangum on July 18, 1962, in Del Rio.

The son of Burt and Mabel Hughes, he was raised in Brady and graduated from Brady High School in 1949. He attended St. Mary's University and St. Mary's School of Law before going to South Texas College of Law. He worked as a licensed attorney in Brady and was also involved in a title and abstract company with his father, also in Brady. John later worked as vice president of the land and legal department for Winn Exploration in Corpus Christ until his retirement, moving to Garden City in 2004. He was a lifetime hunter and fisherman.

He was a member of the Rotary Club while he lived in Brady, had served as a Special Texas Ranger and worked as the Civil Defense Coordinator for 10 years in McCullough County. John was involved in raising the funds to establish the Texas Ranger Museum in Waco. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Hughes of Garden City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Pam Hughes of Midland, and Bob and Cindy Hughes of Plano; three grandsons, Taylor Hughes and wife, Elizabeth, Travis Hughes and Trevor Hughes; four granddaughters, Brecklyn Hughes, Kallie Hughes, Taylor Hughes and Meagan Hughes; and a nephew, Burt Bruton and wife, Shirley, and their family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John William "Bill" Hughes Jr. on March 21, 2009; one sister, Virginia Bruton; and an infant brother.

The family suggests memorials be made to Glasscock County EMS, PO Box 55, Garden City 79739, and wish to express a special thanks to Compass Hospice of Big Spring.

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

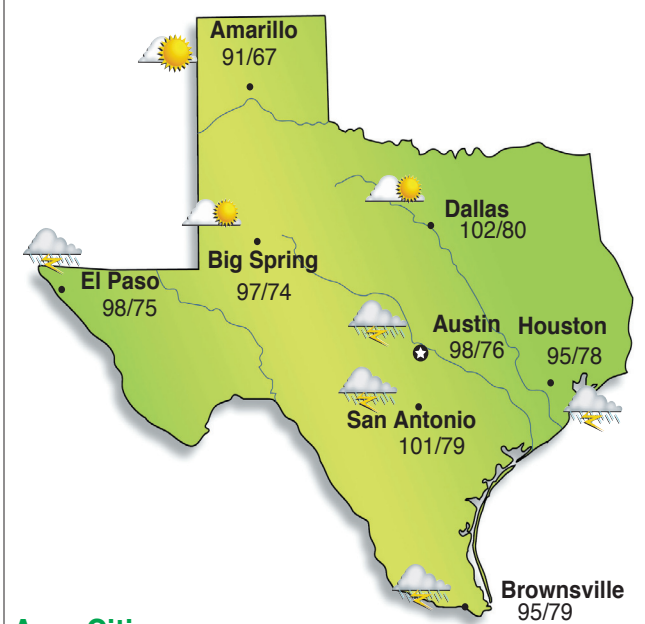
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## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/18	Thu 8/19	Fri 8/20	Sat 8/21	Sun 8/22
<b>97/74</b> Partly cloudy. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 97F.	<b>99/74</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>99/73</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/73</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/73</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:12 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:27 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:13 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:26 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:14 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:25 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:14 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:22 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	76	pt sunny	Kingsville	98	77	t-storm
Amarillo	91	67	mst sunny	Livingston	97	75	t-storm
Austin	98	76	t-storm	Longview	97	77	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	78	t-storm	Lubbock	94	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	79	t-storm	Lufkin	99	77	t-storm
Brownwood	101	76	pt sunny	Midland	99	76	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	95	80	t-storm	Raymondville	98	78	t-storm
Corsicana	100	78	pt sunny	Rosenberg	96	78	t-storm
Dallas	102	80	pt sunny	San Antonio	101	79	t-storm
Del Rio	101	79	t-storm	San Marcos	99	77	t-storm
El Paso	98	75	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	99	79	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	74	pt sunny
Gainesville	100	76	mst sunny	Tyler	98	76	pt sunny
Greenville	99	77	pt sunny	Weatherford	101	77	pt sunny
Houston	95	78	t-storm	Wichita Falls	100	72	mst sunny

# Police blotter

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

- BILLY MICHAEL BURNS, 50, of 1304 Stanford, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- LADENA CARROLL PERRY, 33, of Stanton, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- SASHA MARIE TREVINO, 23, of 2530 Hunter, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Settles.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Runnels.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of W. 13th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- BILLY MICHAEL BURNS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding and warrants for violation of a promise to

appear and theft by check.

- LADENA CARROLL PERRY, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Bexar County warrant for issuance of a bad check for child support.
- SASHA M. TREVINO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, 41, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. 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 2600 block of Fairchild. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-21-23-24. Bonus Ball: 11.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-9-9. Sum It Up: 29.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-4. Sum It Up: 17.

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From left, Manny Negron and Tim Walsh of the local Wal-Mart present Hangar 25 Air Museum representatives Joe Hays and Donna Burcham with a check toward expenses for tonight's five-year anniversary of the museum's Veteran of the Month program. The public is invited to the event, which will begin at 6 p.m. RSVP by calling 264-1999.

## SCHOOL

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stopping and letting kids out in the traffic lane, they're going to get a ticket. If you're lucky enough to find one of those curb-side spots, make sure you let the kids out on the curb side, not the traffic side. That's also a violation. Any time you discharge passengers from a vehicle in a traffic lane, that's a violation, and those people will get tickets as well."



Everett

One fairly new law motorists traveling through school zones will have to remember is the ban on cell phones. According to state law, anyone caught using a cell phone while driving near a school faces a fine of up to \$200. Cell phone usage in these areas are allowed only in case of emergency or if the vehicle is stopped.

Speed is another issue Everett said local officers will be watching closely, so when the sign says 20 mph — it means 20 mph.

"The speed limits are also going to be strictly enforced," said Everett. "We take this very seriously. We're going to be working as many school zones as we can. We're not just going to do this at the High School. We're going to put officers in as many school zones as we can, at least through the first week or two of school."

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## ROAST

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miss connections with the Big Spring office can try with the guest of honor himself. Stripling said today he has a block of tickets available. Persons can reach him at 267-6810 or 268-3951.

The Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist Church, said Stripling, well-known around town for his ability to talk at length on a

wide variety of topics, was an obvious choice as a target for some good-natured ribbing.

"Hayes is very deserving of a roast because he is one of the biggest characters in this town, bar none," Wiese said. "And he is very deserving of this honor because he has been a tireless supporter of Scouting and all things to do with youth in our area."

Acosta said several ticket options are available for persons wishing to attend the roast.

Aside from single-ticket costs, \$400

will reserve a table and eight tickets and the "honorary chairman" contribution of \$1,500 includes a table and eight tickets, VIP seating, a photo with Stripling and a full page ad in the roast program.

In addition, persons can purchase ad space in the program at costs ranging from \$200 to \$750, Acosta said.

Acosta, who hopes the roast becomes an annual event, said Stripling was chosen as the first honoree because of his many contributions to Scouting.

"The award is given out to honor people in the community who has lived their lives according to Scouting ideas and has given back to the community," she said. "Mr. Stripling has been a driving force in this community for Scouting and has been a great promoter of the benefits of Scouting."

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## OBAMA

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As leader of the Democratic Party, even with diminished appeal, Obama has political job description that demands he help elect lawmakers and state executives who support his agenda. He needs them, too.

In Milwaukee, Obama spoke at a basketball arena to raise money for the state Democratic Party and for Tom Barrett, the city mayor who is running for governor in a competitive race. Campaign officials refused to say how much Obama raised. Lunch tickets cost \$250, but getting a photo with the president could be had for \$10,000 donation.

By evening, Obama was in Los Angeles for a glitzy fundraiser expected to raise \$1 million for Democratic congressional candidates.

The event was hosted by television producer John Wells, whose hits include "The West Wing." Filmmaker Steven Spielberg and DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. founder Jeffrey Katzenberg are

among the hosts, but were not expected to attend the event because of schedule conflicts. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi introduced the president at the event.

The president is also raising money over the next two days for Sen. Patty Murray of Washington; Gov. Ted Strickland of Ohio; and the Florida Democratic Party. By pairing official events each day with political ones, the White House can bill taxpayers for most of the cost of the trip, a tradition that predates Obama and one he plans to continue aggressively.

In November, all 435 House seats, one-third of the Senate, and a majority of governor's and legislative jobs will be on the ballot. Democrats now control the House and Senate, but the hurting economy has turned voters against incumbents.

Obama's official agenda each day is to underline his efforts to jump-start the lumber-

ing economy. That was his message at ZBB Energy Corp. in Menomonee Falls, Wis., where he told workers they are helping rebuild America.

Before his plane even landed, White House spokesman Bill Burton offered unsolicited criticism of comments by Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, who was quoted as saying he wished Republicans had been to able to obstruct Obama even more. Obama later mocked McConnell's words, too.

"Obstruct more? Is that even possible?" Obama said. "Apparently that's their plan for the future: No we can't."

McConnell spokesman Don Stewart responded that Senate Republicans, "like most Americans," opposed what he called a government takeover of health care. He stood behind GOP efforts to stop the stimulus and financial regulation bills, describing them as costly bills that won't work as promised.

Democrats, particularly House candidates who have taken tough votes in support of Obama, have been clamoring for him to get more aggressive. But that comes at some risk for a president who pledged to change Washington's tone as a candidate, then recommitted to doing it in his second

year as president.

When asked if Obama was exacerbating the same partisanship he pledged to end, Burton was unapologetic, saying certain moments help make the choice stark for voters. "The president," he said, "is happy to showcase

those moments."

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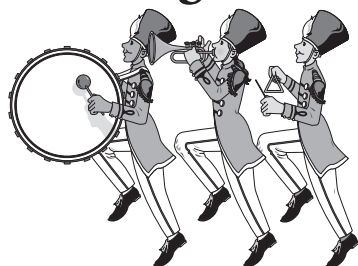
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Friday, September 17, 2010: Half-Time Recognition at the BSHS Homecoming Football Game

Saturday, September 18, 2010: BSHS Auditorium at 1:00 pm

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## OUR VIEW

# Very best are arriving again for Nationals

Brightly-colored wings will soon be soaring in the skies around Big Spring as the nation's very best competitive hang gliders again prepare for the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

The championships began Sunday and continue through Saturday and will see dozens of pilots — both the best the United States has to offer and a sprinkling of strong international talent — vying for top honors.

Of course, one of the reasons the national championships are being staged in Big Spring again this year is the reception members of the United States Hang Gliding Association have received during previous championships.

As was the case last year, gliders will take off around 1 p.m. each day, taking part in what USHGA spokesman David Glover calls "three-dimensional yacht races in the sky." The gliders are expected to land around 5 p.m. each day.

Clearly, this will be one of the top hang gliding events in the United States this year and spectators are welcomed to show up at the airpark and take in the competitions. They should bring their folding chairs, sunshades and coolers with drinks.

Pilots taking part in the competition are involved in timed "out-and-return" events, as well as distance competitions.

Hang gliders compete in four divisions — fixed wing gliders; fixed wing gliders that sport stabilizers and flaps much like a plane; the even more aerodynamic swift class; and a new sport class designed for those enthusiasts who don't necessarily have the equipment to compete with the top pilots in the three traditional classes.

As we've noted before in this space, the gliders are here in Big Spring because this area boasts excellent natural qualities for hang gliding. This portion of West Texas has the geography and weather necessary for excellent soaring conditions.

There's going to be plenty to see over the week of competition at the airpark. Take some time and spend a few hours or maybe even a whole day watching the best hang gliders in the world.

And while we're at it, we here at the Herald want to welcome all the U.S. Nationals participants. We hope they enjoy the stay here in Big Spring and hope they just keep returning for many years to come.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we love You, Lord, we have heavenly love in our life.

Amen

# Ads make everyone look awful

Judging by the many, many political ads running in recent weeks, most candidates are not only unfit for office, they're likely criminals. Not only should they not be elected, but we should probably consider deporting them or at least putting them on trial for treason.

A few months ago, as the election season started, most commercials focused on the positive traits of the various candidates. "I'm John Smith and as a business leader, I created jobs, made tough choices and practiced sound fiscal management. As your next governor, I'll do the same."

The ads were fairly pleasant, focused on the positive and seemed generally believable. Perhaps, I thought, we have entered a new day where candidates run based on their accomplishments rather than their opponent's alleged shortcomings.

That hope died in recent weeks as election day has approached and the campaigns have become more desperate.

Now, nearly every single ad focuses on just how awful the opposing candidate is and what

a horrible liar he was in his earlier positive commercials.

I'm all in favor of using advertising to publicize something negative about your opponent that the public may not know. If Candidate A raised taxes and Candidate B wants the public to know about it, that seems reasonable.

Sadly, that type of "fact" only represents a small part of the vicious commercials airing now. The body of most of these ads focus on making seemingly positive things seem horrible — even if when examined they were appropriate actions when viewed in context.

My favorite current ad involves a candidate for governor who attacks his opponent because of his actions as a CEO. Those actions, which involved laying off workers, moving jobs out of state and paying himself what sounds like a lot of money, but would actually be low-end normal for his position, are painted as horrible.

In actuality, what the commercial tells me is that as CEO, this candidate acted in the best interests of his company. Despite his well-known desire to someday serve in elected office he executed his responsibilities to his business rather than serving his own ends.

Ads have become so vicious that some candidates actually accuse their opponents of com-

mitting crimes. Forget blaming them for the poor economy, or calling them "tax and spend" liberals, we have ads that actually allege fraud, misuse of public funds and outright solicitation of bribes.

I'm not precisely sure how to decide between any of these candidates because the ads make them all seem like horrible people who, if elected, will loot the treasury, have an affair with one of the Tiger Woods mistresses and change the state song to Ice T's "Cop Killer." Show me a few more commercials and I'll be advocating not electing anybody and making decisions via coin toss.

I'm sure that beneath all the attacks and accusations, some truth exists, but I'm hard pressed to know who to trust.

In some cases, the mandatory "I'm Candidate X and I approved this message," makes me question the type of person who would sign off on ads filled with this much hate.

There must be someone running for some position who won't bring about our doom either through incompetence or outright criminality but that person will not be discovered by watching TV ads.

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# Grizzled veterans of math wars

I am a veteran of the math wars. I was there in 1995 when the shiny new California Learning Assessment System (CLAS) test told graders to award a higher score to a student who incorrectly answered a math problem about planting trees — but wrote an enthusiastic essay — than to a student who got the answer right, but with no essay.

The genius responsible for that math question explained that her goal was to present eighth-graders with "an intentionally ambiguous problem in which no one pattern can be considered the absolute answer." Gov. Pete Wilson's education czar, Maureen DiMarco, promptly dubbed new-new math "fuzzy crap."

I was there in 1997, when a trendy second-grade math textbook featured a lesson called "fantasy lunch," which instructed students to draw their fantasy lunch on paper, cut out the food and place their drawings into a bag.

I've heard from young adults who aced high school math only to find themselves utterly unprepared for college math. So it was no surprise when Stanford University math professor James Milgram found that the number of California State University students who needed remedial math had more than doubled, from 23 percent in 1989 to 54 percent in 1997.

That's about the time when some parents, teachers and academics declared war on new-new math fabulism. They gained a foothold on local school boards and state curriculum committees. By the time they were through, trendy math educators no longer felt safe talking down to parents while agreeing among themselves that "there is no

right answer."

A battle won, alas, is not won forever. A key win for true math enthusiasts was the California standard that called for eighth-graders to learn algebra — and that standard has been a target ever since.

On Monday, the state Board of Education will vote on a proposal to adopt national Common Core State Standards, commissioned by President Obama and adopted by 27 states. If the board votes yes, as recommended by the 21-member state Academic Content Standards Commission, the Golden State's eighth-grade Algebra I standard will go the way of old soldiers.

Supporters of the Common Core standards argue that enrolling more eighth-graders in algebra doesn't necessarily make them learn. Yes, the number of eighth-graders enrolled in Algebra I grew from 16 percent to 60 percent today, the highest in the nation. But, they observe, only 27 percent of eighth-graders are proficient in the subject.

On the plus side, the ratio of African-American eighth-graders enrolled in algebra nearly doubled from 2003 to 2007.

The percentage of CSU students who needed remedial math fell to 38 percent last year. Hoover Institution fellow Bill Evers, a grizzled math war vet, argues that while the math standard's gains may be incremental, they have elevated the prospects for many students who otherwise might be left behind.

There are parts of the Common Core Standards not to like. For example, the Obama standards follow the latest education trend of assigning more nonfiction reading and less literature than in the past.

There is a rift in the education community as to whether national standards will help students — by creating uniformity for children whose families move from one state to another — or stifle innovation.

Then there's the up-to-\$700 mil-

lion in federal funds — available through the Obama Race to the Top initiative — that California stands to win by aligning with the Obama standards.

Evers and his pal Ze'ev Wurman, a Palo Alto software engineer, were the two holdout votes on the Academic Content Standards Commission on adopting Common Core math standards. (They wrote a July 30 San Francisco Chronicle piece explaining their "no" vote.)

I have little doubt that Evers and Wurman drove their colleagues on the panel to distraction, as they are single-minded in their defense of California's eighth-grade algebra standards.

But as veterans of the math wars, they understand that once you've captured turf, you have to hold it. And they've had to contend with people who argue the war never existed, that there never was an ideological schism on how California schools teach math. I recall the educator who told me, "The math wars are just an invention in the last few years of just a couple of people."

It makes a person chary.

Two years ago, the enemy — well, their enemy — tried to use President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind policy to undermine the eighth-grade algebra standard. Now the standard is under assault from Obama's Race to the Top.

And Evers and Wurman are up against savvy operators who are dangling \$700 million before ravenous school bureaucrats.

Said Evers, "When you realize that good teachers and good curriculum are more important than money per se, then you don't want to sabotage something that facilitates good teaching and solid curriculum."

A more apt statement may be what Roman gladiators chanted before the show: We who are about to die salute you.

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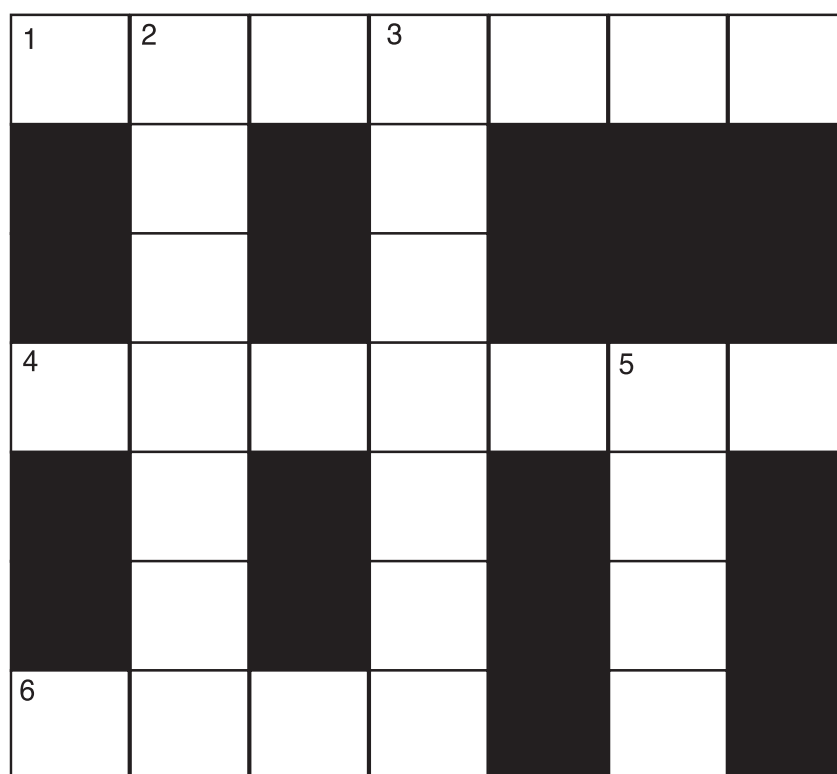
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- **1940:** EXILED RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONARY LEON TROTSKY IS FATALLY WOUNDED IN MEXICO.
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Syringes
- 4. Painful
- 6. Limbs

**DOWN**

- 2. One who excuses
- 3. Medical professionals
- 5. Coming after



MOST SCHOOLS REQUIRE CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED A LIST OF WHAT BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL?

ANSWER: IMMUNIZATIONS



**inoculate**

treat a person with a vaccine

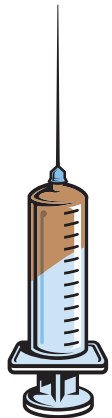
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Across  
1. needles 4. hurting 6. arms  
Down  
2. excuser 3. doctors 5. next

**How they SAY that in...**

- ENGLISH:** Doctor
- SPANISH:** Médico
- ITALIAN:** Dottore
- FRENCH:** Docteur
- GERMAN:** Doktor

**Did you know?**

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Find six differences between these panels.

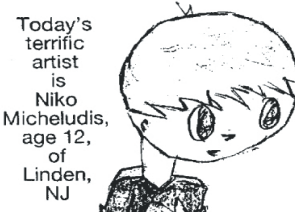


Answer -- Spider, cup, finger, pillow, dog and whiskers.

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- 1) PEALP
- 2) DWONIW
- 3) OVEPLEEN
- 4) USCODL

Answer -- (1) Apple (2) Window (3) Envelope (4) Clouds

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## Bird Poop:

## Kestrels rescued, but wreck helper's house

In spite of cool mornings, the afternoons were getting rather warm for the middle of May. Although they could anticipate occasional summer thunderstorms, Lauren and her daughter, Karen, loved the arid, mountainous country.

Known for their compassion toward animals, they were often challenged by some of the wildlife that frequented their town. By the end of the day, unexpected guests would prove to keep them occupied for nearly the next three months.

With the acceptance of two downy chicks came a strong admonition. "Try to keep them from imprinting."

Following that advice was the warning that when ready, the two-some would have to be transported to a licensed wildlife facility.

Looking at the new life they held in their hands, the women agreed to

the terms. Crying to be fed, the fuzzy little falcons gave them no other choice.

Moving furniture out of a bedroom, the women fashioned a nest for the birds. Already anticipating their early departure from her homemade rendition, Lauren started collecting various shapes and sizes of limbs for roosts.

Since they had seen parent birds hunting along the roadside for insects and mice, Lauren and Karen were constantly in search of summer's ravenous grasshoppers. Fortunately, mice were easily obtained from the Mouse Factory, a supplier of varying sizes of mice and rats to pet owners of snakes and lizards.

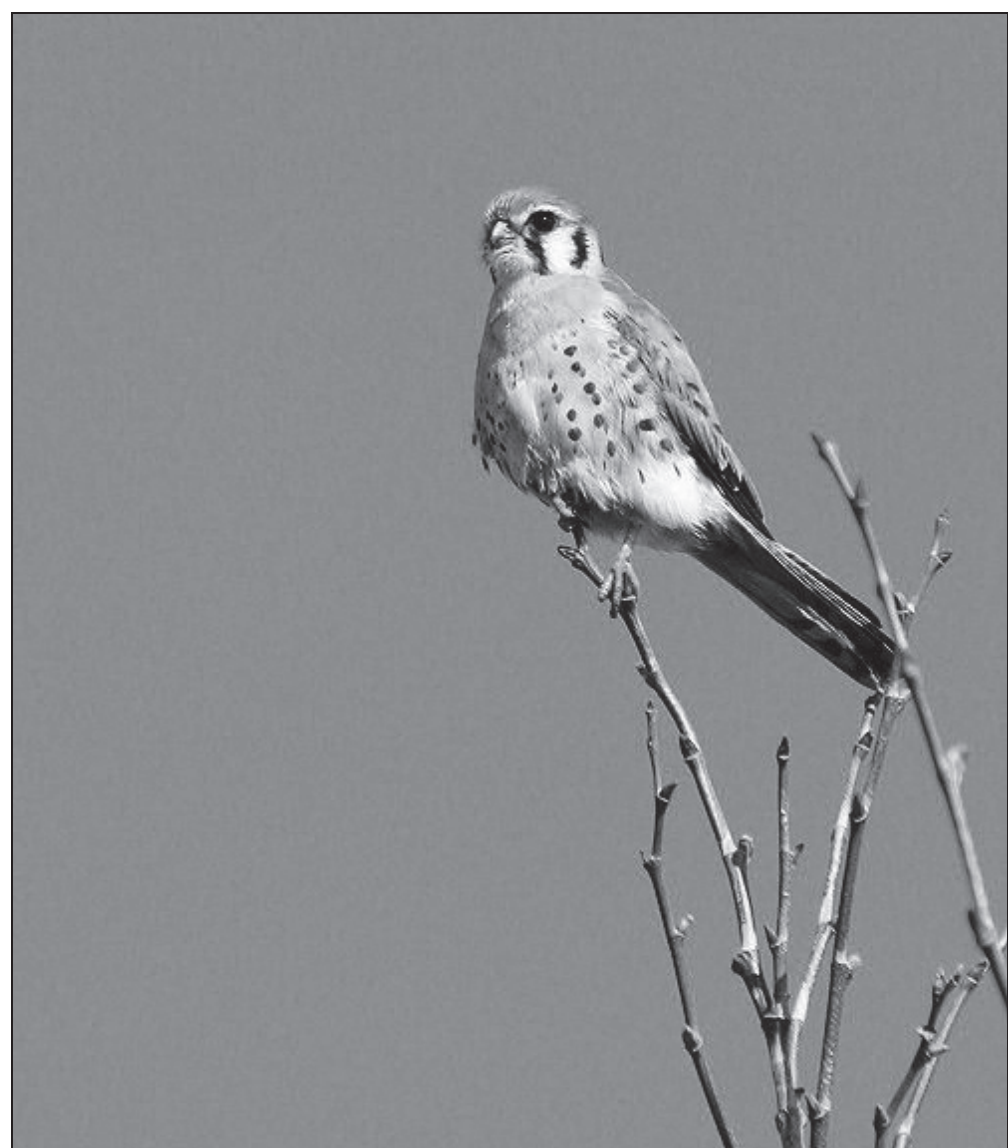
Not handling the falcons so they would remain wild, the women knew that behavior patterns are established through an association with a parent or other role model. Their only contact with the twosome was for feeding.

As feathers started to replace down, the birds would often peck at any



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Often called a "sparrow hawk," the American kestrel is the smallest of the falcons found in the United States. Seen in open country, as well as neighborhoods, it preys upon mice, insects and small birds.

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# News in brief

## AP Exclusive: Under desk, CIA found video of 9/11 plotter being interrogated in secret prison

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA has tapes of 9/11 plotter Ramzi Binalshibh being interrogated in a secret overseas prison. Discovered under a desk, the recordings could provide an unparalleled look at how foreign governments aided the U.S. in holding and questioning suspected terrorists.

The two videotapes and one audiotape are believed to be the only remaining recordings made within the clandestine prison system.

The tapes depict Binalshibh's interrogation sessions at a Moroccan-run facility the CIA used near Rabat in 2002, several current and former U.S. officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the recordings remain a closely guarded secret.

When the CIA destroyed its cache of 92 videos of two other al-Qaida operatives, Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Nashiri, being waterboarded in 2005, officials believed they had wiped away all of the agency's interrogation footage. But in 2007, a staffer discovered a box tucked under a desk in the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and pulled out the Binalshibh tapes.

## Suicide bomber strikes Iraqi army recruits in Baghdad, killing 60, wounding 125

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday among hundreds of army recruits who had gathered near a military headquarters in an attack officials said killed 60 and wounded 125, one of the bloodiest bombings in months in the Iraqi capital.

The massive strike just outside a major division headquarters and recruitment center is an embarrassment to Iraqi security forces and casts doubts on their ability to protect themselves and the nation just two weeks before all but 50,000 U.S. troops head home.

Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi blamed al-Qaida in Iraq for enlisting the bomber, whose upper body he said was found at the scene of the blast.

Yasir Ali, who had been waiting outside the military headquarters since 4 a.m. with about 1,000 other hopeful recruits, said he saw the bomber, describing him as a blond young man. Ali said the bomber was sitting quietly among the recruits, then walked up to an officer collecting I.D. cards and blew himself up.

"Severed hands and legs were falling over me," said Ali said, adding he was about 54 feet (15 meters) away from the bomber. "I was soaked with blood from the body parts and wounded and dead people falling over and beside me."

## Colombian 'miracle' plane crash survivor: Everything seemed fine, then 'boom'

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Survivors say everything seemed normal as a jetliner with 131 people on board prepared to land in a storm on a Caribbean resort. Suddenly it plunged to earth, killing one

person — a death toll so low the island's governor called it a miracle.

"The pilot informed us that we were going to land in San Andres, we buckled our seat belts, we settled in — and a second later, boom! A big bang," said 25-year-old survivor Alvaro Granados, who was flying with his wife and two children. "When my wife and I stood and looked behind us we saw that the back of the plane was missing."

Authorities say it happened so quickly the pilot didn't report an emergency to the control tower at Colombia's San Andres Island.

Experts are trying to figure out why the Aires airline Boeing 737 jetliner hit the ground short of the runway on Monday — and how 130 of the people on board survived as the aircraft skidded on its belly with its fuselage fracturing and its landing gear and at least one engine ripping off.

After the jet ground to a stop, passengers scrambled from their seats or were helped to safety. Authorities said firefighters quickly doused flames that broke out on a wing.

## U.N. says millions without assistance in Pakistan floods as possible malnutrition looms

SUKKUR, Pakistan (AP) — Many of about 20 million people affected by flooding in Pakistan have yet to receive any assistance despite a growing international relief effort, the U.N. said Tuesday as authorities warned that the swollen Indus River may burst its banks again in coming days.

The country is reeling under one of its worst-ever natural disasters, testing the already shaky government just as the United States wants it to focus on the war against al-Qaida and the Taliban. About a fifth of the country has been affected since the floods began three weeks ago.

Local charities and international agencies have rushed food, water, shelter and medical treatment to the worst-hit areas in the northwest and Punjab and Sindh provinces. But aid agencies and the British government have complained that the international response to the disaster has not been generous enough.

The World Bank said it would provide \$900 million to Pakistan to help it rebuild from the floods. A bank statement said the money was being redirected from ongoing and planned projects in the country but did not say whether it was a loan or a gift.

Many victims are living in makeshift camps alongside their livestock or in flooded towns and villages.

## Appeals court puts same-sex marriages on hold in California, fast-tracks Proposition 8 case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gay couples who had been gearing up to get married in California this week had to put their wedding plans on hold once again after a federal appeals court said it first wanted to consider the constitutionality of the state's same-sex marriage ban.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals imposed an emergency stay Monday on a trial court judge's ruling overturning the ban, known as Proposition 8. Chief U.S. District Court

Judge Vaughn Walker had ordered state officials to stop enforcing the measure starting Wednesday.

"It's saddening just to know that we still have to keep waiting for this basic human right," said Marcia Davalos, of Los Angeles, a health care advocate who had planned to marry her partner.

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

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Where There's a Will

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 6 4  
♥ K Q J  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ J 7 4 3  
**WEST**  
♠ J 7 3 2  
♥ 10 9 8 5 2  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 6  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 9  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ K 7  
♣ A K 9 8 2

The bidding:  
East 2 NT Pass North 3 NT  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

queen. East shifted to the queen of diamonds, and South went down two.

While it is true that South was unlucky to lose a club trick to East and also to find West with the ace of diamonds, the fact remains that he could have adopted a different line of play that would have ensured making at least three notrump.

All he had to do was to win the heart lead in dummy, lead the seven of clubs and let it ride if East followed low. If the seven lost to West's ten or queen, South would then have four club tricks and nine all told. If the seven won the trick, it would mean that East had the queen and ten and that five club tricks were certain.

If East covered the seven with the ten, South would win with the king, return to dummy with a heart and play another club, intending to finesse if East followed low. This sequence of plays would be entirely consistent with the overall aim of keeping East out of the lead at all costs in order to escape a possible killing diamond return.

Of course, if East showed out on the first club lead from dummy, South could still assure three notrump by going up with the ace and returning a low club toward dummy's jack.

Tomorrow: South gives West a bum steer.

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# KESTRELS

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morsel that dropped while they were eating. Not long after that, they readily approached and ate minced mice.

In time, they were attacking an entire rodent. Soon, after placing platters of food in the room, the women could leave with the assurance that the falcons were eating on their own.

With more feathers came early attempts at flight. The size of the bedroom offered ample room for the development of muscle tone and strength.

A call from South Plains in Lubbock the first week of August was a request for us to meet a woman and her daughter from Alpine. "They have two American kestrels that were brought to them as chicks." Suddenly, there was a giggle from the volunteer. "The woman said they had trashed her bedroom, but it was worth it. The birds are wild, flying and ready to be transported," she continued.

Offering to meet us the next day in Odessa at the coliseum parking lot about 10:30 a.m., Lauren estimated the

time it would take to drive 174 miles. Telling her we would be there, I was familiar with the route she would take.

Parking under a large sign that offered shade, we waited. After finishing our newspaper, we started reading some magazines. As the sun diminished our cover, the vehicle temperature began to rise. Only a gentle breeze made it tolerable.

When a car finally pulled into the lot, we were relieved, since we would immediately drive to Lubbock with the kestrels. The women were exceptional in their devotion to saving wildlife.

Glancing into their carrier, we saw the kestrels that were obviously wild. When I offered to remove and place them in our container, the women said they were donating their carrier so the birds would not be disturbed until

they reached the wildlife center.

Once in Lubbock, we were told the women had done "a beautiful job" of raising the falcons. Their willingness to consider the falcons first, and their home, second, was outstanding.

Because of their distance from any licensed wildlife facility or rehabber, the women had been allowed to be a part of the raptors' early existence. Complying with their instructions on transporting the kestrels, Lauren and Karen had assured the birds would be flight-worthy when released.

As we thanked the mother and daughter for their work, Lauren chuckled to herself. After a brief pause, she

said, "What a summer! I'm going home and clean and repaint that bedroom."

Bebe McCasland is author of *The Scoop from Bird Poop*. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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Clara Benavides prepares to pass the ball during one of the Lady Steers' scrimmages this season. Big Spring faces Frenship today at 5:30 p.m. in Wolfforth.

# Frenship on tap for Lady Steers

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Big Spring volleyball head coach Lynn Osborne hasn't been at Big Spring long, but she's been there long enough to know a match against Frenship means something to her players.

"From what I get, hearing the talk, yes, it does seem to be a rival," she said. "Frenship's one of those team that produces good teams in every sport, every year. They've been on top for a while, so I really think it is a rival for them. To me it's just another really good team that we're going to get to play, but for them, I think it's just a little bit more."

So the Lady Steers will look to pick up a meaningful win when they take on the Tigers at 5:30 p.m. at Wolfforth. Big Spring is coming off a second-place finish in the silver bracket of the Monahans tournament, where the Lady Steers went 3-3 to stay at .500 for the season (4-4).

The match at Frenship is another one on the road for the Lady Steers, who have had to get used to being away from home with the opener at Steer Gym against San Angelo Central and Lamesa not until Aug. 24.

While Osborne previously said she believed her team had the potential to do better at the Monahans tournament, there were some positives to take with the team to Frenship.

Osborne said the team is more positive than they have been in the past and the offense is getting quicker.

Desiree Anderson shined with 32 total kills in six matches and Diamond Mayes and Taylor Seaton contributed on offense as well.

She previously said she saw glimpses of how strong the defense could be, but there is always room for improvement.

"Things of concern are maybe blocking still," Osborne said. "I thought

we got a lot more blocks this tournament. We're starting to get them, but it's still an area of concern for me. We've got to be able to improve in that area in order to compete with the tougher teams."

And in Osborne's opinion Frenship is one of those teams.

She said this match in particular will be a good measure of where the Lady Steers truly are at this point in the season.

"Frenship's always got a solid team," Osborne said. "I think it's going to be a real good measuring tool for us. They're always a good team. We're kind of excited about this challenge and seeing where we are as to where we were last year."

"We anticipate a very good game and I feel like we're going to come out on top this time."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com

# Rays defeat Lee, Rangers

PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jason Bartlett beating an ill-advised throw to second base keyed Tampa Bay's comeback win over Cliff Lee.

Carlos Pena hit a tie-breaking single during a four-run eighth inning and the Rays rallied to beat Lee and the Texas Rangers 6-4 on Monday night in a potential play-off preview.

Rangers second baseman Joaquin Arias couldn't track down B.J. Upton's one-out bloop double that started the Rays' late rally. Bartlett reached on an infield single and easily beat Arias' throw to second

on Carl Crawford's fielder's choice grounder.

"We didn't catch the popup, we didn't get the out when we should have got it," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "There were too many outs that were supposed to be outs that didn't happen and that was the game right there."

Tampa Bay moved into a tie for first place in the AL East with the New York Yankees, who lost 3-1 to Detroit. The Rays own a 5½-game cushion in the wild-card standings.

"It was kind of a nice

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Coahoma defensive coordinator Raul Sanchez talks with one of his players during practice Monday. While the Bulldogs' offense has changed a lot this summer, the defense has continued to improve its base package.

# Mets beat Astros 3-1 behind Carlos Beltran, new closer

HOUSTON (AP) — With Francisco Rodriguez out for the season, the New York Mets weren't sure who their new closer would be entering Monday night's game.

After the performance Hisanori Takahashi delivered for his first career save, he may have won the job.

Carlos Beltran homered

and the Mets took the lead in the ninth inning on a wild pitch by Houston closer Matt Lindstrom in a 3-1 win over the Astros.

Takahashi worked a perfect ninth, filling in as closer on the day the Mets learned K-Rod will miss the rest of the year. The four-time All-Star needs season-ending surgery

on a torn thumb ligament in his pitching hand sustained during a fight with his girlfriend's father at Citi Field last week.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel said before the game that he might use several relievers to fill the role, but after the game he said he'd probably leave Takahashi in the

position.

"Sure. Oh yeah. I think he can get it done for us," Manuel said. "I think the key becomes resiliency. If we happen to get on a run, how many days can he go back-to-back? I think that would be the real key."

Takahashi, who has made 12 starts this year, said spend-

ing a season as a closer in Japan wasn't anything like Monday's experience.

"I thought it was kind of a brand new thing," the 35-year-old rookie said through a translator. "Even though I did it for a year in Japan, it's a whole different world."

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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 Wednesday. The cost is \$25 per ticket book, which includes five home games. Any questions should be directed to Kay Cook at 264-3662.

### Soccer sign-ups

Sign-up are still open for the rest of the week until Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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 for soccer sign-ups.

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

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### 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 816-1685.

### 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. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Facility. Contact Carmen Ritchey at 940-389-0633.

### Junior High volleyball tryouts

There will be volleyball tryouts for the Big Spring Junior High School team after school from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 23.

Contact coach Andy Couch at 682-225-2415 for more information.

### CYFA Football sign-ups

Remaining sign-ups for this league will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The last day to sign up is Aug. 29.



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win, wasn't it?" Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "Throughout all that good stuff, the one thing I really want to point out is Jason Bartlett beating the force play at second. That was the biggest event for us to win that baseball game."

Lee outlasted David Price in a marquee matchup of All-Star aces and was given a late lead when Texas scored twice in the top of the eighth to go up 4-2. But Crawford hit a run-scoring grounder and Evan Longoria tied it with a single before Pena, just off the disabled list, made it 5-4.

Ben Zobrist added an RBI single that chased Lee (10-6).

"It was kind of a blur of an inning," Lee said. "Things kind of fell apart. I don't know why. It was a strange inning."

The left-hander allowed six runs, nine hits and one walk while striking out 10 over 7 2-3 innings. He has lost all three of his starts against Tampa Bay this season.

Price got a no-decision in his bid to become the AL's first 16-game winner, giving up two runs and five hits in six-plus innings. The hard-throwing lefty struck out eight and walked five.

The announced crowd was just 18,319.



**The Hawks Select Track Team is pictured with its medals from the San Angelo Regional Track meet in July. There were 16 athletes who won 22 medals and nine state qualifiers who competed in the TAAF State Track Meet from Aug. 5-8 in Waco.**

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**Manning cut as Giants beat Jets in new home**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Eli Manning gave the New York Giants a scare, and an unnecessary one at that.

The quarterback was knocked out of the Giants' 31-16 preseason victory over the New York Jets on Monday night when he changed a play in the second quarter without telling anyone and suffered a bloody three-inch gash to the left side of his temple that re-

quired 12 stitches to close. The Giants medical staff found no signs of a concussion, but it wasn't immediately certain whether Manning will play Saturday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin expected a more complete medical report on Tuesday.

However, he tended to brush off the injury that

overshadowed a spectacular three-touchdown, second-half performance by Giants free agent wide receiver Victor Cruz. The Paterson native finished with six catches for 145 yards.

"The first thing we'll do is make sure that there is no swelling," Coughlin said of Manning. "If there's no swelling then I think we'll be able to go ahead and get the helmet

on and practice." Manning took the blame for his injury.

"We had a run play with an option to throw a fade that I thought I might try, but Brandon (Jacobs) was coming right up the middle. Sometimes you make a mistake and you get hit in the head. It's preseason, you learn from it."

Manning said he will be

back soon, adding he didn't really sustain an injury.

"I really feel like I could go back out and play right now if I had to," he said.

The star of the night was Cruz, the University of Massachusetts product who also had a great week at training camp last week, catching several deep balls.

"Justice has been served," Coughlin said.

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Pitching for the first time since Tuesday because of a sore back, Lindstrom (2-4) allowed a single to David Wright with one out in the ninth before a single to right by Beltran put runners at the corners.

With Jeff Francoeur batting, Lindstrom's pitch in the dirt got away from rookie catch-

er Jason Castro, allowing Wright to score and giving the Mets a 2-1 lead.

Francoeur added an insurance run with an RBI triple off the left-center fence.

"I made a couple of mistakes," Lindstrom said. "I just missed some of my pitches.

"I thought I felt good. My back wasn't an issue tonight. It's just unfortunate our guys battled all game and I come in there and give up some

hits and runs and that was the deciding factor. It's frustrating."

Beltran was booed before and after his first-pitch solo homer to the Crawford Boxes in left field that made it 1-0 in the fourth inning. That wasn't the only time he was booed, with the hometown fans voicing their displeasure with him each time he came to bat, six years after he left the Astros to join the Mets following Houston's playoff run.

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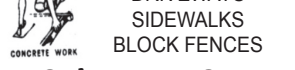
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The sun and the moon are both in fire signs, and the excitement is palpable. People are prone to riskier behavior under the Sagittarius moon, except they don't usually see it that way. The high dives of life just don't seem as scary during the adventurous Sagittarius lunar transit, and so more people are prone to jump off without resistance.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Due to the unique circumstances of your recent years, you have information to impart. You're a teacher, and the world is your classroom, filled with students — some willing, some difficult. You'll make an impression on all.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You could talk yourself into someone's approval or affection. The trick is in knowing when you've arrived. Then stop talking. Consider this rule of thumb: Don't sell it when it's already sold.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your plan will take time to execute, and it will take even more time if you don't have the money to do it right. A fundraising effort will be necessary. And you have luck with this now.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There will be lulls in the conversation. Don't feel that it's up to you to fill them. Breathe through them instead,

and keep that lovely twinkle in your eye. The less you say the more intriguing you are.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be flattered. Whether this brings about a positive response from you will depend solely on the source. Hints of love will be welcome, as long they come from one whose love is welcome.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once again, your attention to the details will serve you well. The difference in your approach and performance will be small, but the overall impression you make will be greatly enhanced by these minor adjustments.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You must be very assertive in order to get what you want. This will be especially true when you are dealing with institutions such as government departments, banks or schools.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anyone who makes you feel funny about asking questions is up to no good. Do business with people who want you to understand how things work and to be satisfied with what you know.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stick to the facts. Try to speak as succinctly as you can. Saying too much will make it seem like you're showing off. Refrain from elaboration when you get the feeling that it's unnecessary.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You put all the time and attention you have into a project. But when it's time for the

unveiling, you may doubt yourself. Did you do enough? Will it go over as hoped? Be confident, and you'll be well received.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It feels like you've made more than your share of mistakes. If this is really true, you should be patting yourself on the back. It means you try harder and stretch yourself further than the average person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone's loud voice will interrupt your serene bubble of space. This person needs attention, but not from you. Do not get sucked in. Put your headphones on and scurry past.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (August 17). Lead the way with your talent. You'll get a major career-related deal in October and possibly be vested with stock options. A sweet love connection has an impact on your life in the new year. You present a confident front in November, and doors swing open for you. You'll make stellar choices in business. Pisces and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 23, 29 and 32.

**ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS:** Aries through Pisces may be our favorite characters in the sky to keep track of, but they are not the only stars of interest. For instance, beyond Aries to the south is the smaller constellation of Cetus, the sea monster. (Sometimes a more modern interpretation of this constellation will refer to her as less of a monster and more of a whale.)

Cetus rides the celestial "waves" in a section of the sky that is sometimes referred to as "the water" — Pisces, the fish, is there, too! As discussed yesterday, Greek mythology tells us that Cassiopeia, queen of Ethiopia, angered the great sea god Poseidon (Neptune) by bragging that she was more beautiful than his daughters. To get back at her, Poseidon sent Cetus to destroy Ethiopia. Cassiopeia's own daughter, Andromeda, was given to Cetus as a sacrificial offering to stop the sea monster's reign of terror. Andromeda was tied to a rock and left there to be eaten, until Perseus came along to save her. The constellation Cetus is associated with a ruling planet, just as our zodiac constellations are. The ruling planet of Cetus is the sun. When the constellation of Cetus rises, all of the qualities associated with the sun are emphasized. These include heroism, bravery, generosity and health.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** One must work very hard to dislike a Leo, as this sign has a special need for people's approval and affection and will usually go the distance to get them, pulling out all the charisma, charm and humor necessary to get the job done. That is one reason why Steve Carell is perfectly cast as the hateful (and improbably loveable) villain Gru in the animated comedy "Despicable Me."

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** Today we received a wedding invitation that we were not looking forward to. You see, my husband's brother is getting married, and we don't know how to respond.

This brother left his wife and daughter last year after 24 years of marriage. He was having an affair with his bride-to-be and left his family in chaos. He has made no effort to see his daughter. His only interest is that his ex-wife sells the house so he can get his half of the money.

We have not forsaken our sister-in-law and niece. We helped them as much as possible so they could get back on their feet and heal from this startling event and the subsequent divorce. They have moved to another area and are starting over. We love them and want to remain a part of their lives.

We don't see the brother much, probably twice in the past year. The divorce was finalized a few days ago, and the wedding is in three weeks. Do we go and say

nothing? Do we congratulate him, even though we feel he has done a horrible thing to his first wife and daughter?

We do love this brother and want to stay close, but we don't like being put in such an awkward position. How do we respond in order to maintain family relations and still live with our conscience? — *Upset in Ohio*

**Dear Ohio:** If you want to maintain a relationship with your brother-in-law, you must attend his wedding and be nice to his new bride. She will have some control over which relatives he stays in touch with. But we suggest you keep your congratulations subdued and leave as early as it is polite to do so.

**Dear Annie:** My husband became ill at the age of 27 and was sick for 22 years. I took care of him and raised our two sons, now 25 and 26. He said that after he died, he hoped I'd find someone else to love.

He passed away in

January. In June, I met an amazing man. "Robert" is a great support for my boys and me. The problem? My two older sisters have never met him, yet they say Robert is bad for me and that I'm neglecting my adult children in their time of need. They insist I stopped grieving too soon.

My sisters criticized me when I struggled to take care of my husband and never offered to help, saying I would become too dependent on them. They tell me to sell my home and move into a smaller apartment. My sons will no longer give them any information about my activities, and my sisters interpret that to mean my boys are depressed and have shut down, and it's my fault.

My sons approve of Robert and are angry with their aunts. My friends say I should cut them out of my life, but I don't want to. How do I make them stop saying such hurtful things without ruining family relations? — *Baby Sister*

**Dear Sister:** Your

sisters are trying to control your life, but you are not obligated to obey. Ignore their advice. If they are hurtful, reply, "Sorry you feel that way." They'll eventually get the message that you won't be pushed around.

**Dear Annie:** A solution for those who receive wedding gifts they don't want is to donate them, unopened and in their original boxes, to their favorite charity for an auction. Most charities hold annual auctions as fundraisers. You can put the gift in a basket and throw in some candles, wine or other related items. Such donations usually fetch more than the retail value. Win-win. — *A.A., Louisville, Ky.*

**Dear A.A.:** Thank you for the lovely suggestion — although wrapped wedding gifts should be opened in order to check for personal notes that may be tucked inside.

*Annie's Mailbox* is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the *Ann Landers* column.

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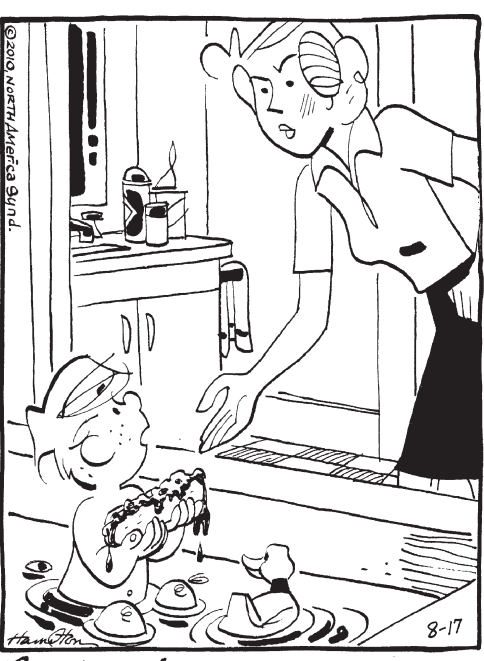
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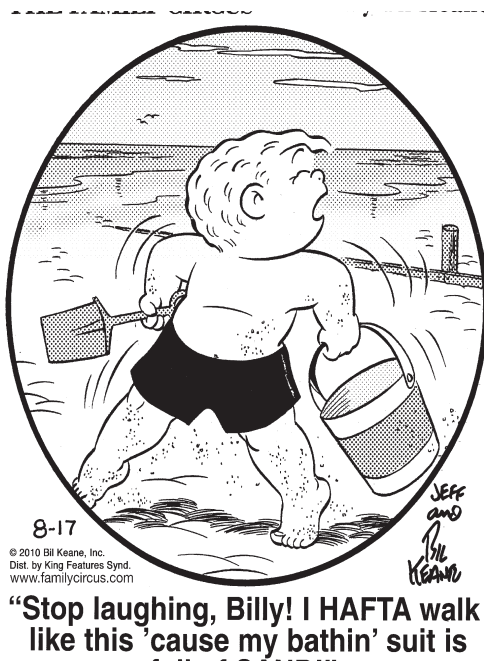


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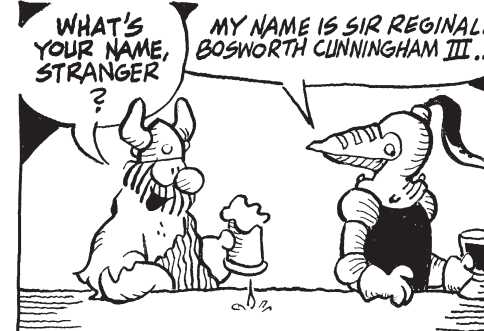
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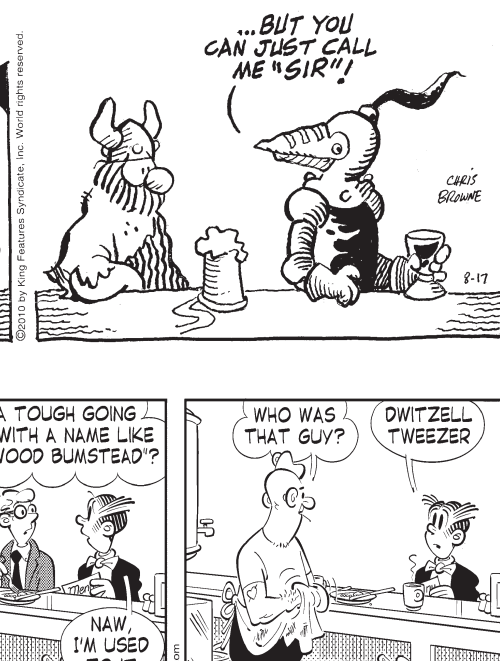
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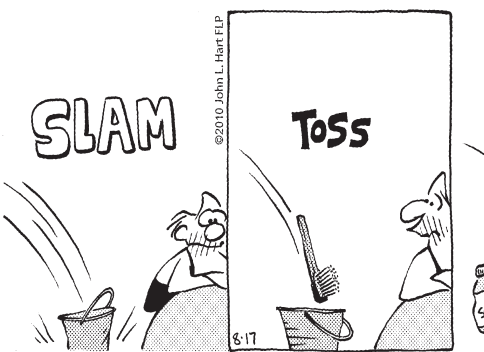
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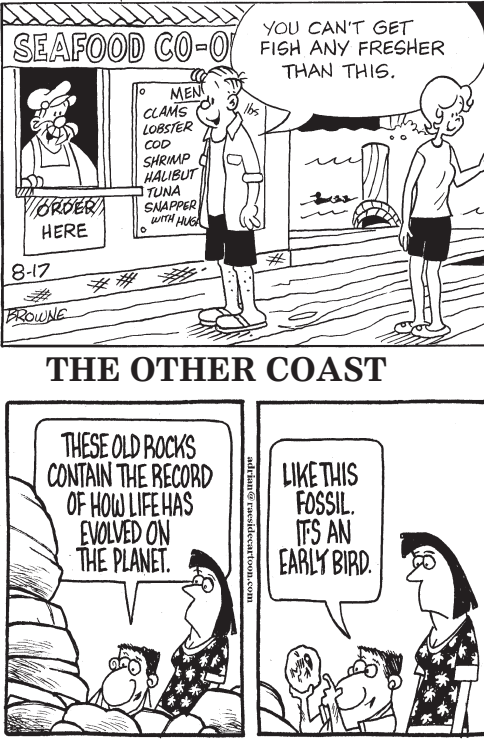
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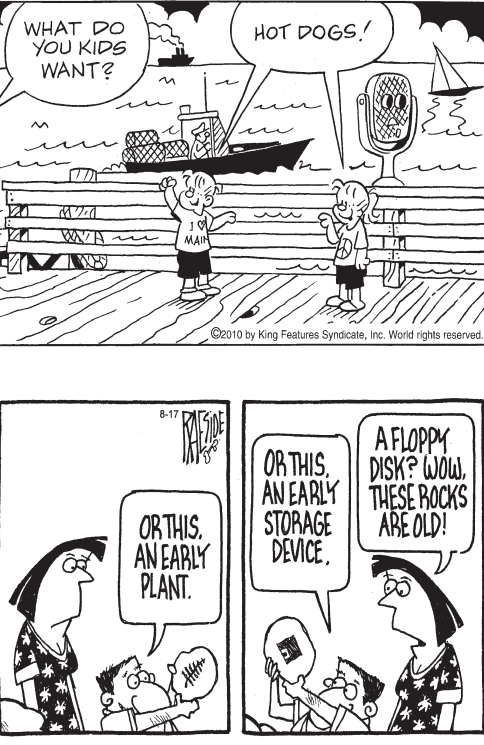
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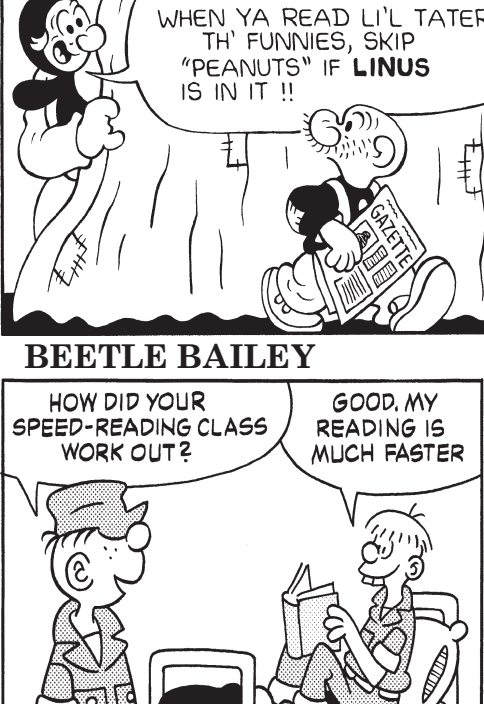
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2010. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1960, the newly renamed Beatles (formerly the Silver Beetles), consisting of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Stuart Sutcliffe and just-hired drummer Pete Best, began their first gig in Hamburg, West Germany at the Indra Club.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round-trip between New York and Albany.

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish

businessman Leo Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1960, the west African country of Gabon became independent of France.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1985, more than 1,400 meat-packers walked off the job at the Geo. A. Hormel and Co.'s main plant in Austin, Minn. in a bitter strike that lasted just over a year.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner

circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 90. Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') is 84. Author V.S. Naipaul is 78. Baseball All-Star Boog Powell is 69. Actor Robert DeNiro is 67. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 64. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 63. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 61. Actor Robert Joy is 59. Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 58. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 57. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 55. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 55.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Leap
  - 5 Unkempt one
  - 9 Reduce drastically, as prices
  - 14 "That's clear now"
  - 15 Job for an attorney
  - 16 Coffee-break time
  - 17 Diamonds and rubies
  - 18 Hawaiian dance
  - 19 2:1, for one
  - 20 Emulated a superhero
  - 23 Hotel offerings: Abbr.
  - 24 Female sheep
  - 25 Heroic feat
  - 29 \_\_\_ and groan
  - 31 Mediterranean, for one
  - 34 Mecca pilgrim's faith
  - 35 Two-person teams
  - 36 Angler's purchase
  - 37 Won, on some game shows
  - 40 Beer barrels
  - 41 Relatives of mice
  - 42 Where New Delhi is
  - 43 Thumbs-up answer
  - 44 Utters
  - 45 Cowboys' ropes
  - 46 Distress signal
  - 47 Skillet or wok
  - 48 Perused
  - 55 Full range
- DOWN
- 1 Irish dance
  - 2 Software purchaser
  - 3 Office note
  - 4 Mexican money
  - 5 Underhanded plan
  - 6 Praises
  - 7 Scandinavian capital
  - 8 Suitor
  - 9 Scattered about
  - 10 Go away
  - 11 Prefix for freeze
  - 12 10 Down, as a ship
  - 13 Medical-insurance grp.
  - 21 Declaration in bridge
  - 22 Make fun of
  - 25 Dangerous
  - 26 Lauder of lipstick
  - 27 Counterfeit coins
  - 28 Machine parts
  - 29 Nonpedigreed pups
  - 30 \_\_\_ and aahs
  - 31 Smooths, as wood
  - 32 "Old MacDonald" refrain
  - 33 Book of maps
  - 35 WWII turning point
  - 36 Makes illegal
  - 38 Wipe clean
  - 39 88-key instrument
  - 44 Tone down
  - 45 Vocal-cords locale
  - 46 Fry lightly
  - 47 Texting device
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  - 50 Computer input
  - 51 The enemy
  - 52 Egg on
  - 53 Egg on
  - 54 Visibility problem
  - 55 "That's incredible!"
  - 58 Guys

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# Tiger high on list for Ryder Cup

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tiger Woods remained No. 1 in the world ranking Monday, though not even close to that on two lists — the Ryder Cup and FedEx Cup — that mean much more these days.

Woods failed to qualify for the Ryder Cup for the first time — he had led the standings every other time since 1997 — and now must rely on U.S. captain Corey Pavin spending one of four wildcard picks on him.

In a hotel conference room Monday, Pavin sat at the head table between two poster boards, each showing the final standings for the eight American qualifiers. Woods' name was nowhere to be found between Phil Mickel-

son at No. 1 and Matt Kuchar at No. 8.

Pavin would only say that Woods is "high on my list" and will be a "big consideration" when he announces his selections Sept. 7.

"I'm looking at him in essence like any other player. He isn't ... but he is," Pavin said. "I'm certainly not going to disrespect other players by considering him different from other players. I have to look at the way he's playing, the way he played, and I have to look at his body of work as well. If anyone can turn it around quickly, it's him."

Woods should have at least one more tournament to make an impression.

While he wound up No. 12

in the Ryder Cup standings, equally troublesome is that Woods is No. 108 in the FedEx Cup standings. The top 125 are eligible for The Barclays next week at Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey, the start of the PGA Tour playoffs. Only the top 100 in the standings advance to the second round of the playoffs at the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston.

Woods is so far down in the FedEx Cup standings he's one spot behind Pavin.

"He's ranked a lot higher on Ryder Cup points," Pavin said with a laugh, "and probably the world ranking, I'm guessing."

Despite the shockingly low numbers next to Woods'

name, Pavin came away from the PGA Championship encouraged as much by what he heard from Woods as what he saw from him.

Woods stated plainly at the start of the week that he wants to play in the Ryder Cup and would accept a captain's pick. Even after he closed with a 1-over 73 to tie for 28th at Whistling Straits, he joked that he could still help out in singles. His Ryder Cup record is 10-13-2, including 3-1-2 in singles.

"I feel my game is a lot better than it was obviously last week, and given a little bit more time, it's starting to head in the right direction now, which is good," Woods said. "And I'm looking for-

ward to it. Hopefully, Corey will pick me on the team."

Woods tied for fourth in the Masters and U.S. Open. He missed the cut at Quail Hollow with the highest 36-hole total of his career, and only a week before the final major, he had the worst tournament of his career when he shot 18-over par at Firestone.

Which guy will show up? Is he even worth a pick?

Pavin was asked about the pros and cons of taking Woods, and he could think only of the positives.

"He's the No. 1 player in the world — that's a pretty good 'pro,'" Pavin said. "Obviously, I'm considering him highly, no doubt about it. He's playing better."

# Nationals, Bryce Harper agree at \$9.9M

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agreeing to a \$9.9 million, five-year deal with No. 1 draft choice Bryce Harper seconds before the deadline was such a big deal, Washington Nationals president Stan Kasten marked the occasion by smacking general manager Mike Rizzo in the face with a whipped-cream pie.

Kasten called it something he has to do "when we celebrate victories here."

On-the-field wins have been

hard to come by for the Nationals in recent seasons, which is why they owned the first pick in the draft two years in a row. At least they're getting the hang of this sign-the-top-pick routine.

Harper and the Nationals finalized a deal right before the deadline of midnight EDT Monday night — a year after coming to terms with 2009 top selection Stephen Strasburg on a record contract with a little more than a minute to

go.

Harper and Strasburg are both represented by super-agent Scott Boras.

"Suffice it to say, both sides gave up ground at the last second to get the deal done," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said.

The Nationals owned the No. 1 picks in 2009 and 2010 because they finished the 2008 and 2009 seasons with the worst record in the majors. When Washington had

the No. 9 pick in 2008, it failed to reach a deal with college pitcher Aaron Crow.

Strasburg's \$15.1 million, four-year contract was the highest for any player out of the draft, and the right-handed pitcher made his big league debut June 8, the day after Harper was picked.

Harper's deal is a record total for a non-pitcher signed out of the draft who had not become a free agent. Current New York Yankees first

baseman Mark Teixeira set the previous record for a major league deal for a position player, getting a \$9.5 million, four-year deal from the Texas Rangers in 2001. Teixeira, too, is represented by Boras.

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Harper is a 17-year-old power-hitting junior college catcher the Nationals plan to convert to an outfielder.

He's the first JUCO player taken with the first overall selection.

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## Texas signs last of first round picks

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed right-handed pitcher Luke Jackson, whom they took in the supplemental first round of the 2010 First-Year Player Draft.

The Rangers signing before Monday night's signing deadline means that they signed 37 of their 53 draft picks, including their top 20 picks.

Jackson was taken with the Rangers' third overall pick from Calvary Christian High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The 6-foot-2, 190-pound right-hander went 8-0 with a 0.90 ERA and 87 strikeouts, three shutouts and two saves in his senior year. He also hit two home runs and drove in 21 RBI.



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