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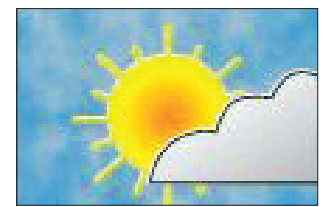
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## Jury: Collins not guilty

*Father did not intentionally injure 10-week-old son, trial determines*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 A 118<sup>th</sup> District Court jury has acquitted a Big Spring man of first-degree charges stemming from the April 2009 death of his 10-week-old son. Jesse James Collins, 22, was found not guilty of first-de-

gree injury to a child charges at the conclusion of his three-day trial Wednesday afternoon. If convicted, he would have faced a sentence of between five and 99 years or life in prison. Collins was charged in a relation to an incident that oc-

curred in the 400 block of N. Scurry late in the evening of April 10, 2009. Big Spring Fire Department paramedics responding to a "non-responsive child" call at that address found 10-week-old Bradley Collins not breathing. The child was

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, then to a Lubbock-area hospital, where he died the following day. A subsequent autopsy determined the cause of death to be severe trauma to the child's head and a medical examiner ruled the case a homicide.

"The defendant maintained the injuries were the result of a fall," Howard County District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said. "He admitted he was the care-giver to the child at the time of the

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

A pilot takes to the skies above McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark Wednesday during day four of the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship. The competition continues through Saturday at the Big Spring Air Terminal.

### U.S. HANG GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

## Flying Big Spring's friendly skies

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 With several days of flying already under their belt, competitors participating in the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship couldn't be happier, as weather conditions have offered great conditions for the annual competitions.

"It's going really well. We've been able to fly every single day so far, and while the conditions haven't been ideal, everyone is flying and flying safe. So we're really having a good time," David Glover, competition coordinator, said. "Wednesday looked a little light, but the other three days we've been up it's looked really good. We've had a

100 percent safe meet so far and all of the launches have gone really well. The tugs are flying well, so — knock on wood — we expect everything to go smooth. The pilots are getting more and more experience as the years go on and the pilots that come to the competition are usually the best. So it

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## Goodbye Iraq... Last American combat brigade heading home

**REBECCA SANTANA**  
 Associated Press Writer

KHABARI CROSSING, Kuwait — A line of heavily armored American military vehicles, their headlights twinkling in the pre-dawn desert, lumbered past the barbed wire and metal gates marking the border between Iraq and Kuwait early Thursday and rolled into history.



Staff Sgt. Dill

For the troops of the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, it was a moment of relief fraught with symbolism but lightened by the whoops and cheers of soldiers one step closer to going home. Seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion, the last American combat brigade was leaving Iraq, well ahead of President Barack Obama's Aug. 31 deadline for ending U.S. combat operations there.

When 18-year-old Spc. Luke Dill first rolled into Iraq as part of the U.S. invasion, his Humvee was so vulnerable to bombs that the troops lined its floor with flak jackets.

Now 25 and a staff sergeant after two tours of duty, he rode out of Iraq this week in a Stryker, an eight-wheeled behemoth encrusted with armor and add-ons to ward off grenades and other projectiles.

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## CISD enrollment impacts budget

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Until recent enrollment declines cease, belt-tightening will be the financial order of the day around Coahoma Independent School District.



Brown

CISD trustees have approved a budget for the coming fiscal year that

calls for about \$500,000 in decreased expenditures.

The reason behind the decreased revenue is simple — officials are anticipating a loss of about 100 students (roughly comparable to the same decrease in 2009-2010), which will result in a loss of state revenue to the district.

CISD receives approximately \$5,300 in state aid per enrolled student, Superintendent Randy Brown said.

To compensate for that revenue loss, trustees have adopted a \$6.91 million budget — compared to \$7.5 million for 2009-2010 — for the coming fiscal year.

To compensate for the revenue loss, the district made cuts almost across the board, including "absorbing" positions as they become vacant, at least until the enrollment declines cease, Brown said.

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## Obituaries

## Richard Delgado

Richard Delgado, 65, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Chaplain Joe Torres of Home Hospice Chaplain officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 31, 1945, to Anita and Ignocensio Delgado in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps Platoon 3021. He was stationed at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He received a National Defense Service Medal. He worked in the oilfield after returning home. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his mother, Anita Lujan of Big Spring; three special cousins, Gloria Frentzel of Bixby, Okla., Josephine Stevenson of Big Spring and Mary Wackerow of Combine; several aunts, Maria Woods of Tennessee, Luz Campos and Juana Limon, both of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and step-father, Dave McWhorter; and his grandparents, Felipe and Rosanda Lujan.

Pallbearers will be Scott Frentzel, Ray Kuykendall, John Granados and John Limon.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Goldie Clawson

Goldie Clawson, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

She was born Nov. 12, 1911, in Mena, Ark., and married Hubert W. Clawson on Dec. 16, 1928, in Stanton. He preceded her in death Jan. 5, 1997.

Goldie was a member and the oldest Charter Member of First Assembly of God Church and was active throughout the years. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and enjoyed caring for others.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Phipps of Big Spring, and Shirley Ryals and husband Jim of Big Spring; two sisters, Lois Stice of Dallas, and Gladene Cate of Big Spring; three great-granddaughters, Alyssa Newton, Toni Phipps and Brookelynn Jensen; and one great-grandson, Zacary Barber.

She was also preceded in death by twin sons; a grandson, Tony Phipps; a granddaughter, Amanda Ryals Barber; five brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Kathleen Faye Burleson

Kathleen Faye Burleson, 93, died Aug. 12, 2010, in Austin following a brief illness. A memorial celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, at the South Austin Christian Church, 206 E. Annie St. in Austin.

She was born Oct. 7, 1916, to Alfred and Elizabeth Runyan in Stanton and lived most of her life in Big Spring.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Wilson of Grapevine; her son, James of Austin; two grandsons, Donald and David Wilson; two great-grandchildren; a niece; and cousins and their families. Her late husband, Howard Burleson, was a long-time employee of the Herald.

Faye was a beautician for 53 years and owned salons in Big Spring and Corpus Christi. She was a life-long member of the First Christian Church. Her entire life was devoted to her immediate and extended family and to her friends. The kindness and generosity of her radiant spirit lives on.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Neptune Society.

*Paid obituary*

## Kathleen B. Aton

Kathleen B. Aton, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The daughter of Elmer and Ortry Boatler, Kathleen was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Big Spring. She was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. Kathleen married Al Aton on May 12, 1945, in Las Vegas, Nev., and they were married for 65 years. She worked at Mort Denton Pharmacy for 15 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Al Aton of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Don Barnes of Gardendale, and Kay and Larry Reynolds of Silverdale, Wash.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. The family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721-2222; or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Margie Cochran

Margie Cochran, 64, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at the Chapel at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 4, 1946, in Big Spring and married Robert Cochran in 1993 in Paint Rock. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Margie had lived most of her life in Big Spring. She was a caregiver for 25 years and cared for people in her home. She was a Christian.

Survivors include a son, Gary Miller of Big Spring; a daughter, Donna Kennedy of Big Spring; a sister, Carolyn Inga of San Diego, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

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## Stella O. Brooks

Stella O. Brooks of Big Spring passed away Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at the age of 88 years. Services will be held Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at 4 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial immediately following at the Salem Cemetery.

Stella was born March 10, 1922, to Mack William and Georgia Walker and was one of 12 siblings. She grew up on the family farm just northeast of Big Spring. She married Jesse Brooks on Sept. 9, 1939. Being one of the "greatest generation," Stella enjoyed working outdoors on the family farms and was an outstanding homemaker. She was a devoted mother, grandmommy and friend to many. She was a life-long member of Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include her two sons and their wives, Rodney and Carolyn Brooks, and Marty and Melissa Brooks, all of Coahoma; two daughters and one son-in-law, Diane and Ronnie Wood of Big Spring, and Iva Jo Hanslik of Sand Springs. Her grandchildren include Reagan and April Brooks and their children, Ali, Emily and Ryley; Ron and Angel Brooks and their children, Brittney, Jess, Laurel and Seth; Penni and Kaddo Kothmann and their children, Meagan and Kadden; Cory and Mandy Anderson and son, Chase; Justin Wood; Mandi Hanslik and daughter, Cydnee; Michael and Chandra Brooks and daughter, Landry; Tonia Brooks and son, Cody; and Collin McMillan. She is also survived by one sister, Lillie Robinson of Granbury; sisters-in-law, Faye Walker and Mary Sue Walker of Big Spring, Bernice Fuller, Marie Snow and Ruth Blackburn, of Abilene; and brother-in-law, Wayne Brooks of Pampa. Stella's extended family, that she loved dearly, is all the staff at Parkplace Retirement Center.

In addition to her parents, Stella was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse; one daughter, Judy Anderson; one son-in-law, Sid Hanslik; her nine brothers, Willis, Johnny, Shirley, Leslie, Noble, Deward, Dillard, Carroll and Jerrold Walker; and one sister, Veda McKee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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**TRIAL**

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incident and claimed he had dropped the child ... but there were several suspicious factors that called that particular story into doubt.”

Collins was defended by Big Spring attorneys Shane Seaton and Robert Miller.

The trial hinged on competing medical testimony. Prosecutors

produced five doctors who testified that the injuries were consisted with intentionally inflicted wounds, while Seaton and Miller’s witnesses argued the injuries could have been accidental in nature.

“The defendant is under no obligation to prove his innocence, but under these circumstances, we decided to take a two-pronged approach to the case,” Seaton said, explaining the defense strategy

of attacking the prosecution witnesses while providing alternative theories to the cause of the child’s injuries. “We believe our medical testimony was more consistent with the facts that were proven in the case.”

“I think the major factor in our favor was the lack of corroborating evidence that would have indicated a pattern of child abuse,” Miller said this morning. “The child had no other inju-

ries ... and our testimony showed that the blow a head can sustain from just a short fall can be tremendous.”

Wilkerson believed that the state’s inability to provide a direct link between Collins and his child’s injuries weighed heavily in the jury’s decision.

“There were several close issues in this case,” he said. “The evidence could have been interpreted two ways. It was difficult for us to

actually demonstrate what happened to the child and I think that void was very damaging to our case.”

The defense attorneys were understandably satisfied with the jury’s verdict.

“It was very appropriate,” Miller said. “At no time did I ever doubt that this was an accidental fall and the jury understood that, as well.”

“I’m certainly pleased with the outcome of this

particular case,” Seaton said. “The evidence was subject to two different interpretations ... and the jury sided with our interpretation.”

Wilkerson, on the other hand, was more subdued in his response to the verdict.

“Obviously, we’re somewhat disappointed. On the other hand, I understand the verdict,” he said. “Ultimately, we felt this was a case that needed to be tried.”

**GLIDING**

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makes the meet as safe as it can be.”

Glover said the pilots are not only enjoying the weather and flying conditions in the Crossroads area, but also some of the newer additions to the list of local businesses serving Big Spring.

“We’re flying at about medium distances so far. We really haven’t had any short tasks or super long tasks yet,” Glover said. “So it’s been about average for what we expect here (in Big Spring). This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year here in Big Spring, and we’re really having a good time.

“The pilots really like the new hotel we’ve moved into, the Hampton Inn. It’s a really nice facility and it makes it very comfortable. The management there has been extremely accommodating. We also like some of the new stuff going on in Big Spring,

like Hog Heaven and Papa Chons. People are saying a lot of good things about those places, along with the other places they’ve enjoyed going to every year when they come here. So they are really happy with the town and the warm, welcoming nature of it.”

Glover said the number of pilots competing in this year’s meet is somewhat down compared to the past, thanks in part to the economy, but expects the competition to rebound in 2011.

“We just had a number of large meets in Europe, and a number of the people who normally come to the meet (here in Big Spring) didn’t have the vacation time or the money to make it here this year,” Glover said. “However, we’re expecting to have about twice as many pilots next year. Some of it’s the economy and some of it is other meets going on that has made this year a little slower than usual, but we’re expecting it to pick back up next year.

“People are just sort of picking and choosing because they can’t go to everything. There are a doz-

en or so pilots who say things have slowed down for them a little bit but they want to come next year. We’re expecting it to pick back up.”

Regardless, Glover said the flying conditions will keep him and the hang glider pilots coming back to the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Air Terminal, year after year.

“We had some of our highest cloud bases the last couple of days, and that’s why the flying here is good,” Glover said. “Some people in town have been talking about how they think there’s more humidity now than there used to be. Overall, the weather is pretty similar for us as long as the wind isn’t too strong and the clouds keep coming, we’ll keep coming back to Big Spring.”

The competition continues through Saturday. For more information on the hang gliding championship, including estimated take-off times and tandem flights, contact the Big Spring Airport at 264-2362.

**CISD**

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“The one area we protected, however, is instruction,” he said. “We made a conscious effort not to make any chang-

es in the classroom.”

Teachers will get their scheduled “step” raises, but no other significant outlays in either salaries or capital purchases are forthcoming. In addition, the district will consolidate some bus routes to further de-

crease expenses.

About the only major project the district will undertake this year, Brown said, is the purchase of a security camera system for its campuses. Bids for that project will be solicited in the coming months.

The district’s new tax rate is relatively unchanged at \$1.285 per \$100 property valuation, which reflects a half-cent decline from the 2009-2010 rate. Brown said the slight decline in the tax rate reflects slightly smaller debt

service payments this fiscal year.

Despite the decrease in revenue, Brown hopes the fiscal situation has bottomed out.

“We had to tighten things up quite a bit,” Brown conceded. “But we did that and now

we’re ready to go forward.”

**Police blotter**

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

- JAMES NICHOLAS WINN, 31, of 1200 S. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ JR., 29, of 1010 N. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FELIPE SAIZ, 37, of 901 Magnolia, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- BRIAN MATTHEW JAMES, 29, of Plano, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB IAN STRAIN, 30, of 1000 N. Main St. Apt. 24, was arrested Wednesday on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).
- ROXANNA AGUILAR COX, 34, of 1504 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for speeding in a school zone.
- ALLAN LEE SMITH, 40, of 1502 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CHRISTOPHER M. SANDOVAL, 31, of 2716 Central, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JEREMY DON RAINEY, 21, of 1300 Wright, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR., 30, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1200 block of W. Sixth Street. In the 400 block of Ryon. In the 100 block of E. Seventh Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

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- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
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By Eddy Pitchford

Students return to school next week. School supplies, new clothes and good intentions are ready and waiting. Parental concerns, hectic schedules and alarm clocks are loading into the firing mode.

The notion of homework, activity schedules and peer pressure can prompt a lot of hurry and worry. At the same time, there is a comfort that comes from structured routines and underwood expectations.

As you prepare for the new school year, remember “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7) May this school year be filled with good choices, diligent effort, family harmony and God’s glory!

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## OUR VIEW

# Tax exempt weekend is back again!

Everyone likes holidays and not paying taxes — we are, after all, only human. And that's why this weekend will be one of the busiest for Texas retailers, thanks to the sales tax holiday.

The state's annual sales tax holiday, in which most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempted from sales and use taxes, will be held tomorrow through Sunday.

And this, the 12th straight year the state has offered the sales tax holiday, families will again be able to buy school supplies, back packs and school clothes tax free, if they're priced under \$100.

In other words, parents and grandparents outfitting children for school can save themselves about \$8 for every \$100 they spend in virtually everything children need to begin school.

So, you can bet virtually every clothing and shoe retailer in Big Spring, as well as those selling school supplies, will participate in the annual event. Remember, the weekend always approaches Christmas-season levels of sales.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, customers will receive the tax break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts priced at \$99.99 each. But full tax is due on any item sold for \$100.

Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, items that are carried rather than worn (such as handbags and briefcases), clothing rentals and repairs and alterations.

A list of some tax-free items would include baby clothes, belts, boots, caps/hats, coats and wraps, diapers, dresses, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys, jogging apparel, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats, robes, shirts, shoes, socks, shorts, suits, swimsuits, underclothes and work clothes and uniforms.

Items that will be taxed include accessories, baseball cleats and pants, belt buckles (without belt), buttons and zippers, cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics, dry cleaning services, football pads, golf gloves, handbags and purses, helmets and leather goods.

Of course, neither of those lists is complete, should anyone want clarification concerning the tax free holiday, they can call the comptroller's office toll free at 1-800-252-5555 or visit the comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Each and every minute is an opportunity to turn our lives around, Lord, and come to You.

Amen

# Parents must be pro-education

For many area parents, getting their children ready to head back to class is both a welcome and dreadful prospect. The sting left behind on wallets and pocketbooks from shopping for school supplies and clothing is tough to ignore, but it will be awful nice not to hear, "Daddy, I'm bored," every five minutes.

And, with that in mind, we count the days — there aren't many left, in case you're wondering — until it's back to the books for the children, teens and tweens of our community.

For my daughter, the beginning of school can't possibly come soon enough. Sure, she's not exactly looking forward to all of the school work, but she is looking forward to seeing many of her friends she's missed over the summer vacation.

She's also pretty hyped about her first year attending Goliad, where — and she's been sure to remind me of this at least twice a day for the past month — she will be leaving behind elementary school, which is apparently synonymous with getting a

locker, or so I'm told.

And at the core of the endeavor is, and always has been, getting a good education. Bear in mind, my daughter has never spoken a word of this — how ridiculous would it sound to hear a 10-year-old say, "Oh my God, Dad, I can't wait to enrich my life and future with some good, old-fashioned education!" — but like all good parents, I know it's there, much like the calcium and vitamins in a glass of chocolate milk.

The teachers at Big Spring Independent School District have been top-notch thus far, and I expect fifth grade to be no different for my little girl. However, educating a child is much like baking a cake, and it only takes one missing ingredient to turn something beautiful into something just plain gross.

Good teachers are a big part of that recipe, but the most important part is, and always has been, the enthusiasm and assistance provided by the parents.

No, you're not expected to turn cart-wheels down the hallways while professing your love for education at the top of your lungs. In fact, I'm pretty sure that will get you arrested, or at least a trip to some facility north of the city.

However, the encouragement parents provide for their children at home is absolutely vital

to their success.

Now, it may seem a bit silly, especially when your child is learning their ABCs, right? But it's that encouragement that will spur them on to the next lesson, and on and on until you find yourself just as baffled as they are, staring at a calculus text book.

These school years will determine a large part of success they will enjoy in the years to come, and then after we are gone. It's every parent's job to make sure their children can take care of themselves, both financially and morally.

So, let's take this school year to renew our interest in our children's education.

Take a few hours to volunteer at the school or during a school function. Sit down with your children and talk to them about the pressures and challenges they are facing, regardless of which school district or campus they are attending.

Most of all, find a way to be a positive part of your child's education.

It's a gift they can enjoy many years after we, the parents, have passed on.

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# Having a Facebook miracle

Did you know that it really is possible to find a needle in a haystack? I truly believe that anything can happen if your search is on Facebook!

A few days ago I had the surprise of my lifetime. But that is not where this story begins.

My mom divorced my dad when I was nine years old. Then he passed away a few months later. Sadly, communication was lost between her and my dad's family.

In the meantime, my mom and I moved several states to the west and started a new life. Years past without me knowing my aunt, uncle and numerous cousins — forty-two years to be exact!

Children of divorce often get the raw end of the deal. And I don't know that I can offer the perfect solution.

I do applaud parents who strive to maintain a relationship with their ex-spouse's family members — when this is possible. I have no doubt that this task is not always easy, consequently, I do not intend to pass judgment.

Furthermore, I also know there are many sides to every marriage and divorce that impacts communication among families. I know it was not so simple for

my mom.

Still, I can't help but wish that I could have grown up knowing my dad's side of the family.

Needless to say, it's never too late to know your cousins. This was my Facebook post after I received a message from a gal who turned out to be one of mine. She was sending Facebook messages out to several "Annette's" that shared my maiden name.

Fortunately, I had added my maiden name to my contact information.

I couldn't believe it when I received her message. In fact, I could not even read it aloud to my husband. Every time I tried, I started crying. It felt quite miraculous to be found. Actually, it was the idea that my cousin wanted to find me which brought my tears. Facebook messages were followed by phone calls which will hopefully — eventually — be followed by in-person visits.

But just feeling a connection to my cousins has rekindled my relationship to my dad. I've so missed having a dad. There was something about talking to the daughter and granddaughter of his sister which made me feel close to him — a feeling I wasn't expecting.

I wish parents whose marriages end, could learn how to co-parent in such a way that children never feel separated or isolated from their family. I've heard they even have counselors these days that will help parents learn how to do this. Sounds like

an endeavor worth whatever the cost!

I've not walked in the shoes of a divorced parent. So I may not be in the best position of giving advice to such parents. But I have experienced divorce as a child of divorce. And just maybe that gives me some authority to speak on this subject.

I know the pain, anger, resentment, confusion and loss that children feel when their parents separate — especially young children. And while I have no doubt that divorce is the right thing to do in many cases — I'm certain it was right for my mom — I think it imperative that divorced parents be able to see beyond their own feelings and attend to their children's. And if they don't think they are up to the task, then they need to get help from someone who is.

I like to think that if my dad had not died, 42 years would not have passed before I had the pleasure of spending time with cousins. But like I said, it's never too late to start. And I thank Facebook for giving me the opportunity!

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ANNETTE BRIDGES

**GOODBYE**

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"It's something I'm going to be proud of for the rest of my life — the fact that I came in on the initial push and now I'm leaving with the last of the combat units," he said.

He remembered three straight days of mortar attacks outside the city of Najaf in 2003, so noisy that after the firing ended, the silence kept him awake at night. He recalled the night skies over the northern city of Mosul being lit up by tracer bullets from almost every direction.

Now, waiting for him back in Olympia, Wash., is the "Big Boy" Harley-Davidson he purchased from one of the motorcycle company's dealerships at U.S. bases in Iraq — a vivid illustration of how embedded the American presence has become since the invasion of March 20, 2003.

That presence is far from over. Scatterings of troops still await departure, and some 50,000 will stay another year in what is designated as a noncombat role. They will carry weapons to defend themselves and accompany Iraqi troops on missions (but only if asked). Special forces will continue to help Iraqis hunt for terrorists.

So the U.S. death toll — at least 4,415 by Pentagon count as of Wednesday — may not yet be final.

The Stryker brigade, based in Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state and named for the vehicle that delivers troops into and out of battle, has lost 34 troops in Iraq. It was at the forefront of many of the fiercest battles, including operations in eastern Baghdad and Diyala province, an epicenter of the insurgency, during "the surge" of 2007. It evacuated troops at the battle of Tarmiyah, an outpost where 28 out of 34 soldiers were wounded holding off insurgents.

The U.S. military kept a tight lid on security, restricting the media embedded with the U.S. troops from reporting on the brigade's movements until they were almost to the border.

The brigade's leadership volunteered to have half of its 4,000 soldiers depart overland instead of taking the traditional flight out, a decision that allowed the unit to keep 360 Strykers in the country for an extra three weeks. The remainder of the brigade flew out with the last of the troops slated to leave later Thursday.

U.S. commanders say it was the brigade's idea to drive out, not an order from on high. The intent was to keep additional firepower handy through the "period of angst" that followed Iraq's inconclusive March 7 election, said brigade chief, Col. John Norris.

It took months of preparation to move the troops and armor across more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) of desert highway through potentially

hostile territory.

The Strykers left the Baghdad area in separate convoys over a four-day period, traveling at night because the U.S.-Iraq security pact — and security worries — limit troop movements by day.

Along the way, phalanxes of American military Humvees sat at overpasses, soldiers patrolled the highways for roadside bombs, and Apache attack helicopters circled overhead as the Strykers refueled alongside the highway.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gus McKinney, a bri-

gade intelligence officer, acknowledged that moving the convoys overland put soldiers at risk, but said the danger was less than in past.

The biggest threat was roadside bombs planted by Shiite extremist groups who have a strong foothold in the south, McKinney said.

But except for camels straying into the road, and breakdowns that required some vehicles to be towed, there were no incidents. The last of the Strykers rolled across the border just before 4 a.m. Thursday into Kuwait, honking

their horns and waving to the small crowd gathered at the crossing.

The brigade's leadership was on hand to greet the troops after they crossed the border and pulled into a parking lot where they shed their sweaty armor and stumbled out of their Strykers.

"This is powerful. This is exciting for me. As a commander, this means that all of my soldiers are safely inside of Kuwait and getting ready to redeploy back to their families," Norris told The Associated Press.

The worst of the ride was conditions inside the Strykers — sitting for hours in a cramped space — and the temperatures outside that reached 50 Celsius (120 Fahrenheit).

The driver's compartment is called the "hell-hole" because it sits over the engine and becomes almost unbearably hot. The vehicle commander and gunner can sit up in hatches to see the outside world. At the tail end are hatches for two gunners. Eight passengers — an infantry squad in combat conditions — can squeeze in

the back.

For Dill, who reached Kuwait with an earlier convoy, the withdrawal engendered feelings of relief. His mission — to get his squad safely out of Iraq — was accomplished.

Standing alongside a hulking Stryker, his shirt stained with sweat, he acknowledged the men who weren't there to experience the day with him.

"I know that to my brothers in arms who fought and died, this day would probably mean a lot, to finally see us getting out of here,"

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Cody Guffey photo  
Forsan High School student Autumn Alton is pictured in San Angelo with the Texas A&M University mascot Reveille VIII.

Courtesy photo  
A new DAV (Disabled American Veterans) vehicle arrived Friday, Aug. 6 at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The 2010 Ford Explorer XLT was driven from the DAV national headquarters in Cold Spring, Ky., by Ed Meiser, DAV chapter commander and District 1 finance chairman. The seven-passenger Explorer will be used for the DAV Transportation Network for the West Texas VA Health Care System. AMVETS, the American Legion, the VFW and DAV Chapter 47 combined their resources and donated the proceeds to purchase the new vehicle. A ribbon cutting was held to welcome the Explorer into the DAV transportation fleet on the morning of Monday, Aug. 9.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Joyce and Bill Crooker, center, are joined by officials with the city of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful at their home in the 2800 block of Parkway. The Crookers' yard was chosen for the August Doing Your Part award, which includes a number of coupons and prizes from local businesses.

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# Mosque debate divides Democrats

**BETH FOUHY**  
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NEW YORK — As vulnerable congressional Democrats weigh how to respond to President Barack Obama's statements on Muslims' right to build a mosque near ground zero, those in New York and closest to the controversy are staying silent or scrambling away.

Democrats control both Senate seats and 27 of the state's 29 Congressional districts, but analysts believe as many as eight House Democrats in the state may be headed to defeat this year. Republicans, hoping to ease Democrats' grip on the state, insist the economy remains the major campaign issue but say the mosque flap could also help move voters their way.

From eastern Long Island to more rural upstate areas, House Democrats have been opposing the construction of a \$100 million Islamic center two blocks from the World Trade Center site. More than 2,700 people died there on Sept. 11, 2001, at the hands of Islamic terrorists, and the wound remains fresh for many New Yorkers who are still traumatized by the attacks or who lost loved ones that day.

Developers of the planned Islamic center known as Park51 have plans for a 13-story structure featuring a pool, gym and 500-seat auditorium, as well as a mosque and Sept. 11 memorial. It's a project of the Cordoba Initiative, a New York-based nonprofit group that

promotes greater understanding between Islam and the West.

Obama told a largely Islamic crowd over Ramadan dinner last week that he believed Muslims have a right to build the mosque and practice their religion there. A day later, he said he wasn't passing judgment on the wisdom of building an Islamic center at that location.

The latest Democrat to break with Obama is Rep. John Hall, a two-term incumbent expected to face a strong challenge from Republican Nan Hayworth in the 19th district north of New York City.

In a statement released Wednesday, Hall said freedom of religion was essential to democracy but that he hoped the project would be constructed elsewhere.

"I think honoring those killed on Sept. 11 and showing sensitivity to their families, it would be best if the center were built at a different location," Hall said.

Hall joins three other House Democrats believed to be vulnerable in November who have announced their opposition to the project.

In eastern Long Island, four-term Rep. Tim Bishop said ground zero should be a symbol of interfaith understanding. If developers of the Islamic center are seeking such unity, they should move the project, he said.

In Staten Island, the most conservative of New York City's five boroughs, Democratic Rep. Mike McMahon said the project was a lo-

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cal matter and shouldn't come under federal jurisdiction. Nonetheless, he said he hoped it would be moved.

"I believe a new location is the right compromise so that Muslim Americans can worship without eliciting feelings that push us away from our country's basic tenet of religious acceptance while the families

of 9/11 victims obtain the peace of mind they deserve," McMahon said.

A few vulnerable Democrats have chosen to stay silent on the matter, including Syracuse-area Rep. Dan Maffei, Rep. Bill Owens in northern New York and Albany-area Rep. Scott Murphy.

Murphy's Republican

opponent, Chris Gibson, posted a statement on Facebook appearing to support the Islamic center project, saying, "It's either all or nothing — churches, mosques and synagogues should be treated the same." He later issued a clarification, saying he didn't think building a mosque near ground zero was a good idea.

There was a bit of a role-reversal in the Utica-area district where two-term Rep. Mike Arcuri is facing a strong challenge from Republican Richard Hanna. Arcuri was the first New York Democrat to break with Obama on the project, while Hanna initially said he didn't have a problem with it.

"This country was founded by people who were running away from

religious persecution. So how can we become what we have beheld and found contemptible in other places?" Hanna said in a statement. He later switched course, saying it was insensitive to locate the project at ground zero.

Justin Phillips, an assistant professor at Columbia University who studies state elections, said the rejection of the mosque by vulnerable Democrats wasn't surprising.

"The Democrats who are going to lose in 2010 are from moderate to conservative districts, so these are the Democrats who are trying to be very careful in their handling of this issue," Phillips said. "They don't want to take an unpopular position on anything right now."

## Poll: Growing number incorrectly call Obama Muslim

**ALAN FRAM**  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — Americans increasingly are convinced — incorrectly — that President Barack Obama is a Muslim, and a growing number are thoroughly confused about his religion. Nearly one in five people, or 18 percent, said they think Obama is Muslim, up from the 11 percent who said so in March 2009, according to a poll released Thursday. The proportion who correctly say he is a Christian is down to just 34 percent.

The largest share of people, 43 percent, said they don't know his religion, an increase from the 34 percent who said that in early 2009.

The survey, conducted by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center and its affiliated Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, is based on interviews conducted before the controversy over whether Muslims should be permitted to construct a mosque near the World Trade Center site. Obama has said he believes Muslims have the right to build an Islamic center there, though he's also said he won't take a position on whether they should actually build it.

In a separate poll by Time magazine/ABT SRBI conducted Monday and Tuesday — after Obama's comments

about the mosque — 24 percent said they think he is Muslim, 47 percent said they think he is Christian and 24 percent didn't know or didn't respond.

In addition, 61 percent opposed building the Muslim center near the Trade Center site and 26 percent said they favor it.

The Pew poll found that about three in 10 of Obama's fiercest political rivals, Republicans and conservatives, say he is a Muslim. That is up significantly from last year and far higher than the share of Democrats and liberals who say so. But even among his supporters, the number saying he is a Christian has fallen since 2009, with just 43 percent of blacks and 46 percent of Democrats saying he is Christian.

Among independents, 18 percent say Obama is Muslim — up from 10 percent last year.

Pew analysts attribute the findings to attacks by his opponents and Obama's limited attendance at religious services, particularly in contrast with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, whose worship was more public.

Andrew Kohut, the Pew Research Center's director, said the confusion partly reflects "the intensification of negative views about Obama among his critics."

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### World increases flood aid to Pakistan

GHAZI AIR BASE, Pakistan (AP) — The world ramped up assistance to flood-ravaged Pakistan on Thursday three weeks after the crisis began, and U.S. Sen. John Kerry said Washington did not want Islamist extremists to come out of the disaster stronger.

The U.S., Germany and Saudi Arabia all announced new pledges of aid, while Japan said it would send helicopters to help distribute food, water and medicine. The Asian Development Bank said it would redirect \$2 billion of existing and planned loans for reconstruction.

The floods have affected 20 million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence. Aid groups and the United Nations have complained foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster.

The United States has deployed 18 army helicopters to hard-hit areas and given other aid worth \$90 million.

Kerry, who is visiting Pakistan to see the flood damage, said that would increase to \$150 million. The figure is expected to be announced at a U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York on Thursday.

Saudi Arabia said it would donate \$80 million to Pakistan, the official Saudi Press Agency reported, making it one of the largest donors. The country has for years sought to project its influence in Pakistan and has funded the spread of hardline Islamic theology there.

### Some jurors glad Blagojevich will face another trial

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal prosecutors aren't alone in wanting a retrial after the jury deadlocked on all but one count at former Illinois Gov. Rod

Blagojevich's corruption trial.

Some jurors also want to see the impeached Democratic governor back in court and have expressed frustration that the panel of six women and six men could not agree on additional counts, including allegations that he tried to sell President Barack Obama's old senate seat.

"I'm glad there is going to be (a retrial)," juror Cynthia Parker, 60, said outside her home in the Chicago suburb of Gurnee. "I don't feel it's finished."

Parker said she joined most other jurors in voting to convict Blagojevich of the alleged Senate seat scheme. Several jurors have said they were just one vote shy of a conviction.

The retrial promises to be as circus-like and nearly as expensive as the first trial. And in a state with a huge budget deficit, some people would prefer not to see it at all.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said the prosecution is nearly ready to start jury selection, and the presiding judge set a hearing on the matter for Aug. 26.

### New senators frustrated with Senate ways want to weaken long-standing rights of minority

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those who hold the Senate in low esteem can get a sympathetic ear from some of the chamber's newer members. These lawmakers also are fed up with the Senate's ways and would like to change them.

"A graveyard of good ideas" is how freshman Democrat Tom Udall of New Mexico sees the Senate. "Out of whack with the way the rest of the world is," says another freshman, Michael Bennet, D-Colo. "Just defies common sense" is the impression of Claire McCaskill, a first-term Democrat from Missouri, in describing the filibuster-plagued institution.

New members, especially those from the majority party eager to fulfill their

election promises, typically complain about the slow pace of the Senate. But with partisanship pushing the Senate toward petrification, some newcomers are seeking fundamental changes in the way the Senate operates. Getting their more senior colleagues to go along will not be easy.

Bennet, the Denver school superintendent appointed to his post after former Sen. Ken Salazar became interior secretary, has put forth an elaborate plan to make the Senate more workable.

It includes eliminating the practice known as a "hold" in which a single senator can secretly prevent action on legislation or nominees; ending the ability to filibuster motions to bring a bill up for debate; banning earmarks for private, for-profit companies; imposing a lifetime ban on members becoming lobbyists; and restricting congressional pay raises.

### Democrats, Republicans remember Stevens for helping Alaskans over 40 years in Senate

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Ted Stevens was remembered for touching many lives during his four decades as a U.S. senator and using his considerable clout to bring change to Alaska: from indoor toilets in rural villages to paving the way for love.

Gertrude Bunyan, 73, said Stevens — famous for his ability to steer billions of dollars in federal money to his home state — got the funds to provide inside plumbing to homes in her village of Hooper Bay, which also got a new high school and health clinic.

"He really helped the villages. We sure are going to miss him," Bunyan said.

Stevens, 86, the nation's longest-serving Republican senator, was killed last week in a plane crash in Alaska doing something he truly loved: fishing for salmon.

Thousands of people attended his funeral Wednesday in Anchorage's largest church. It marked the end of three days of remembrances that began Monday when several hundred people attended a Catholic Mass in Anchorage. Mourners filed past a closed casket Tuesday as Stevens' body lay in repose at the Episcopal church.

### Palestinian group puts conflict with Israel aside to learn about the Holocaust

JERUSALEM (AP) — Growing up in the West Bank, Mujahid Sarsur knew next to nothing about the Holocaust and saw little ground to sympathize

with a people he saw as his occupier.

But thanks to an Israeli roommate overseas, the 21-year-old Palestinian student learned about the Nazi murder of 6 million Jews during World War II and discovered a new understanding of his Israeli neighbors.

Now he wants other Arabs to do the same. Sarsur heads one of a handful of Palestinian grass-roots groups seeking knowledge about the Holocaust.

On Wednesday, he led a delegation of 22 students to Israel's official Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem. The students, fasting for Ramadan, listened closely to their Arabic-speaking guide's explanations, and were left wide-eyed by the gruesome images of the death camps.

Girls in Muslim head scarves turned away in horror at the sight of Jewish corpses being shoveled into pits. They huddled together as they watched film from Auschwitz, where about 1 million Jews were put to death.

### After turbulent year following bankruptcy, GM lays groundwork to sell stock to public again

DETROIT (AP) — Thirteen months ago, General Motors was fighting for its life in bankruptcy court. Now, the automaker is laying the groundwork to sell stock to the public once again with the eventual goal of ridding itself of government ownership.

General Motors Co. filed the first batch of paperwork required to hold an initial public offering of stock late Wednesday. The 700-page document submitted to regulators laid out reasons, and risks, to investors considering buying GM stock.

The filing, called an S-1, was short on specifics. GM didn't say how many shares would be sold or when, although experts say the IPO could come as early as October. It also didn't say how many shares GM's majority owner, the U.S. government, plans to unload.

Such a sale would eventually lead to the government shrinking its big stake in the automaker, something GM is eager to see. The company's outgoing CEO, Ed Whitacre, has said government ownership has hurt GM's public image and sales. However, GM warned in its filing that the U.S. Treasury would continue to own a "substantial interest" in the automaker following the IPO.

More details about the offering is likely to emerge with additional filings in the coming weeks and months. GM did say its stakeholders initially will sell common stock, while the company itself will sell preferred shares, which are like bonds and include dividend payments.

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# Getting acclimated

## Rhoton hopes to impress as Forsan transfer

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Jake Rhoton blends in at the Big Spring Steers' practice. On the field making a catch at receiver or a tackle at safety, he looks like one of his many teammates who have spent most of their lives playing football in Big Spring's system.

But when his senior year ends this season, Rhoton won't have a handful of years in the Big Spring system under his belt. He'll have one.

In fact, the senior transfer from Forsan High School might have an experience far from what his new teammates have been through.

"It's hard because I've been with everybody out there that's a senior this year since kindergarten," said Rhoton of his friends at Forsan. "It was a tough decision because I was a senior, I was about to graduate. Getting acclimated to a new program and everything like that, it's been great for me so far."

Rhoton transferred from Forsan to Big Spring for educational purposes, being able

to take certain classes at BSHS in person that Forsan only offered online.

But with the move, the Steers gained an extra player in a year where Big Spring is trying to replace a lot of standouts from last season.

In practice, Rhoton has proved as a reliable receiver and a solid safety, getting more reps at those positions with Mike Menefield being out with a minor injury.

Rhoton said he's enjoyed his time on the team so far, getting the chance to interact with more people.

But the senior had a setback early in two-a-days when he stepped on a nail with his left foot at his job. Rhoton said he tried to practice with the injury, but it just got worse, forcing him to miss a few days of practice.

It bothered Rhoton more than most might know.

"Missing the first day of pads killed," he said. "That killed me because I wasn't able to prove myself to coaches the first four days of pads and I've had to make up



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Jake Rhoton runs a route during a Big Spring Steers' practice Wednesday. The senior Forsan transfer is hoping to make an impact on offense and as a safety on defense.

for it the past couple of days."

And according to his coaches, there's no question Rhoton has made up for lost time.

Defensive backs coach Nick Roberson said Rhoton was impressive in practice at safety Wednesday. At one point, he made a big hit

and grabbed an interception.

Rhoton has been back on the field since Aug. 10.

"Any time you make a move into a new program, or a new offense or a new defense, you have to get acclimated to your environment," Roberson said. "You've

got so much more to learn than this kid that's been in Big Spring since seventh grade who's gone through this system for four, five, six straight years. He's going to have a better clue of the system. That doesn't mean (Rhoton) can't come in and get him some time because

he practiced incredible (Wednesday)."

Roberson said if Rhoton makes a mistake, it's not because of hustle, but it's because he's still learning the system at Big Spring.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey is impressed,

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Coahoma faces Clyde in their last scrimmage today in hopes of cleaning up a few small errors. Varsity is expected to be on the field around 6 p.m.

## Clyde next for Coahoma

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Coahoma's scrimmage against Clyde today is all about cleaning up small errors and putting things together for the Bulldogs.

At least that's what head coach Trey Gardner is looking for.

"We'd like to think so. I guess Thursday will really tell us. That's one of the things we're really hoping to see. Have we fixed some of the er-

rors?"

Reviewing the film from the Bulldogs' last scrimmage against Jim Ned, Gardner and the coaching staff are optimistic about the team's progress.

Gardner said there are still a few problems on both sides of the ball, but the offense and defense are close to making things work.

"We're one block away here, one block away there," Gardner said of the team's film

session after the scrimmage against Jim Ned. "Offense, we're having some really good plays. We're hoping to correct some of those mistakes. Defensively, we still had some problems. We were watching film Tuesday and that's one of the things we were telling them Tuesday. We were telling them, 'When we go over Thursday, we don't want to be back here on Friday watch-

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## Longoria has 4 RBIs as Tampa Bay sweeps Texas Rangers

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — This was one nice series for Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Longoria hit a solo homer and drove in four runs to help the Rays beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 on Wednesday, completing a sweep of the three-game set between potential playoff opponents.

"We did it against a real good ballclub," Longoria

said. "I think everybody at this point understands that these games are really starting to become big."

Longoria also had a pair of RBI doubles and a sacrifice fly. The All-Star third baseman had three RBIs in Tampa Bay's 10-1 victory Tuesday night.

"He had a great series," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We couldn't stop him

from the first game on."

Longoria had seven hits — including five for extra bases — in 12 at-bats with eight RBIs during the sweep. He entered the game hitting .234 over his previous 25 games.

James Shields (11-11) allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings, stopping a personal two-game slide. He had given up 12 runs over nine innings in his previous

two outings.

"We're playing really well right now," Shields said. "We've got a lot of confidence at home. I think we've got that home-field advantage back."

The Rays have won 19 of their last 24 games at Tropicana Field.

Tampa Bay, which began the day tied with the New York Yankees for the AL East lead, has won five straight

overall.

"Absolutely it's a confidence builder," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Taylor Teagarden and Mitch Moreland homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who are 7-10 since July 30. AL batting leader Josh Hamilton had a run-scoring grounder in the eighth but went 0 for 4

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## Sports in brief

### 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.

### 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 Deb-

bie 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.

### Flag football league

The West Texas NFL Flag Football League is holding sign-ups from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 28.

The location for Aug. 21 is Little Learners Christian Daycare at 105 Spring Creek Road in Sand Springs and on Aug. 28 at the Coahoma Community Center. Ages are from 9 to 11 and this is a co-ed league. Cost per player is \$40 and discounts are given for multiple children families. This covers an NFL jersey, flags and there is no fundraiser.

Call Adam at 213-7186 or Leslie at 213-7157 for more information.

### Railroaders Golf Tournament

This tournament takes place Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Prizes go to the first-place team, longest drive for man and woman and closest to the pin for man and woman. Each player has a \$10 fee to play that will go to the BLET Auxiliary. The organization is also accepting donations.

Call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 for more information.

# Braves acquire Cubs' Derrek Lee

ATLANTA (AP) — Derrek Lee passed up the chance to get on the fringe of the playoff race.

Now he's right in the middle of it.

The NL East-leading Atlanta Braves bulked up for the pennant chase Wednesday, acquiring the slugging first baseman from the Chicago Cubs for three minor league pitchers.

Atlanta already had Troy Glaus at first base but, in an unexpected move, the team put him on the 15-day disabled list. General manager Frank Wren wants Glaus to rest his legs for a week, then head to Triple-A Gwinnett to get in some work at his former position, third base.

Lee is now THE man at first for the Braves. "It doesn't get any bet-

ter," said Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, whose season-ending knee injury sparked the trade. "Outstanding character guy. Outstanding player. Defensively at first base, he's top notch. And he gives us another right-handed presence in the middle of our lineup."

Lee just wants another shot at the World Series. He played on Florida's

championship team in 2003 before moving to Chicago, where he put up some big numbers over seven seasons — including a career-best 46 homers in '05 — but never got back to the Series.

Last month, he turned down a trade to the Los Angeles Angels, exercising his rights as a 10-year veteran who had played at least five years

with the same team. He was concerned about the Angels having too much ground to make up in the AL West.

The 34-year-old Lee was more comfortable coming to Atlanta, which led two-time defending NL champion Philadelphia by 2½ games going into Wednesday's contest against Washington.

"The main thing is

we've got six weeks to go and Atlanta's in first place," Lee said during a news conference in Chicago. "They're playing great baseball. It just felt right. A chance to go to the postseason, it's hard to pass up."

The Braves had the second-best ERA in the National League but needed offensive help, especially after Jones went down last week.

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for the day and 1 for 10 in the series.

"You just move on," Washington said. "We'll be better equipped the next time we see them. Stay tuned."

Moreland belted a two-run shot off Lance Cormier in the ninth but Rafael Soriano came in and got the final two

outs for his 35th save.

Longoria hit an RBI double off Derek Holland (2-2) in the first and a solo drive in the fourth for his first homer in 20 games, making it 2-0.

Tampa Bay went up 5-1 in the fifth on B.J. Upton's 11th homer, Longoria's run-scoring double and a bases-loaded walk to pinch-hitter Matt Joyce.

Joyce also singled in a run in the seventh and

Longoria added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Teagarden cut the Rangers' deficit to 2-1 with a fifth-inning homer. He has connected three times in his last five starts.

Holland, recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City before the game, made his first big league start since May 30. The left-hander gave up five runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings.

"The big thing was I fell behind on a lot of hitters and you know that will cost you," Holland said.

Andres Blanco helped the Rangers close to 5-2 in the sixth, taking advantage of a pair of miscues by Shields. Blanco reached on an infield single and went to third when Shields was charged with an error for an errant pickoff attempt. He scored on a

wild pitch.

The victory was the 900th for the Rays, who started play in 1998.

NOTES: Shields has given up 29 homers this season. ... Rangers 3B Michael Young (stiff neck) was out of the lineup for the second straight game. ... Tampa Bay RHPs Jeff Niemann and Wade Davis, both sidelined with strained right shoulders, had bullpen sessions and

will pitch simulated games Friday. ... Hamilton was the DH for the second consecutive game.

"I want to get him off the (artificial) turf," Washington said. ... Rangers SS Elvis Andrus had a scheduled day off. ... Tampa Bay will wear team plaid jackets called "Braysers" as the theme for a West Coast trip that begins Thursday at Oakland.

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too, and believes Rhoton is important to this team.

Rhoton played at free safety, slot receiver and quarterback at Forsan and there was talk he might get a shot as Big

Spring's quarterback.

Ritchey said if Rhoton is needed there, the coaching staff would explore that possibility, but either at receiver or safety, he hopes the senior can find his way to the starting lineup.

"He's way behind these guys on the learning curve, but he's had a good week,"

he said. "We need him to. He needs to play for us.

"He's healthy and been fully released. We're just trying to get him as many reps as we can where he can eventually start on one side of the ball or the other."

Rhoton will admit getting used to a different system has its challenges, especially on

offense.

He said getting used to the formations on offense is difficult, where on defense, getting used to the coverages allows him to do what he loves, make big hits.

Rhoton said playing under Jason Phillips at Forsan last season helped him stay in shape, too. He said Phillips

style of strength and conditioning helped that program.

Now, as the scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado looms, Rhoton is slated as a backup safety, but with the safeties playing on offense, too, he could play at any time this season.

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## Wade in Chicago for charity weekend

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade knows what he's going to hear for the next few days. It's the same question he's been getting for the past few weeks.

"So, why didn't you pick the Bulls?"

Hey, when you're a native son of Chicago and you rebuke the advances of your hometown team, that's a fair question. And the newly re-signed Miami Heat guard fully expects to be on the receiving end of it often between now and Sunday, while hosting a number of charity-themed events to help underprivileged kids.

"I expect to hear that for a while," Wade told The Associated Press on Wednesday from Chicago, where his Wade's World Foundation will hold events involving more than 1,000 children this weekend. "But kids are fans of the game of basketball and fans of certain players as well. They think it's cool in

a way. It's moreso the adults who don't understand why you didn't choose their cities."

Wade became a free agent July 1, and met with the Bulls twice, eventually conceding that he was deeply torn between offers from Miami and Chicago. Even his family couldn't come to a consensus on where the 2006 NBA finals MVP should spend the next few seasons playing.

By now, everyone knows how the story ends.

Chris Bosh picked Miami, Wade quickly decided to join him and one day later, LeBron James gave the Heat a triple sweep of the three biggest prizes available during this summer's free-agent period. So now, Wade finds himself in the delicate balance of enjoying Chicago while trying to avoid the city's disappointment.

"Whatever jersey I'm wearing, I'm still here,"

Wade said. "I'm still in the community, I think I'm doing something impactful and bigger than the game of basketball. It had nothing to do with Chicago. It had nothing to do with the Chicago Bulls. It had everything to do with Miami and what we had a chance to do down there."

So far, Wade — who hosts two basketball camps in Chicago, plus has a mother who holds events at her church in the city — said the support he's seen from his hometown has been unwavering.

"The kids can separate it. It's moreso the adults we have to fight against," Wade said. "It's just not their lives. ... At the end of the day, I'm sure that if I'm happy, they will be happy for me in the long run. It's the same thing in Ohio for LeBron. He looks happy. He says he's very happy with his decision and I think people can respect that."

Wade's weekend of events includes a benefit with rapper-actor Common to support a youth center, a bowling party where teams of six can rent a lane for \$2,500, a youth summit, a "Chicago's Got Talent" showcase for kids, and a back-to-school supplies giveaway with haircut stations and even places where kids can get uniforms for the coming school year.

"I didn't want this to be about celebrities," Wade said. "I wanted this weekend to be about the city of Chicago, to its core. At the end of the day, this is for the community and about them."

His summer gets hectic from here.

Wade is scheduled for business meetings in New York next week, continuing to build his brand and add to his marketability. And on Sept. 8, Wade and his ex-wife are set to begin a custody trial.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Finding the Killing Lead

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ K 9 5 2  
♣ Q 8 4 3

Take this case where South wound up in four hearts on the auction shown. West had a choice of two seemingly natural leads, the jack of clubs or the queen of diamonds. But before mechanically leading either card, he paused to consider the bidding.

Based on North's final pass of four hearts, and his failure to support spades at any stage, it was clear that he held at most two spades. This made it quite likely that South would try to ruff his spade losers with dummy's hearts. To cut down on this possibility, and to protect his own strong spade holding, West therefore led a trump.

After this lead, there was no way for declarer to score 10 tricks. In practice, he won the first trump in dummy and led a spade to the jack and queen, whereupon West returned another trump. South won in dummy and tried a spade to the nine, losing to the ten. A third trump by West then marooned declarer with two more spade losers, so he had to go down one.

Had West gotten off to any other lead, South could not have been prevented from ruffing at least one spade in dummy, even if West switched to a trump after winning the first spade. Declarer would then have lost only three spades and made the contract.

**WEST**  
♠ A Q 10 8  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ J 10 5

**EAST**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ 6 4  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ K 9 7 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ A Q J 9 5  
♦ A 4  
♣ A

The bidding:  
**South** West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 3 NT Pass  
4 ♥

Opening lead — two of hearts.  
For the defense, the most critical play is often the opening lead. Time and again, it can be seen that if a defender starts out with the most effective lead for his side, the contract will fail — or at least be put in some degree of jeopardy.

Unfortunately, the opening leader does not have the advantage of viewing the dummy when trying to select the initial salvo. All he has to guide him is his own 13 cards and the bidding. In some cases, though, that can be quite enough.

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4	2	6	9	3	7	8	1	5
2	4	8	5	1	3	9	6	7
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5	1	7	6	9	8	2	4	3

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-ing this film, correcting the same mistakes."

With the scrimmage at Clyde today, the depth chart is not much of concern.

Gardner said he is comfortably set on the starters and the backups, who could see a lot

of time this season.

Gardner said there are four running backs who could get a lot of time on the field and the Bulldogs are rotating about eight linemen. The goal, he said, is to be able to plug any player in and not lose a step.

Gardner has the community's support in his first season as head coach, too. Gardner, a Coahoma High Gradu-

ate, said he's had time to reconnect with the community during two-a-days, too.

"I knew a lot of the people in the community already," he said. "(Tuesday), we actually had an open house at the high school and there were a lot of people coming up. Everybody's been very supportive up to this point, so I'm hoping we keep that trend."



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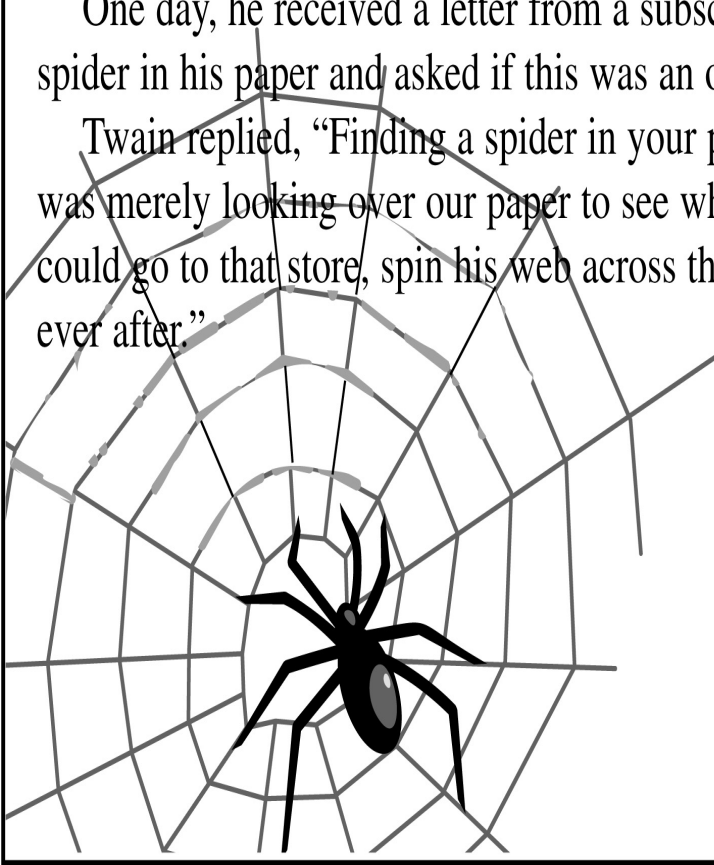
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The moon will be void of course in the morning, suggesting that those who usually have only one cup of coffee may reach for two, only to find that being more awake will not solve the situation. Have patience.



HOLIDAY MATHS

Maturity and reason will win out. Do not make your move until your orders (either from within or from the outside) are completely clear.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Wherever you plant your affection, something will grow. Today is about deciding the most strategic placement for your energy. Go where you're likely to get the most cooperation.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Don't be overly snoopy now. The universe is trying to surprise you. When you decide how your luck will come to you, you take the fun out of it.

Let yourself live in the wonder a while longer.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your outlook is somewhat foggy, and you just can't tell whether your current strategy is working or not. Assume it is, and inch your way forward. Better to hang on a moment longer than to quit when you're almost there!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you're still not sure what to do, it's probably because the muses have yet to call. You'll know when inspiration strikes. There will be no other option than the one quivering in your hot little hand.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You need practical advice. Surround yourself with reasonable people who can give you tangible help. Once you are grounded in reality, you will feel secure enough to dream big.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do what it takes to make your paying customers happy. You want everyone around to be enthusiastic about knowing you. So you'll take measures

to ensure that your personal stock stays high.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Part of you is afraid that if you kick back, relax and enjoy yourself, you'll get used to it. Your appetite for enjoyment will grow. You'll soon want your entire life to be enjoyable. Maybe that part of you is right. And so what if it is?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anyone who has ever lost the key to the house knows this: Simple things can be expertly complicated by your inner trickster. Whatever your challenge, it will only be as hard as you decide to make it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Order up the person you want to meet. Be specific about the internal qualities (good sense of humor, sophisticated, active...) and open minded about the packaging.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On the one hand, you don't want to give your power away by buying into hocus pocus and vague logic. On the other hand, life

is mysterious. You're creating it, but you're also co-creating it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are those who have trouble understanding what is appropriate to share in different circumstances. You'll have an excellent sense of this and be the guiding force of decorum for your group.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). This is your movie. You are the director and the star. But when the credits roll, there will be a long list of the names of other people who have helped to make this picture great. Give those guys some applause today.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (August 19). You will be extremely creative, generating ideas that will benefit others. This ultimately leads to your own success. Someone who has much to give, including a great deal of emotional and financial stability, will lavish you with love. Family celebrates together in September. A professional breakthrough happens in

January. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 23, 21, 27 and 4.

**ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS:** Beyond the 12 Signs of the Zodiac: Aries through Pisces may be our favorite characters to keep track of, but they are not the only stars in the sky. For instance, within the constellation of Taurus is a fascinating star cluster called the Pleiades, which has come to be associated with many different meanings, depending on the culture. One story starts with Orion, the hunter, who was known to be quite a ladies' man. Greek mythology abounds with stories of his exploits, his most famous companion being Artemis, goddess of hunting and protector of young girls. At one time Orion decided to pursue all seven daughters of Atlas, who carried the world on his shoulders. These seven beautiful sisters were known collectively as The Pleiades, and in addition to being Atlas'

daughters, they were also Artemis' proteges. Atlas and Artemis were so upset by Orion's advances that Zeus protected the seven nymphs first by turning them into doves and then into stars. Zeus later turned Orion into a constellation, too, and now the hunter pursues The Pleiades across the night sky forever. This myth goes to the heart of why those born under the sign of Taurus are said to possess a healthy appetite for sensuality and to be ruled by the planet of love.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Born in the last days of the sun's journey through Leo in 1992, young Demi Lovato was destined to explore her talents in front of a large audience. Her natal Taurus moon is a singer's moon -- Taurus rules the throat. Mercury, the communication planet, was in Leo, the sign of the stage. This multitented Leo started young -- performing on the series "Barney" with her friend Selena Gomez!

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for 20 years. He was a drinker when I met him, but of course, I was young and naive and thought I could change him. When I couldn't, I decided to join him.

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If we wanted them back, one of the conditions was to go through an alcohol treatment program and attend AA.

We both did this and were sober for three wonderful years, during which time we had a third child.

The problem is, my husband got a job in a different city and started drinking again.

Things have gone downhill ever since. We tell him often that he drinks too much and needs to get help, but he doesn't see it.

When he is drunk, he repeats himself over and over and causes drama with everyone around him.

He yells at our adult children and is angry that he can no longer control their lives.

It seems he only cares about himself. He is not remorseful when he sobers up and instead sulks for days and stops speaking to everyone.

I don't know how to help him. I know that I don't want to be with him anymore unless he changes. Any advice? — *Confused in S.D.*

**Dear Confused:** It's likely that your husband's work relocation uprooted the support system he had in place that helped him stay sober.

Also, if he was a drinker when you met him, there could be a genetic component to his alcohol problem.

Please contact Al-Anon (al-anon.ateen.org) at 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) and ask for help.

**Dear Annie:** I work at a nursing home. I love my job, and my co-workers are the best.

However, some of the other employees bring their children to work with them. Aside from the inappropriateness of having children at a nursing home all day, it is unfair to the rest of us because these children bother us constantly with questions

about what we are doing.

Some of these parents make decent money and should be able to afford day care or a babysitter.

I know one woman has relatives her kids could stay with during the day, but she brings them anyway.

I like to have peace and quiet at work and don't want to have to worry about a child running around.

Nursing homes are for the care of elderly people and are not day care centers for children. What can I do? — *Concerned Employee at a Nursing Home*

**Dear Employee:** While we sympathize with parents who have difficulty finding day care for their children, nursing homes are not an appropriate alternative.

The staff dispenses medications and handles other items that could be dangerous to youngsters, not to mention the possibility of children tripping up the residents.

Talk to human resources and find out what the policy is and ask that it be enforced.

**Dear Annie:** Having recently thought about changing my will, I was delighted by the brilliant though unintentional suggestion of "J.P. in N.H." that I physically divide my actual body parts — as opposed to my cremated remains — amongst my friends and relatives upon my death. What a splendid idea!

My head goes to my dad, who always said I would lose it if it hadn't been bolted on.

My heart goes to my high school sweetheart.

My liver goes to my older sister, the tippler, who declares she could use a spare.

My lungs to my younger sister, "the quiet one," so she can keep up in the heated debates at the family reunion.

My spleen I send to my younger brother, so now he will have two to vent. And of course to the IRS, I bequeath an arm and a leg. — *J.P. in La.*

**Dear J.P.:** Let us know who gets your sense of humor.

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Table with 29 columns representing different TV channels and their respective programming schedules for the day of August 19, 2010.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip panel showing a child in a bed with a speech bubble about sand at the beach.

HAGAR comic strip panels featuring a character with a speech bubble about English castles and another about cooking.

BLONDIE comic strip panels showing characters talking about a jury and an image.

BC comic strip panels showing characters on a beach with speech bubbles about a great day and staying out of trouble.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panels showing a wizard and a character with speech bubbles about hostility and a war.

AGNES comic strip panels showing a character at an optometrist with speech bubbles about reading and pole-vaulting bugs.

HI AND LOIS comic strip panels showing characters by a lake with speech bubbles about a blue heron and commuting to work.

THE OTHER COAST comic strip panels showing a character talking about rain in New Zealand and wet sheep.

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip panels showing characters talking about the economy and finding a dog.

BEEBLE BAILEY comic strip panels showing a character needing a uniform and talking about a dog fight.

This Date In History: Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2010. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 19, 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers...

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words, including 'Subject for debate', 'Dawn direction', and 'Auction disclaimer'.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with the solution words filled in, including STAB, SIZE, JIMMY, HOLE, KNOX, ADIEU, AXES, YALE, MEDAL, FIRSTCLASSMAIL, TNT, HAI, LIL, SUPERTUESDAY, BOWED, ELMS, OLE, EDIT, NAACP, BOON, ROD, SEMI, FORTS, GREATPYRAMID, TEA, RAF, ARC, STERLINGSILVER, CLEAN, BOYS, IOTA, POSSE, ISLE, FIAT, UTTER, DYES, EDGE.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.