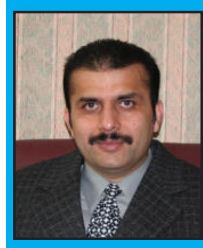




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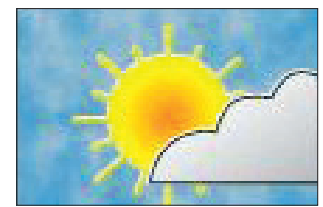


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Franklin Cary is silhouetted against Comanche Trail Lake as he gets in some fishing time Saturday morning.

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# VOTE

## Deadline for registration nears; lots of local races

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

With a little more than a month left to register to vote in the November election, local officials are urging area residents to double check their voter preparedness.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 election is Oct. 4, according to Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom, and while that date may seem a long way off, it can sneak up on would-be voters in a hurry.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office. They can fill out the voter registration application and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election.

"For those who can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process, and it can save them from a hassle on election day."

Bloom said the deadline for area voters to return applications for mail-in ballots is Oct. 26, with her office set to begin accepting the requests Sept. 3, but she warned against procrastinating.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom. "If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can

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# BSISD board expected to OK budget, tax rate for 2010-2011

Trustees to convene at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in high school board room.

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to formally approve a budget and tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the high school board room.

The budget, which school district officials have spent most of the summer crafting, calls for more than \$30 million in expenditures, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

The single biggest portion of the budget — \$16 million — will be allocated toward classroom instruction, with \$14 million of that being allocated to salaries for teachers and aides. A pay raise of roughly 3 percent for all district employees is included in the budget, Waggon-

er said. The new budget's expenditures represent an increase of \$200,000 from the previous year. Most of that increase will be accounted for by the salary increases.

Despite the recent economic downturn, BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the district was in sound financial shape heading into the new budget cycle.

In addition to salary increases, See **BSISD**, Page 3

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# Ready to walk the walk?

## Alzheimer's Association needing volunteers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association say the need for team and individual participants for the annual Memory Walk is still at a critical level, with just four teams currently signed up to take part in the fund-raiser.

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

**What:** Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk.

**Where:** Haynes Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park.

**When:** Sept. 18.  
 Registration: 8:30 a.m.;  
 Opening ceremony: 9 a.m.

"We want to continue to encourage the good citizens of Howard County to support the Memory Walk through donations, walking and spreading the word. We still desperately need team and individual participants," Stovall said. "People can sign up individually or as a team. The process is very simple. All they have

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

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

Stovall said prospective teams and walkers can visit <http://memorywalk2010.kin->

[tera.org/faf/home](http://tera.org/faf/home) to get more information on the Memory Walk, which is slated for Sept. 18, or to sign up to participate.

"The day of the Memory Walk, we encourage people to bring their children but please be sure they are supervised and bring your dogs on a leash," Stovall said. "Also, we want to encourage everyone to get in touch with their elected officials to support legislation called 'The Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2009 (S. 1492/H.R. 3286)' to increase funding for research and treatment of Alz-

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## Obituaries

### Lucille Henderson Hooper

Lucille Henderson Hooper, 92, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Dr. B. Broadrick

Dr. B. Broadrick, 89, longtime Big Spring physician died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, in Austin. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- MARY ANN GONZALES, 43, of 1500 Mesa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- BOBBY LOPEZ, 24, of 1701 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALVARO VALDEZ, 39, of Knott, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- HUGO CHAVEZ, 26, of Knott, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL LEE BARKER JR., 42, of Houston, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- VIMAL PATEL, 30, of 300 Tulane, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft of service.
- TERRY LYNN KINSEY, 50, of 211 Kinsey Rd., was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- RAUL JOHN GARZA, 40, of 2514 Chanute, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ROBERT JUNIO GARZA, 28, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on warrants for expired driver's license and no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 22, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for assault – family violence.
- RODRICK JOHN RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 7409 Brandon Rd., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for assault by contact.
- JOSE CHAVEZ LOPEZ III, 40, of 1110 E. Fifth St., was arrested Sunday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful restraint and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JASON LARUE WOODRUFF, 27, of 307 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- SHAHARA JONCHEA DIXSON, 19, of Houston, was arrested Sunday on charges of assault by contact and public intoxication.
- ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 26, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention using a vehicle with a previous conviction and no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL VERA FLORES, 42, of 907 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on charges of terroristic threat and criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- FREDDY CANO RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, of 601 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 3700 block of Caroline.  
In the 1700 block of E. Third St.  
In the 600 block of S. Bell.  
In the 1500 block of Johnson.  
In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.  
In the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2200 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 1100 block of E. Fifth Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- HENRY EARL SPEARS, 53, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
  - JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.
  - CHRISTINA RENE BARFIELD, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the Glasscock SO on charges of driving while license suspended, expired registration and no liability insurance – second offense.
  - NATHAN LEE SUNDY, 20, was arrested Friday by DPS on municipal warrants for no valid inspection certificate, displaying expired registration and failure to appear (two counts).

• JOSE PEREZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• ANICETO AGUINAGA JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and failure to appear.

• MARY ANN GONZALES, 43, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

• ALVARO FLOREZ VALDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• HUGO CHAVEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• BOBBY JOE LOPEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JERRY MARTINEZ, 39, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• MICHAEL LEE BARKER, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• MARIO ROBERT OVALLE, 36, was arrested Saturday by DPS on municipal warrants for failure to appear, theft, failure to maintain financial responsibility, running a red light, no driver's license and driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• JESSICA BLANCO, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

• MICHAEL SHAWN THOMPSON, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• VIMAL PATEL, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.

• TERRY LYNN KINSEY, 50, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on an attorney general motion to revoke community supervision and suspend license.

• JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ III, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful restraint and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• DANNY ZAMBRANO, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for animal at large and assault – family violence.

• JUSTIN OSCAR SOLIS, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of speeding in a school zone and no driver's license.

• JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 31, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERTO MENDOZA, 62, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance.

• MATTHEW MENDOZA, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

• RAUL JOHN GARZA JR., 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ROBERTO GARZA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration and no driver's license.

• CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL, 33, was arrested Sunday by DPS on an Ector County Warrant.

• PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 22, of was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of disregarding a red light and assault – family violence.

• SHAHARA JONCHEA DIXSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and assault – offensive touch.




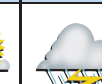
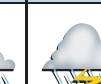
• JASON LARUE WOODRUFF, 276, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RODRICK RODRIGUEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – physical.

• ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 8/31	Wed 9/1	Thu 9/2	Fri 9/3	Sat 9/4
				
<b>95/71</b> Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible.	<b>94/71</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	<b>95/69</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>90/68</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>87/67</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:10 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:09 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:08 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:06 PM

unauthorized use of a vehicle, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, driving while intoxicated and no driver's license.

• LISA JANELL BURRIS, 41, was arrested Sunday by DPS on warrants for driving while license invalid, no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, capias warrant – driving while license invalid (two counts), capias warrant for violation of a promise to appear, capias warrant – no liability insurance, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• BLAKE EDWARD LANCE, 40, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of criminal mischief.

• ROBERT RAMIREZ GONZALES, 45, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of failure to appear and no insurance.

• DANIEL V. FLORES, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat and criminal trespass.

• ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• FREDDY CANO RODRIGUEZ JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• RAUL GARCIA SIMENTAL, 45, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – second offense and 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:

• MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Highway 80 and Elm. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported approximately eight miles north on Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Carol. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of S. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Runnels. Service refused.

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► News in brief

**Obama presides over end of Iraq combat mission, Mideast talks; more guarded hope than triumph**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Straddling war and peace, President Barack Obama is about to formally end the divisive U.S. combat role in Iraq and restart talks between Israelis and Palestinians, a moment defined more by relief and hope than triumph.

On Tuesday night, Obama will tell the nation from the Oval Office that the U.S. role in Iraq has changed for good, with the remaining U.S. troops to play a supporting role to Iraqi forces. It will be a milestone with no celebration or banners in a still unresolved war, one that wages on years longer and at greater cost than most Americans ever imagined.

The next day, Obama will make his largest investment of political capital to date in the trying Mideast peace process. He will welcome Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for individual talks and a joint dinner, the prelude to direct negotiations between the leaders on Thursday with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as host.

Put together, the events amount to what the White House considers to be the capping of Obama's initial phase of foreign policy in the region and the starting of another. Officials see a picture in which Iraq is taking on self-reliance, the Mideast process is showing life, the international sanctions against Iran are taking hold and the added military muscle Obama ordered in Afghanistan is in place. All are considered progress toward solutions requiring deep patience.

Yet there are no victories to declare, and weary Americans have seen turning points come and go. The risk for Obama comes in defining expectations on pursuits that can fall apart at any time, often over events outside his control.

**Career prosecutor takes charge as DOJ's elite Public Integrity unit recovers from Stevens case**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's Public Integrity Section has a storied 34-year history of pursuing corruption in government and safeguarding the public trust.

That trust was breached, however, when some of the unit's prosecutors failed to turn over evidence favorable to the defense in their high-profile criminal trial of Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who died earlier this month in a plane crash.

Now Jack Smith, a 41-year-old prosecutor with a love for courtroom work and an impressive record, has been brought in to restore the elite unit's credibility.

Before Stevens, Public Integrity's renown was built on large successes — like the prosecution of the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal and convictions of federal and state judges, members of Congress and state legislators, military officers, federal lawmen and bureaucrats and their state counterparts over the years.

But its stumble — not disclosing exculpatory evidence as Supreme Court precedent requires — was equally large. It was so serious that Attorney General Eric Holder, one of Public Integrity's distinguished alums, stepped in and asked a federal judge to throw out Stevens' convictions.

**Video shows trapped Chilean miners crying, but saying they are doing better**

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile (AP) — A new video of 33 men trapped in a mine under Chile's Atacama Desert shows them sending greetings to their families, talking about how they are doing better since receiving food and breaking into tears as they talk about loved

ones. In the video released Sunday, the men are shirtless because of the heat in the mine and wearing what look like white surgical pants, special clothing sent down to help keep them dry.

Most are upbeat, expressing gratitude to their families and the rescuers for the support they are receiving via handwritten notes sent to them through three small bore holes. Authorities also send food, water, medicine and other goods to them through the three holes.

But when it comes time to speak about their wives and children, many of the men break down.

"I'm sending my greetings to Angelica. I love you so much, darling," says 30-year-old Osman Araya, as his voice chokes and he begins to cry. "Tell my mother, I love you guys so much. I'll never leave you, I will fight to the end to be with you."

**Russian nursing home blaze kills 9**

MOSCOW (AP) — A blaze that killed nine people at a Russian nursing home early Monday apparently started when an elderly resident dozed himself in gasoline and set himself on fire, investigators said.

Daria Korovina, a spokeswoman for the regional Emergencies Ministry, said two other people were injured in the fire at the facility in Vishny Volochek in the Tver region, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) north of Moscow. Some 480 people were evacuated, she said.

The prosecutor-general's Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative body, said preliminary inspection showed that an 86-year-old resident of the facility committed suicide by self-immolation, starting a blaze spread through neighboring rooms, killing eight other people.

Also Monday, a fire of uncertain cause broke out in a wooden building that is part of a halfway-house complex for the mentally ill in the

Ulyanovsk region, 500 kilometers (300 miles) southeast of Moscow, but there were no injuries, the Interfax news agency reported.

**Hurricane Earl threatens north Caribbean, expected to gain force**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hurricane Earl lashed northern Leeward Islands with heavy rain and strong winds Monday after strengthening into a Category 2 storm. Hotels were shut tightly overnight as tourists sought shelter inside their rooms.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Earl could become a major hurricane Monday night or early Tuesday.

"It is possible that Earl could become a Category 4 hurricane as we get into the middle to late portions of the week," hurricane center specialist Michael Brennan said.

**Official: 2 of Alaska village's 4 officers fatally shot**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A standoff was under way Sunday in a tiny southeast Alaska village after a man fatally shot two of the village's four full-time police officers the night before, then barricaded himself in his home, local officials said.

Hoonah police officers Tony Wallace and Matt Tokuoka died after the shooting late Saturday, said Bob Prunella, city administrator. He didn't know what led to the shooting but said it was witnessed by Wallace's mother, who was visiting from Florida, and Tokuoka's wife and children.

The suspect, 45-year-old John Marvin Jr., barricaded himself in his home, and Alaska State Troopers and other law enforcement agencies were at the scene, authorities said.

There was no sign of a quick end to the standoff, Prunella said Sunday evening. It was unclear how long Marvin had been inside the home.

**VOTE**

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write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail.

"We'll be doing the mail-in ballots similar to the way we did them last year. Anyone who wants to vote by mail needs to call in and request their ballot, or send a written request to our office."

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the

voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

"We're hoping this will help our college students, military and voters temporarily work-

ing out of the county," said Bloom.

Howard County voters will have several local races to weigh in on, including the battle for the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court. Republican nominee Donnie Baker will face Democratic nominee Jim Sinclair. Incumbent Jerry Kilgore lost the contest for the Republican party's nod in March.

The Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court will also be up for grabs, as incumbent

Democrat Gary Simer will square off against GOP candidate John Cline. Cline won the Republican nomination in march by defeating Roy Don Beauchamp, while Simer went unopposed in the primaries.

In the race for justice of the peace Precinct 1 Place 2 incumbent candidate Kathryn Wiseman will represent the Republican party, while Democratic nominee Ricky Hughes will try to unseat her. Hughes was unopposed in the March party primaries.

The District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives will also be contested in November, as Republican incumbent Randy Neugebauer faces Democratic nominee Andy Wilson and Libertarian Richard "Chip" Peterson.

The State Representative District 85 seat will be being challenged, as well. Incumbent Democrat Joe Heflin faces Republican nominee Jim Landroop and Libertarian Robyn L. Burwell.

Early voting in the election will begin Oct.

18 and end Oct. 29, according to information provided by the Texas Secretary of State's office.

For more information on voter registration, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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officials are looking to add more than \$300,000 to the district's reserve fund, which will bring that account up to \$10.8 million.

"You should have three months worth of operating expenditures in your reserves," Waggoner said in July. "If state funding doesn't come in

as it should, or if our local taxes are lower than anticipated, we'll have enough operating capital in the reserves to see us through the tough spots. Plus, with a \$60 million bond construction project, things are probably going to come up that we'll need to use reserve funds for."

Voter-approved construction bonds in excess of \$50 million will cause a substantial hike in the district's tax rate.

The tax rate that will fuel

the new budget is projected at \$1.4495 per \$100 valuation, up sharply from \$1.12 the previous year. Officials note this fiscal year will be the first in which the district begin paying off the new bond debt.

"Other than the building projects, we're really not putting any other major items in the new budget," Waggoner said. "So, in that sense, this is pretty much a normal budget."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Bond project updates.
- Renewal of a lease agreement with Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin to use the Lakeview school building to house the local Head Start program.
- Computer purchases and personnel matters.

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**WALK**

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Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Sept. 21 is World Alzheimer's Awareness day and people can show their support by wearing purple ribbons.

"This is a disease that will touch everyone's life at some point. A relative, a friend or you personally will develop this devastating disease. Please help us by joining the fight to find a cure."

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make

judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

According to information provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementias is expected to skyrocket in the coming years. Current estimates indicate more than 340,000 Texans already suffer from the disease, with numbers expected to go as high as 470,000 by 2025.

Nationwide, a staggering 5.3 million people already suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. More than \$172 billion is being spent each year on treating and caring for Alzheimer's patients, with an estimated 10.9 million unpaid caregivers in America alone.

"This isn't something we can ignore," Stovall said. "This disease is just as deadly as some types of cancer."

Stovall said area residents can also get more information on the walk by contacting him at (432) 816-8508.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Nurses' primary responsibility is to the patients

A nurse's primary job is: A) To take care of her patients? B) To protect her doctor? To most of us, the answer seems obvious. So we were pleased that two nurses, Anne Mitchell and Vickilyn Galle, won a settlement from Winkler County, Texas — the county that not only fired them after they blew the whistle on a questionable doctor but prosecuted them on criminal charges to boot.

In 2008, Mitchell and Galle began to voice concerns about a new hire, Dr. Rolando G. Arafiles Jr., to their superiors at Winkler County Memorial Hospital in Kermit. But nothing happened.

So last year, Mitchell and Galle quietly filed a complaint with the state medical board. Among other things, they alleged that Arafiles had failed to diagnose appendicitis; used an odd olive-oil solution to treat a resistant bacterial infection; and sutured a rubber scissor tip to a patient's finger.

Soon after the doctor was notified of the charges, Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts asked the board to send him a copy of the complaint. The board assumed he planned to investigate the doctor. Instead, Roberts — a golfing buddy of the doctor's — used it to identify the whistleblowers.

The small town's power structure rallied to Arafiles' defense. The hospital fired both nurses, claiming they'd violated patient privacy by making a confidential report to the state. The county attorney pressed felony charges.

Luckily, not all power lies in the hands of small-town officials. Jurors acquitted Mitchell earlier this year — and hugged her, too. The county dropped the charges against Galle.

The Department of State Health Services fined the hospital \$15,850 for firing the nurses and inadequately supervising the doctor. And the Texas Medical Board charged Arafiles with numerous violations. Given all that, it's no surprise that last week, Winkler County commissioners voted unanimously to settle the nurses' lawsuit. Considering the ugliness of the facts, \$750,000 seems a bargain.

For their part, the nurses say the case was never about the money, that they just want to move on with their lives. We hope that those lives include new nursing jobs. The world needs more nurses like them.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We keep our feet on the ground, Lord, when we trust in You and Your word.

Amen

# Leaving home for real

For the past two weeks, I've been traveling across the country interviewing law students who have applied for jobs at my law firm. I talk to young people from New York who want to be in California, and to young people from California who want to be in New York. Some days, it seems like the only constant is that (almost) no one wants to be where they're from — and where their family is.

When I was applying to college, my mother told me I could apply to any school within the Boston subway map. I stayed inside that circle for college and law school and, but for a few quick interludes in Washington, until I was pregnant with my daughter, 20 years ago. Since then, I've lived three thousand miles away from those familiar subways, in a city that is now my home.

When I ask the young people from California why they want to go to New York, and the ones from the east why they're determined to go west, I hear what you'd expect: new challenges, different weather, boyfriends, girlfriends, to make a name...



SUSAN  
ESTRICH

They laugh when I say, "But your poor mother." Occasionally, they suggest that their mothers should move, but most aren't serious about it.

Moving is easy, exciting, an adventure — when you're young. Later, not so much. I love Massachusetts, my old home. Sometimes, late at night, I even study the real estate ads in my old hometown. But it's not even a fantasy. My parents are both gone. The world I left doesn't exist anymore. Neither does the person I was.

The young people I talk to aren't just crisscrossing the country. Many have spent extended periods on the other side of the world. They expect to live many places in their lives, to hop on planes to live in places I won't ever see.

But what about your mother, I ask. They laugh.

I spend a lot of time thinking about this business of letting go — letting go of the children God gives to us for such a brief time before they go off on their own; letting go of old homes, old friends, old places and old dreams. From these students' perspective, it's all about more — new and different, bigger and better. From mine, it sometimes seems like just the opposite.

I am less ambitious than I used to be. What I seek is not more, but grace. Not power, but seren-

ity. Not the ability to hold on to what I cannot hold, but the peace to enjoy what I have and hold back the tears of loss.

I remember doing these same interviews as a student, certain that I knew where I was going and what I wanted; determined to get there faster, better, stronger; trying to persuade the old person on the other side of the desk that I was smarter and tougher and surer than the person who came before me and the one who would come after; certain that happiness was just a "callback" or an "offer" away.

Sometimes, these days, I want to reach across the table and tell them not to worry so much, not to give us power we really don't have, not to care so much about what we think of them. Really, we don't know so much. We look at transcripts, at numbers on a page, at who went to what school. It means something, but so much less than we pretend it does.

The truth is that it will all work out somehow — not necessarily the way we planned, not necessarily the way we choose, but its own way, some way. Play your cards as best you can, and enjoy the game. Wherever you go, there you are. And whatever you do, don't forget to call home.

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## You never will be that cover girl

Any American who cares about women should know about Jessica Coen and wish her a long and fruitful life. She is fighting for our girls, one magazine cover at a time.

Coen is the 30-year-old editor-in-chief of Jezebel, a popular blog geared to women 18 to 34. More than 200,000 readers visit the site each day. Count me as one of them. I outgrew its target audience some time ago, but the prose is crisp and the writers smart. I learn things.

Which brings me to Coen's recent post titled "Why You Must See Unretouched Images, And Why You Must See Them Repeatedly."

First, the back story: Jezebel launched three years ago, and within days, it offered \$10,000 to the first person who could produce the "before" shot of an altered image of a woman featured on a magazine cover. It didn't take long before Jezebel posted the unretouched photo of singer Faith Hill, who appeared in a dramatically altered form on the July 2007 cover of Redbook.

The differences between the two images were not only striking but also stomach-turning. Editors had digitally poofed up her hair, deflated her cheeks, shaved inches off her left arm and removed her right arm altogether. They erased fine lines from her face, the protruding clavicle from her chest and the tiny bit of back flesh blooming

over the top of her sundress. Her previously small waist was whittled to the size of a 10-year-old's.

Jezebel posted both photos with a damning critique, and its regular feature "Photoshop Of Horrors" was born. Since then, the website has harpooned a variety of magazines and clothing companies for altering already-beautiful women to look like space creatures' failed attempts to fool us into thinking they're human.

Coen's latest target is Madison magazine, which ran a digitally altered photo of actress Jennifer Aniston, who, like most women whose images were manipulated, was already plenty pretty. Just not perfect, as defined by a multibillion-dollar industry that wants every woman in America to believe her only hope for salvation lies in buying the endless line of clothes, makeup and ridiculous gadgets it exists to sell.

As long as fashion magazines alter women's images, Jezebel's Coen vows she will call them out — one digitally distorted photo at a time.

"Remember that every day, a young woman somewhere sees one of these overly polished pictures for the first time ... and has no idea that they're not real," she wrote earlier this week. "She may very well have no idea that most waists don't really bend without a roll of flesh, that a 40-year-old woman actually does have some wrinkles, that no mascara will make one's lashes magically long enough to tickle her eyebrows. What the girl does know is that the pictures show What Is Beautiful. She thinks they are reality. And maybe she

doesn't have someone in her life to point out that this is complete and utter bull—. So we'll do that, and we'll do it over and over again just to makes sure that everyone knows what's up."

Coen has since posted the back-and-forth correspondence between Jezebel and Joan Cargill, who works for Management Artists and accused Jezebel of copyright infringement for posting the original photo of Aniston without permission.

Take it down, said Cargill.

Nope, said Jezebel.

I called Cargill's office but was transferred to an unnamed male. "I can't comment on that, as Ms. Cargill is out of the office," he said. "Good day." And then he hung up.

Coen says that her ultimate hope is that we start calling out this hypocrisy every time we see it. She is particularly adamant about the responsibility of my generation.

"I would say to older women, 'You have an obligation to point this out to girls,'" she said in a phone interview Tuesday. "Every time your daughter sees a woman's photo that you know isn't real, you can ask her, 'What's wrong with this picture?'"

As a mother, I learned the propaganda kicks in early. I still remember the first time my daughter looked at herself in the mirror and said, "Mommy, this coat makes me look fat."

She was 5.

Connie Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for *The Plain Dealer in Cleveland* and an essayist for *Parade* magazine.

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## Take Note

• The Colorado River Municipal Water District, located at 400 E. 24th St., will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors will receive a coupon for a free Whataburger and be entered into a drawing for free Whataburger for a year! Log on to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) or contact Karla Oliva at 267-6341. Everyone is invited.

• The Northside Community Center will start its After School Program from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6. Children from the third to sixth grades are welcome to attend on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. All sessions are free. For more information, call 263-2673.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Howard County conservatives will hold a Tea Party rally from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Heart of the City Park. Speakers for the event will be State Sen. Kel Seliger, Jim Landtroop, Dr. Donald May and a representative from the Conservative Hispanic Society.

• The local division of the

Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall. For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

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

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support

quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been together for 17 years — married for the past nine. This is a second marriage for both of us. We have no children together.

Things were good for the first several years, but then I became complacent and lost interest. Sex happened only on rare occasion.

We started doing things separately. My wife told me she loved me, but she'd met a man who made her feel good and wanted to be with him.

Annie, I knew she was unhappy with me, but I didn't want our marriage to end. So I gave my consent for her to spend more time with this man — and she did.

After several months,

she said I should go out and meet someone.

Three weeks ago, my wife and her boyfriend went out of town for the weekend, and I decided to go for a few beers. I met "Nancy," and we really hit it off.

Being with her was exciting, and I felt alive for the first time in years.

Here's the problem: When I told my wife about Nancy, she went ballistic.

She broke down and said she is still in love with me, and the thought of my being with another woman is more than she can handle.

I realize it's unfair that she got to be with her guy for a year and now the rules change.

But in the past two weeks, we've done a lot

of talking and soul-searching. I feel the right thing to do is forget about Nancy. The problem is, I can't stop thinking of her. I'm afraid if I agree to stay in the marriage, it will never be really good, and that's not fair to either of us. Any advice? — *Emotionally Drained*

**Dear Drained:** Your wife obviously wanted to have it both ways. Still, the solution is not to accept being miserable. It's to find out



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

with things became so muddled and how you can fix them — or go your separate ways.

What you found appealing about Nancy could simply have been the novelty of

having someone take an interest in you.

Please ask your wife to go with you for counseling and work on these issues with the help of a professional.

**Dear Annie:** My daughter sent a nasty,

hateful letter about me to her siblings. She broke my heart. Until then, she was the perfect daughter, and we had a close relationship.

I waited for an explanation or an apology. She made several e-mail attempts, saying she was sorry I was offended by her joke.

That was not acceptable to me.

I said I want a face-to-face apology, an admission of wrongdoing, a showing of remorse and a request for forgiveness.

It's been four years, and I have not seen her or my grandchildren.

Now the granddaughter has invited us to her winter graduation.

I think it's best not to go because I do not want to be near this daughter and will not speak to her until she offers a sincere apology.

I don't want my attendance at the graduation to give her the chance to do so at the event. Are my expectations too high? — *Brokenhearted Mother and Grandmother*

**Dear Broken:** By not attending the graduation, you are depriving your granddaughter of your presence, and you are deliberately trying to make your daughter grovel in order to be for-

given.

While you certainly deserve an apology, you don't have to make it so hard.

It will only prolong the estrangement. If she uses the graduation as an opportunity to apologize, isn't it worth it?

**Dear Annie:** Years ago, I worked at a warehouse where someone kept stealing lunches, so I spiked my tuna sandwiches with as many red pepper flakes as I could stand.

The next day, someone took my lunch, and it was obvious who did it because the woman was by the water cooler trying to drink the whole jug. — *H.*

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# A's take series, cut Texas' lead to 7½

ARLINGTON (AP) — Gio Gonzalez won his third consecutive start and the Oakland Athletics cut their AL West deficit to 7½ games with an 8-2 victory Sunday, taking two of three in their series with the division-leading Texas Rangers.

Mark Ellis and Kevin Kouzmanoff homered for the A's off Colby Lewis (9-11), while Cliff Pennington snapped out of a 2-for-24 slide with two singles and a sacrifice squeeze bunt.

Gonzalez (12-8) left with a 7-2 lead after throwing 65 of his 95 pitches for strikes in six innings on another hot day in Texas. The left-hander is 7-1 with a 2.10 ERA in 10 day games this season.

Lewis missed on his eighth attempt to get his 10th victory, and six of the seven runs he gave up in 5 2-3 innings were earned.

It was the right-hander's shortest outing since pitching only five July 16

at Boston when he got his ninth victory. Lewis is 0-6 since and Texas has scored only eight while he was on the mound in those eight games.

There is only one more series between the AL West's top two teams the final five weeks of the regular season. That is a four-game set Sept. 23-26 at Oakland, which has an 8-7 series lead.

Josh Hamilton drove in the only two runs for Texas, with a two-out bloop RBI single in the third and his 31st homer in the sixth. Hamilton has five homers his past 10 games and raised his majors-best batting average to .359.

Hamilton's 403-foot blast off the facade of the second deck of seats in right field was the only homer allowed by Gonzalez his last seven starts. Gonzalez has given up only 11 homers over 167 innings this season.

Oakland went ahead to stay when

Ellis broke a 1-all tie with his third homer, a towering flyball that dropped just beyond the 14-foot wall in left-center field.

The A's scored twice in the fifth for a 4-1 lead after Lewis' throwing error on what should have been an inning-ending double play.

Lewis fielded Kurt Suzuki's comebacker, but threw the ball way wide of second and into center. Pennington scored and Daric Barton moved from first to third before then scoring on an inning-ending double play.

First baseman Jorge Cantu snagged Jack Cust's hard grounder at the bag, wiping out the force at second. Suzuki got caught up between first and second and avoided being tagged long enough for Barton to score.

Kouzmanoff led off the sixth with his 12th homer, before Pennington had his squeeze bunt and Coco Crisp an RBI single to chase Lewis.

Oakland had the bases loaded with no outs in the third with is Nos. 2-4 hitters coming up, but managed only one run on Barton's sacrifice fly. In the bottom of the inning, Hamilton drove in Julio Borbon, who had an infield single and advanced on a sac bunt.

Notes: Oakland is 30-13 in day games, best in the majors. ... Texas plays its next 10 games on the road. ... The Rangers plan to activate RF Nelson Cruz (right hamstring) from the disabled list before Monday night's game in Kansas City. He was 4 for 11 with a stolen base in three rehab games for Double-A Frisco. ... Rangers manager Ron Washington said every pitcher in the rotation will get an extra day off rest with the upcoming off day Thursday. That includes struggling Cliff Lee, who has pitched every fifth day for Texas since he was acquired July 9.

# Cowboys' starters may play again in preseason

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are running out of excuses for their sloppy preseason. They're also running out of time to clean things up.

So coach Wade Phillips is considering doing something he'd rather avoid: play his regulars in the exhibition finale Thursday night.

The Cowboys are expected to be Super Bowl contenders, yet Tony Romo has led the starters to one touchdown in four games this summer and it came on a drive that began 8 yards from the end zone. In a 23-7 loss to the Houston Texans on Saturday night, the first-teamers turned the ball both times they were in scoring position. The defense got run over, too.

"We're not ready for prime time yet," Phillips said. "If the players aren't ready to play for the first regular-season game, then I need to get them ready to play. ... If we see that things are correctable and we can correct them in practice, we'll do that. If we need more game time, then we'll just have to do it."

Offense and defense weren't the only disap-

pointments. Phillips said he didn't see much emotion and intensity, either.

"I would hope we'd have some antidotes for some of these things," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We've got to be ready to play. We can't afford any bad nights."

The Cowboys have a laundry list of explanations for how they've played in August: They aren't game-planning. They don't want to reveal too much of their playbook. Guys are worn out from the NFL's longest training camp. Five starters are out with injuries (most are expected back by the opener).

They've also talked about needing to show at least glimpses of being the club that gained the most yards in franchise history last season, and that hasn't happened yet.

"If you're resting on anything you did last year, then you're already behind," Romo said. "I don't think that's the case. I think our team needs to look at each other and just continue to improve and get better."

In his three previous

seasons in Dallas, Phillips has never used his regulars in the final preseason game, instead taking a long look at guys fighting for backup jobs and roster spots.

Then again, the Cowboys haven't been this concerned this late in the preseason. It's especially jarring for them considering that by playing the Hall of Fame game, they had an extra week of practice and an extra game.

"If we didn't have such a veteran team I'd be more concerned than I am," Jones said.

Working things out in practice sounds logical, but the schedule released a few days ago listed Tuesday as the only practice before facing Miami at home Thursday night.

If the starters play, receiver Dez Bryant might join them. He has recovered from a high ankle sprain, but the club wants to be cautious with its prized rookie and probably wouldn't risk using him with backups.

Maybe another passing threat would help Dallas' running game.

Marion Barber and Felix Jones have combined for 44 yards.



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Big Spring receiver and cornerback Terrell Demerson returns a kickoff during the second half of the Steers' 20-0 win against Fort Stockton on Friday. The team gets back to work on the practice fields today with the next game against Frenship.

# Dickey leads New York Mets past Astros for 5-1 victory, series win

NEW YORK (AP) — Pitching, hitting, running the bases — R.A. Dickey did it all for the New York Mets. The way their offense has sputtered this summer, he probably had to if he wanted a win.

Dickey flustered the Houston Astros with knuckleballs and foiled them with his bat, leading the Mets to a 5-1 victory on a crystal-clear Sunday at Citi Field.

"Incredible. He's going to go out and give you a quality start every time and that's what he's done," catcher Josh Thole said. "Unbelievable."

Thole homered and Dickey keyed a second-inning rally with a two-run single that helped New York end Bud Norris' four-game winning streak. The Mets took two of three from the Astros and haven't lost a series at home to Houston since 2002.

Luis Castillo added an RBI single

and New York went 4-3 against the Astros the past two weeks in a season series marked by some strikingly inept offense on both sides.

The 35-year-old Dickey (9-5) yielded six hits in seven-plus innings, lowering his ERA to 2.57. He also had a pair of singles and scored once to aid his own cause.

"It seems like his knuckleball is getting better as the season goes along," Astros manager Brad Mills said.

Feeling fatigued, Dickey asked manager Jerry Manuel to let him face at least one batter in the eighth. The right-hander was pulled following Tommy Manzella's leadoff single and received a warm ovation from the crowd of 32,779.

"I think what's important is to learn from past experiences," Dickey said. "I just didn't want to jeopardize us by trying to be the hero."

Bobby Parnell induced a double-play grounder from No. 3 batter Hunter Pence, then gave up a single and a double before retiring Jason Michaels to end the inning.

Hisanori Takahashi worked a scoreless ninth.

"Every time I go out there I feel like I'm learning something new," Parnell said. "I love going out in the tight situations, getting the thrill of throwing in close games."

Houston had won six of seven and 11 of 16. The Astros finished 6-4 on this trip for their first winning road swing since June 29 to July 5, 2009.

A surprise bright spot for the Mets this season, Dickey is making a strong bid for a role in New York's rotation next year, too. He threw 75 of 108 pitches for strikes Sunday, again showing an uncanny ability to command his dancing knuckleball — per-

haps the most difficult pitch to master.

"His knuckleball's been outstanding. It's breaking so late," Thole said. "His 84 (mph) on his heater makes it seem like it's about 120 (mph) after 15 knuckleballs in a row."

Norris (6-8) entered 4-0 with a 3.03 ERA in six starts since July 28, including a 3-2 victory over the Mets on Aug. 19 at home. Houston was unbeaten in those six games and the right-hander had gone at least six innings in all of them, but New York snapped that string.

David Wright drew a leadoff walk in the second and went to third on Ike Davis' double. A walk to Thole loaded the bases before Luis Hernandez struck out.

That brought up Dickey, who came

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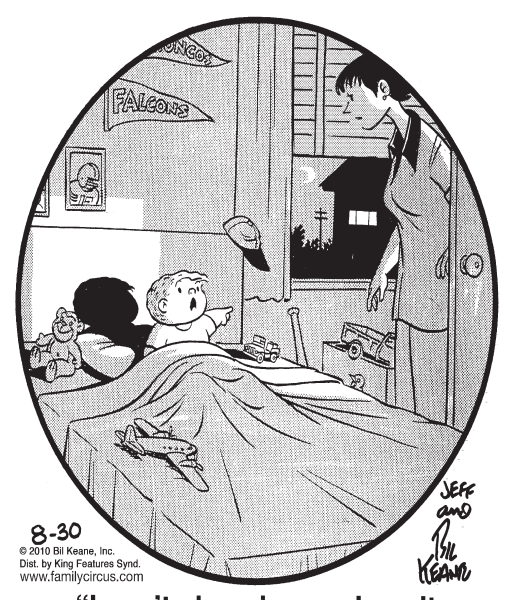
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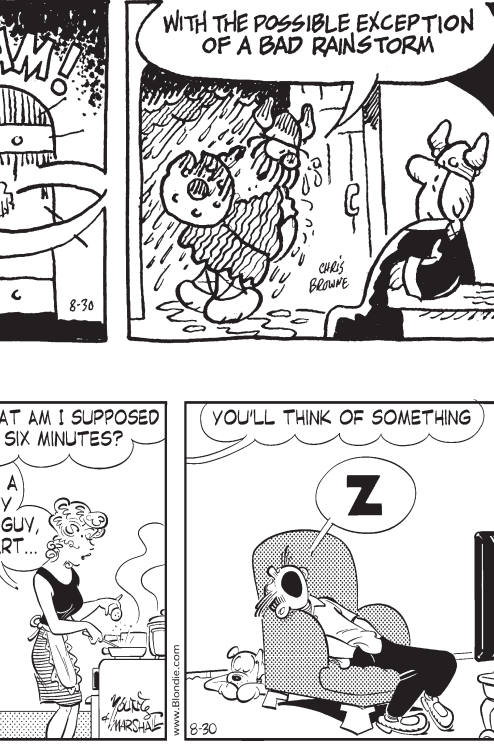


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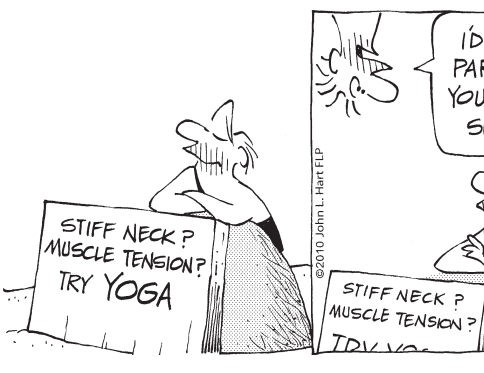
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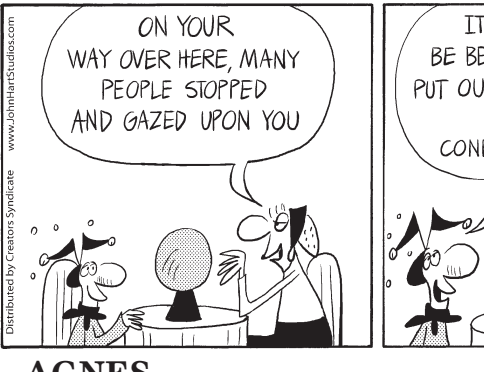
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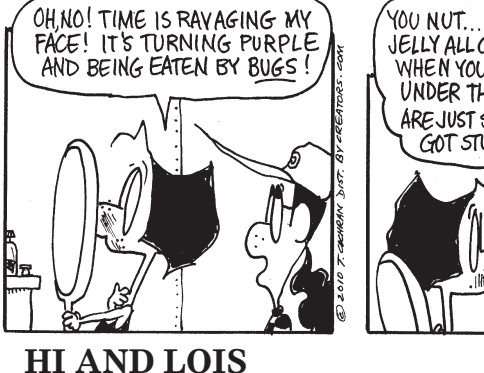
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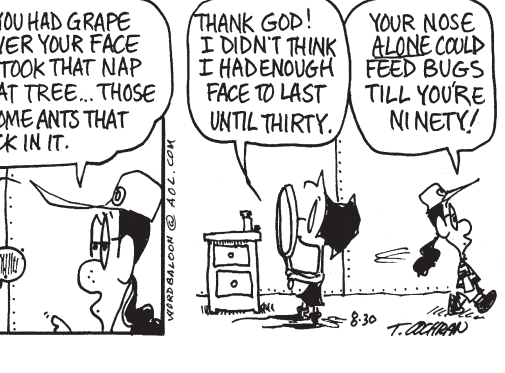
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Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 30, 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was Aug. 31 where the crash occurred.)

On this date:

In 1797, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, creator of "Frankenstein," was born in London.

In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's order was countermanded days later by President Abraham Lincoln.)

In 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his

major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1935, the film "Anna Karenina," starring Greta Garbo, opened in New York.

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

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In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN) declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Kitty Wells is 91. Opera singer Regina Resnik is 88. Actor Bill Daily is 83. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 71. Actor

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Without a warranty
  - 5 Stinging remark
  - 9 Not qualified
  - 14 Ration (out)
  - 15 Neck of the woods
  - 16 Handbag
  - 17 Bubble-bath additive
  - 18 Skewed view
  - 19 Rope securers
  - 20 Be way off the target
  - 23 Forget-me—
  - 24 Distributes the cards
  - 25 Paid out
  - 27 Place onto a scale
  - 30 Did a vet's job
  - 33 Glide on snow
  - 36 Set of steps between floors
  - 38 Summon with a beeper
  - 39 Adds some color to
  - 41 Wedding words
  - 42 Marsh bird
  - 43 Poison-ivy symptom
  - 44 Musical speed
  - 46 "Spring forward" clock setting: Abbr.
  - 47 Place on the payroll again
  - 50 Ill will
  - 52 Put on (pretend)
  - 54 Provides temporarily
  - 57 Guy's date
  - 59 Infantryman
  - 63 Apply of paint
- DOWN**
- 1 Eden dweller
  - 2 Three-dimensional
  - 3 Defeated one's words
  - 4 Playground fixture
  - 5 Take care of a toddler
  - 6 Opera solo
  - 7 Package of paper
  - 8 Foundation
  - 9 Maintenance expense
  - 10 Convent resident
  - 11 Place for a home lawn
  - 12 Ratio phrase
  - 13 Midterm or final
  - 21 Make holy
  - 22 Stereo records: Abbr.
  - 26 Back of the neck
  - 28 Horse's pace
  - 29 Keeps out of sight
  - 31 Self-images
  - 32 Fender-bender result
  - 33 Mix together
  - 34 Toy with a tail
  - 35 Move little by little
  - 37 Frolic
  - 40 Very slender
  - 42 Travel-guide listing
  - 45 Flew, as a plane
  - 48 Roof support
  - 49 "Green" prefix
  - 51 Ultimate goal
  - 53 Hubbubs
  - 55 The Old South
  - 56 Alabama city
  - 57 Checkers or chess
  - 58 Corrosive compound
  - 60 Sandwich fish
  - 61 Prefix for final
  - 62 Coral formation
  - 64 Top playing card

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