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## Settles work 20-30 percent complete



**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Officials with the Settles Hotel Development Company say the renovation of the downtown landmark is between 20 to 30 percent completed, with plenty of contract work left to do.

According to Settles Hotel Development Company General Manager Kristopher Ryan, work between the fourth and 13<sup>th</sup> floors has steadily progressed during the past several months.

"The metal framing on those floors has

been completed," Ryan said. "We've also managed to get all of the stuff out of the plumbing and installed a stand pipe, and installed all of the duct work. Last week, our plaster contractor began his work doing repairs on those floors as well."

The building, erected in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more than two decades.

Brint Ryan, a Big Spring native, an-

nounced plans for the multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$20 million since its inception.

Kristopher Ryan said area residents and motorists passing by the hotel may

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## Trustees get first glance at bond project blueprints

*With groundbreaking months away, focus is on floor plans*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees got a close look at some of the nuts-and-bolts design ideas going into its new school buildings during a special meeting Thursday night.

Trustees met with architect Jay Edwards to go over the state of affairs associated with upcoming construction and renovation projects.

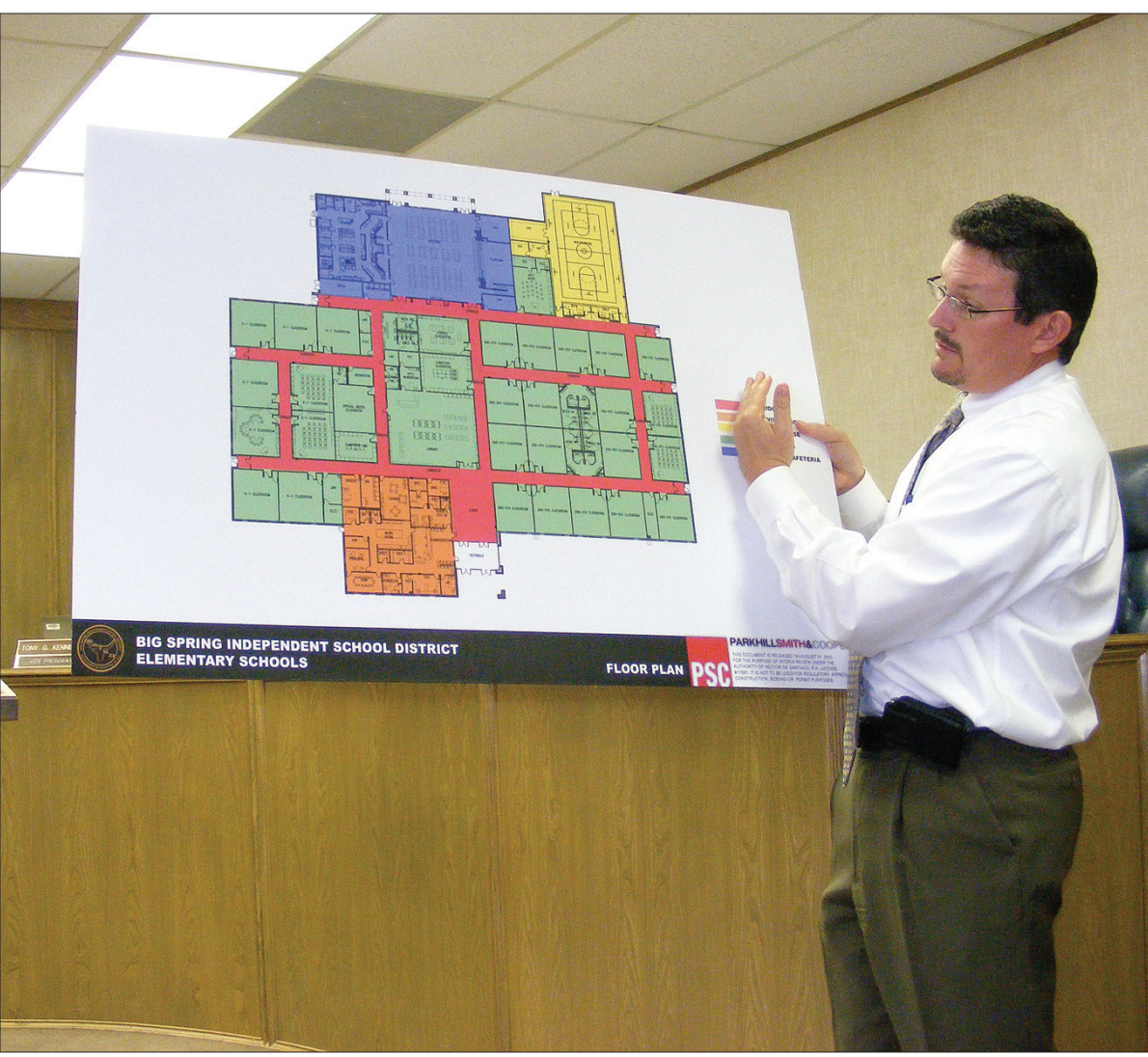
Over the course of the next few years, three new school buildings will be built, while other campuses will receive extensive renovation, thanks to more than \$50 million in bonds authorized by voters

earlier this year.

While actual groundbreaking on the myriad projects is not expected to begin until late April at the earliest, Edwards said architects and school officials have been busy finalizing the basic floor plans of the new schools.

Each new building — the district will construct three elementary campuses to replace Marcy, Washington and Goliad — will look roughly the same on the inside, Edwards said. Each will have roughly 70,000 square feet of space and 28 classrooms, along with computer, music and

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**Jay Edwards, an architect with the firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, shows the basic floor plan that will be followed when construction of three new elementary campuses are constructed within the Big Spring Independent School District. Edwards made his presentation during Thursday's special BSISD trustee meeting.**

## WELCOME HOME, SOLDIER



**Sp. Dana Lopez of Stanton and her fiancé, Sp. Dan Gescheider of Santa Barbara, Calif., are greeted by members of the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee upon their arrival at Midland International Airport from Iraq. Sp. Lopez' son, 5-year-old Christopher Konkle, was also there for the celebration.**

## ISD budget OK'd over city mayor's appeal to lower it

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

If you overlook more than \$50 million for construction projects, the new Big Spring Independent School District budget is very similar to the previous fiscal package.

BSISD trustees approved the district's new budget and tax rate during a special meeting Thursday evening in the high school board room.

Non-construction bond related expenditures will increase by roughly \$200,000 this year. Those increases are accounted for in pay raises of approximately 3 percent for all district personnel, Chief Financial Of-

ficer Sandra Waggoner said.

The biggest difference, however, is on the debt service side of the budget. Thanks to obligations connected to the construction bonds (which were authorized by district voters in May), the BSISD tax rate will increase 33 cents this year.

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# Adams working to fill roster spots

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

It's been a tumultuous week for Howard College men's basketball coach Mark Adams and his staff.

Three incoming freshmen — Jonathon Landry, Fabyon Harris and Phillip Jackson — were kicked off the team after being arrested Aug. 24 for allegedly shoplifting at Wal-Mart in Big Spring.

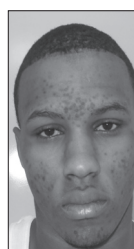
It left Adams and his coaching staff with the



Jackson

task of finding players to fill the open roster spots at the last minute. "My assistant coaches and I have been on the phones 24/7 just trying to see what's still available," Adams said. "We've been very fortunate to locate two or three players who we think will be good fits for us."

Adam said he has no



Harris

one signed at this time and the plan is to have three to four players on the team by Friday. The Hawks' coaching staff is working by two sets of rules, Adams said. He said the NJCAA allows teams to sign players for 15 days after the first day of school. On top of that, late registration at the college



Landry

works in Adams' favor. Adams said the school has been empathetic toward the team losing three players and having to fill the open roster spots so late. As a result, he said school officials have been helpful in the process.

As far as finding players is concerned, Adams

said the Hawks' staff no longer has a shot at the top prospects like they would during the regular recruiting process. He also said the players they passed up already have found schools to attend.

But Adams said there is still a lot of talent available and his staff hasn't limited where to look, even overseas for international talent.

"It's been challenging, but we've been surprised that we've been able to locate two

or three individuals we think could come in and help us," he said. "It's been a difficult time, but at the same time, we're pleasantly surprised that there are some guys still out there."

Landry, from San Antonio, and Harris and Jackson, both from Illinois, reportedly had no local ties. They were not a part of the Hawks' national championship team from last season.

According to the *Ch...*

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# Getting tested

## Challenge awaits Steers with Frenship's O-line

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

When Big Spring defensive coordinator Don Kelso watches Frenship's offensive linemen on film, he sees too many things they do right and not enough things they do wrong.

There's a lot of words he uses to describe the Tigers' offensive line, but the most common are big, quick and nothing like what the Steers saw in their 20-0 win against Fort Stockton.

"This may be the best offensive line we face all year," Kelso said. "They're big. They're quick. They're aggressive and they have some agility. It's not just big kids who can't move."

"It's like a tidal wave on film when they came off the football. We don't stay low, we're in trou-

ble." The Steers' defensive line is coming off a dominating performance against Fort Stockton in the season opener, holding the Panthers to 51 yards rushing.

But a different challenge awaits in Wolf-orth when Big Spring takes on Frenship at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Steers' defensive linemen will have to battle size, quickness and a possible vendetta from a team they beat 28-14 in 2009.

Kelso said the Tigers' offensive linemen are impressive, especially at left guard and right tackle. He said a lot of the damage Frenship does comes from the tailbacks being able to run between the tackles easily.

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Pernell Parker, left, and DeVante Lloyd, right, sack Fort Stockton's Adrian Martinez with Julian Ramirez close behind during the Big Spring Steers' 20-0 win against the Panthers on Aug. 27.

# Lady Steers fall to Bronte in four games

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring volleyball team dug holes too deep to climb out of in its match against Bronte Tuesday in Steer Gym, and as a result, the Lady Steers took their 13<sup>th</sup> loss of the season.

The Longhorns beat Big Spring 25-22, 15-25, 29-27, 25-20 in a match where momentum went back and forth for most of the night.

Head coach Lynn Osborne said the problem in this loss is the same one that has stuck around all season. The Lady Steers are getting too far behind in games.

"We just keep getting ourselves in a hole early on and we do that in every single game," Osborne said. "Then, against a good team,

you can't let yourself do that."

In Game 1, the Lady Steers battled back from a 9-5 deficit to tie the game. But once the Longhorns got a sizable lead — 15-11 midway through the game — Big Spring couldn't keep up.

The same thing happened in Game 4, where Bronte jumped out to a 10-3 lead and kept Big Spring at a distance to finish the match.

Bronte head coach Keith McCutchen said getting a lead was important for his team because he knew Big Spring was capable of dominating the match.

"We wanted to try to get the lead because we knew if they ever got it, we didn't think we could get it back," he said. "That's what we try to

do every time. It doesn't work out that way sometimes."

That's what happened in Game 2, where Big Spring had its best performance.

A Taylor Seaton kill and a block from Diamond Mayes gave Big Spring an 8-4 lead. After that, it was easy for the Lady Steers to stay ahead, increasing the lead by eight points and later finishing off the Longhorns.

The Lady Steers weren't down by more than three points in this game and Osborne said that helped them bounce back from the Game 1 loss.

Game 3 provided the most thrilling moments of the match.

Bronte was up 20-17 before Big Spring battled back to tie the game at

23, thanks to a Bridgette Tuitt block.

Bronte regained the lead at 25-24, but a Seaton kill quickly tied the game up again.

Both teams went back and forth earning points until Bronte got the upper hand 29-27.

"I'm real proud of the girls," Osborne said. "Compared to the way we played last week, I'm proud of the way they fought. They didn't give up. They never gave up, even if we were 10 points down, they fought back. I still say we've got too many errors, too many errors early."

Tuesday's game was indeed a better showing for the Lady Steers compared to last week at home. They were swept by San Angelo Central

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Clara Benavides prepares to make a pass during the Big Spring volleyball team's match against Bronte Tuesday.

## Sports in brief

### 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.

### Three-person scramble

The Gaines County Golf Course is hosting this tournament Sept. 11 and 12. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus the cart. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 432-758-3808 to enter.

### Lady Steers Booster Club meeting

The club's next meeting is at 4:45 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training

Center. The ATC is located next to the practice fields.

### Coahoma Girls Softball Association meeting

The group is having a board meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the community center in Coahoma.

### Howard College softball scrimmage

Hawk Softball fall preseason home games scheduled for today against Ranger Junior College have been rescheduled. The games will now be played on at 1 p.m. Thursday. The second game will follow beginning at approximately 3 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to come out to Foundation

Field as the 2010-2011 Hawks softball team kicks off a new season. There is no charge for admission.

Contact Cindy Smith at (432) 264-5034 for more information.

### Second Annual Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

This is a 4-person scramble set for Sept. 12 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person. That does not include the green fee and cart fee. There will be a nearest to the pin contest and there will be cash prizes on all par 3's.

Trophies will be given to the top four teams. For more information, contact Tommy Billalba at 816-1091.

## Obituaries

### Christine Foster

Christine Foster, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Gilbert Garcia

Gilbert Garcia, 52, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in Dallas. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

#### 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.

## Take Note

• The Northside Community Center will start its After School Program from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. 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 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.

## Correction

In Tuesday's article about the Howard College/Healthy Woman event to feature Ali Vincent, it was reported that the event will be held in the Hall Center for the Arts. In anticipation of a large crowd, it has been moved to Garrett Coliseum.

## Police blotter

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

- MARK ANTHONY HESTER, 47, of Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LACEY DANYELLE RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 538 Westover Blvd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- CASY JAY SPECK, 21, of 1607 S. Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- FREDERICK BENTON, 57, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEREMY CARL MIZE, 35, of 2600 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding in a school zone and failure to appear.
- RANDAL KIRK KIRKHAM, 20, of 203 Terry Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- RICKY FLORES MIER, 23, of 1104 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on three warrants from other agencies.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 400 block of Runnels.  
In the 400 block of N.W. Third Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported:  
In the 1600 block of Harding.  
In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of N. Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- REGINA FAYE GREEN, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
  - MARK ANTHONY HESTER, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - LACY DANYELLE RODRIGUEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
  - DAVID ORTIZ GONZALES, 31, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
  - FREDRICK BENTON, 57, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - CASY JAY SPECK, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and assault – family violence.
  - JEREMY CARL MIZE, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on warrants for speeding in a school zone and violation of a promise to appear.
  - RICKY FLORES MIER, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (three counts).
  - RANDALL KIRK KIRKHAM, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Lubbock County warrant for bond forfeiture – theft.






## Fire/EMS

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

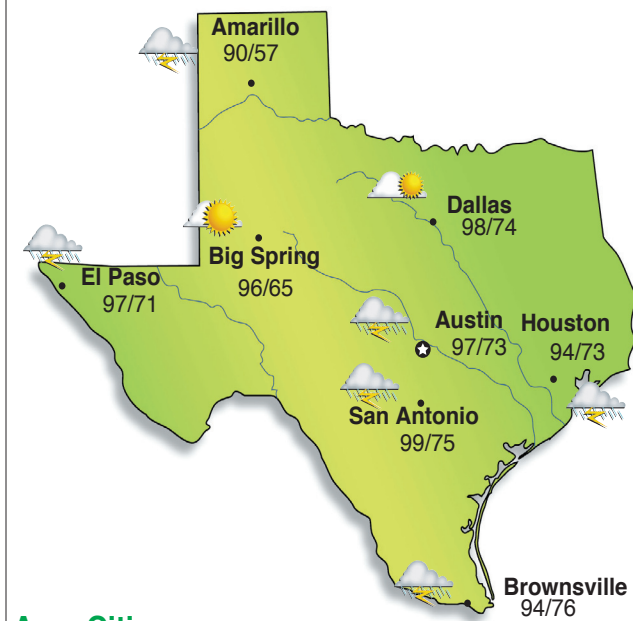
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 11000 block of N. Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Scurry. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Scurry. Service refused.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 9/2	Fri 9/3	Sat 9/4	Sun 9/5	Mon 9/6
 <b>96/65</b> Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. Hot. High 96F.	 <b>82/58</b> A few thunderstorms possible.	 <b>87/62</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>93/66</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>93/68</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<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	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:04 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	96	74	t-storm
Amarillo	90	57	t-storm	Livingston	96	70	t-storm
Austin	97	73	t-storm	Longview	95	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	94	72	t-storm	Lubbock	94	59	t-storm
Brownsville	94	76	t-storm	Lufkin	97	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	71	pt sunny	Midland	99	68	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	95	77	t-storm	Raymondville	97	75	t-storm
Corsicana	97	73	pt sunny	Rosenberg	95	72	t-storm
Dallas	98	74	pt sunny	San Antonio	99	75	t-storm
Del Rio	99	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	98	73	t-storm
El Paso	97	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	96	72	t-storm
Fort Stockton	95	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	96	67	mst sunny
Gainesville	96	68	t-storm	Tyler	95	72	pt sunny
Greenville	96	71	t-storm	Weatherford	98	70	pt sunny
Houston	94	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	66	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	70	sunny	Minneapolis	73	57	t-storm
Boston	94	69	mst sunny	New York	90	73	mst sunny
Chicago	82	61	t-storm	Phoenix	104	78	sunny
Dallas	98	74	pt sunny	San Francisco	84	60	sunny
Denver	76	43	sunny	Seattle	77	56	mst sunny
Houston	94	73	t-storm	St. Louis	85	66	t-storm
Los Angeles	87	63	sunny	Washington, DC	93	73	pt sunny
Miami	93	78	mst sunny				

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 10-20-29-47-48, Mega Ball: 38.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-18-24-29.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-0-2. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-4. Sum It Up: 7

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yucca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the 180 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of N. Birdwell Lane. Service refused.

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STEERS

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Big Spring has players like Pernell Parker, who checks in at about 230 pounds at defensive tackle. Parker, along with defensive tackle Tyler Holsenbeck, may face offensive linemen who are considerably larger than them Friday.

So how does a small defensive tackle gain an advantage over a big offensive linemen? Kelso said it's all about staying low and being selfless.

If the Steers can stay low on the defensive

line and force the offensive linemen to pile up, Kelso said Frenship's running backs will run to the left and right instead of up the middle.

The selfless part has to do with what the Steers' D-line did against Fort Stockton. Kelso said he let his defensive linemen know they won't be getting all the sacks and tackles for a loss Friday like they did against the Panthers. He said the defensive linemen staying low and forcing Frenship's running backs to go east and west will allow the linebackers to make plays instead.

But Kelso admitted a lot of positives came out of the Fort Stockton

game. "It gave them, more than anything, some confidence," he said. "Because most of these kids haven't been on the field that much in a varsity football game. Being able to do what they did Friday night just builds confidence."

Parker looks forward to Friday's challenge. Against Fort Stockton, he was a regular sight tackling the Panthers' running backs for a loss and the senior said he hopes to continue playing like that all season.

But, Parker said he is well aware of what the defensive line has to do against Frenship on Friday.

"I'm a small guy to play defensive tackle. I'm only 5'11, 230-something pounds," he said. "The dudes we're facing are over 6-feet, 300 pounds. So (Kelso) just wants us to stay low, take the knees out and go hard. Hopefully we can pile it up, so we don't get drove back."

The Steers' defensive ends have the same goal as the tackles against Frenship.

Defensive ends coach Bert Otto said it is important Tanner Henry and DeVante Lloyd stay low in order to avoid getting pushed back.

Otto said Henry will be prepared for Friday after his ejection against

Fort Stockton. Referees ejected the senior after he got into an altercation with an opposing player who had his hands in Henry's facemask after the whistle was blown.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey previously said referees told him that the Fort Stockton player's hand was stuck in Henry's facemask and Henry punched the player as a result. Henry was then ejected from the game in the first quarter, not getting too much of a chance to play in the season opener. Ritchey previously said Henry didn't know and couldn't tell whether the Fort Stock-

ton player was being malicious or not.

"I think he'll have his motor running since that incident last week," Otto said. "He kind of feels like he got cheated. I think he's going to be ready to go."

Rhoton status unknown

Forsan transfer and Steers' safety and receiver Jake Rhoton suffered a knee injury during the opener against Fort Stockton on Friday.

He was taken off the field and did not return to the game. Ritchey said Rhoton had an MRI on Tuesday and his status is unknown.

HAWKS

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Chicago Tribune, Harristurned down a scholarship offer from DePaul after his brother, friend and cousin were killed in the spring. He then signed with Houston and, after being released from his scholarship there, came to Howard College.

Howard College released the following statement on the three players' arrest: "The three young men in question were enrolled at Howard College and were planning on participating in our athletics program. Following their incident, they voluntarily withdrew from Howard College prior to attending the first day of classes and are no longer participating in our athletics program or living on campus.

They were scheduled to be part of our men's basketball program and therefore leave a void with their withdrawal. Under NJCAA rules, coach Mark Adams still has a window of opportunity to continue his search for student athletes to fill out the men's basketball team. He will utilize this opportunity to do so and begin preparing his team for the 2010-2011 basketball season in a positive way. Howard College has

a student discipline policy which is outlined in the student handbook. The process is fairly and equally applied to all students attending Howard College, whether the legal system is involved or not. The individuals in question withdrew from Howard College prior to starting the student discipline process."

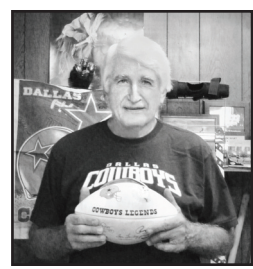
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## Fort Worth-area line repaired after derailment

RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — Passenger service has resumed after crews fixed a section of track following a derailment in the Fort Worth area. Nobody was injured Sunday night when several cars of a freight train derailed west of Richland Hills. The caught of the derailment is sought. The tracks are used by Trinity Railway Express commuter trains on routes linking Fort Worth and Dallas. TRE is co-owned by Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Transit officials say the tracks were repaired Tuesday afternoon, with full day's service back to normal Wednesday.

## Gladewater woman dead, pinned between chain, car

GLADEWATER (AP) — An autopsy has been ordered after a Gladewater woman was discovered dead pinned between the front of her car and a chain barrier to her driveway. The Gregg County Sheriff's Office says the body of Sally Coker was located Tuesday at her rural home. Capt. Mike Claxton says the victim's 3-year-old grandchild was found unharmed in the vehicle. Authorities believe Coker got out of her car to

move a chain and enter her property. Investigators are trying to determine the manner and cause of death.

## I-10 closure in SE Texas continues

HAMSHIRE (AP) — Part of Interstate 10 in southeast Texas remained closed for a fourth day as crews worked to transfer a chemical load from a tanker following a wreck. Department of Public Safety Trooper Stephanie Davis told The Associated Press that I-10 near Hamshire was still closed Wednesday, but the transfer of isobutane was expected to be completed later in the day. I-10 has been shut down between Texas 73 and Farm Road 365 near Hamshire, about 65 miles east of Houston, since a two-vehicle wreck early Sunday. The tanker truck overturned in a collision with a pickup. DPS says the tanker truck driver suffered non-life threatening injuries. Isobutane is a flammable, corrosive chemical.

## Inmate dies after escape attempt at Texarkana jail

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Authorities say a federal inmate has died after falling five stories while trying to escape from a jail in Texarkana, Ark.

The U.S. Marshals Service says 30-year-old Anthony Lewis of Springhill, La., escaped from a fenced recreation area on the roof of the Bi-State Justice Center in downtown Texarkana. Authorities say Lewis tried to lower himself to the ground with a rope made of clothing, but fell five stories to the ground.

He was taken to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, where he was pronounced dead at about 10:45 p.m. Monday.

Authorities say Lewis was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to robbing a bank in Magnolia.

## PUC may crack down on deadbeats

AUSTIN (AP) — Electric companies stuck after deadbeat customers make it their practice to rack up bills, then switch to a new provider and leave the old bill unpaid could get help from the Texas Public Utility Commission. The PUC this month is scheduled to consider preventing some nonpaying customers from switching providers until they pay their previous utility debt. Stream Energy chairman Rob Snyder says some people out there "switch professionally." He estimates his company gave away about \$30 million in electricity last year to people who didn't pay their bills.

## SETTLES

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also see workers on the roof of the structure during the next few days, as work to stabilize the building's cap stones continues. "There was a problem some years back with kids loosening the mortar holding the cap stones in place, causing them to fall to the street below," Ryan said. "However, these contractors are remov-

ing the cap stones and waterproofing the areas beneath them, then pinning them together to prevent the same sort of problems in the future." Ryan said electrical wiring on floors four through 13 will also begin in the near future, as work to renovate and restore the aging structure continues. "We're about to begin wiring the walls," Ryan said. "That means we'll also be able to put up one side of the dry wall

on those floors. Overall, we're between 20 and 30 percent complete with the project. Approximately 20 percent of the mechanical and plumbing work has been completed, so we're making good progress. However, there are still a lot of contracts that haven't even been started, so we're a long way from completion." Ryan said one of the projects expected to begin soon is the installation of the window frames on the second

and third floors. "The window frames for those floors are in the warehouse and we expect to begin stalling them next month. We'll also begin working on the store fronts that will be located on the bottom floors," he said. "Right now there are plans for a restaurant and a bar, with between two and three retail spaces, as well. However, that could change at any time because this is very much a work in progress."

According to information provided by SHDC, the original cost of construction for the Settles Hotel was reported to be \$500,000. Opening in October of 1930 to great fanfare and support by the local community, the Settles Hotel was often compared to the finest hotels of its day. In its prime, the Settles hosted dignitaries and celebrities such as Elvis Presley, Lawrence Welk, Herbert Hoover and many others. For more informa-

tion on the project, visit <http://www.settleshotel.com>

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## TRUSTEES

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science rooms, gymnasium, library, cafeteria and special needs instructional areas. "We found we could expand the number of classrooms to 28 instead of the original 24 we had planned," Edwards said. "That works out to nine classrooms for students in kindergarten and first grade, nine for those in second and third, nine for grades four and five and one for

special needs students." All classrooms will be in excess of 800 square feet, he added. All three new buildings will follow the same basic floor plan, which should save the district money in the long run, Edwards said. Moss Elementary, which will be extensively renovated, will end up having many of the same features as the new buildings, he added. "It will save you money on the design side, obviously," he said. "Then, you'll save a lot more

money on the construction side ... because things will go much more efficiently." The next step will be for architects to meet with teachers and campus administrators to get their input on classroom design. Those meetings will take place within the next two weeks, BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. After that, the major concern for officials will be finding a construction manager to oversee the various projects

over the course of the next two to three years. The process of finding the construction manager will begin at the Sept. 14 board meeting, when trustees will officially call for "requests for proposals" from interested contractors. With the state economy in a downturn, the BSISD project is already attracting attention from construction firms, Edwards said. "I've taken about a half-dozen calls from contractors in the past week," he said. "Obvi-

ously, the economy is down right now and there's not as much construction work going on as in the past couple of years. That, coupled with the way the project is designed, makes it very attractive to contractors." Edwards said a construction manager should be named by late November.

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Broadway Broadrick, M.D., 89, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Gilbert Garcia, 52, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## BSISD

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That means taxes on a median-priced home within the district (\$42,000) will increase by about \$11 a month, Waggoner said. The new package drew fire from Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, who urged trustees to show fiscal restraint prior to approving the budget. "I know the other taxing entities in Howard County have worked very hard to keep taxes where they are or even reduce them some," Duncan said. "This may not be the time to increase the tax burden on the community ... I want to encourage you to re-look at the tax rate

and make every effort to decrease the tax burden on this community's residents." In particular, Duncan objected to the district having \$10 million in reserve funds. Those funds, however, are placed in reserve to allow the district to continue operation in case of an interruption in state aid, Waggoner said. "The Texas Education Agency strongly recommends that we hold about three months in operating expenses in reserve," she said. "For us, that equals \$10 million." BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar defended the new budget and tax rate. "I think it's important to realize that our budget and tax rate will be


pretty much the same as last year, except for the increase in debt service, of course," Saldivar said. "The point I'm trying to make is that we didn't go up all that much ... and most of the increase was because of the salary increases we gave." The new budget and tax rate were approved unanimously. In other business, trustees approved:  
• An agreement with Greater Opportunities

of the Permian Basin to continue operating the local Head Start program at the Lakeview school building.  
• The purchase of 245 computers at a cost of \$168,000.  
• The hiring of Janine Noble as a math teacher at the junior high school.

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**BRONTE**

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and edged Lamesa in five games after being up by two.

Against Bronte, Cerbi Ritchey and outside hitter Desiree Anderson each had 11 kills. Seaton chipped in 10. Mayes led with seven blocks and libero Valerie Ross had 23 digs.

As far as avoiding big deficits in games goes, Osborne said it is not necessarily a matter of the Lady Steers getting a lead and keeping it, but being mentally tough enough to stay in the game when their

down is key.

Even though the Lady Steers didn't get the win, Anderson said she sees the progress the team is making.

"From last week, what I saw was more communication on the court," she said. "So I think we're making progress. Hopefully by district we're going to be moving our feet, getting to the ball and getting points."

**BRONTE 3, BSHS 1**

BSHS	22	25	27	20				
Bronte	25	15	29	25				
					Kills	Blocks	Digs	Aces
Setters:								
Cerbi Ritchey	11	3	7	3	20			

C. Benavides	0	0	7	2	16
Offense:					
D, Anderson	11	1	19	0	0
Taylor Seaton	10	4	0	0	0
Bridgette Tuitt	7	1	4	1	0

Defense:					
Valerie Ross	0	0	23	0	0
Carson Reibe	0	0	10	0	0
100% Passing					
Diamond Mayes	2	7	0	0	0

Bronte Freshman	25	25
Big Spring Fresh.	19	9

Bronte JV	18	25	25
Big Spring JV	25	18	21

**Royals beat Rangers in bottom of the 9th**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Willie Bloomquist gambled twice on the base paths in the ninth inning and it paid off.

Bloomquist stole third with one out and scored on an Alexi Ogando wild pitch with two outs in the ninth to help the Kansas City Royals beat the Texas Rangers 10-9 Tuesday night.

Wilson Betemit opened the ninth with a double and Bloomquist ran for him. With one out Brayan Pena walked. One out later, Bloomquist swiped third. After Alex Gordon struck out, Bloomquist came home on an Ogando wild pitch on ball four to Yuniesky Betancourt.

"I was in scoring position with no outs," Bloomquist said. "I didn't want to run recklessly. I didn't want to force anything or run us out of inning. If you get to third base, there are a few more ways to score from there than second."

Ogando's wild pitch caromed off the backstop and

catcher Matt Treanor made a good throw to Ogando covering home, but Bloomquist slid in ahead of the tag.

"Once it got past him I was taking my chances with two out and that guy throwing 100," Bloomquist said. "That's what I was waiting on. That's why I was trying to get to third base right there in case something like that is going to happen. You try to steal a win like that. It worked out."

Joakim Soria (1-2) picked up the victory, allowing one hit in a scoreless ninth. Oliver (1-2), who started the ninth, took the loss and has allowed 11 earned runs in 10 innings in his past 13 outings.

Even if it wasn't my fault, we lost, the game ended and I was a part of the final act so, yes, I feel bad," Treanor said. "I feel like I just need to catch the ball. It's not really a pitch you can block. It's a pitch you have to catch and I didn't get it in the web. Blocking 98 mph sliders in the dirt and blocking the plate and catch-

ing pitches like this, it's all part of the job."

Texas got home runs from Vladimir Guerrero, Michael Young, David Murphy and Mitch Moreland. Guerrero hit a two-run homer in a three-run fifth, while the other home runs were solo shots. Young went 4 for 5 with two RBIs.

Rangers left-hander Cliff Lee is winless in his past five starts with an 8.28 ERA while allowing 27 earned runs on 44 hits in 29 1-3 innings. He left after 4 2-3 innings, his shortest outing since Sept. 20, 2009, allowing seven runs and 10 hits.

The Royals scored three unearned runs in the third after Lee's throwing error.

"I feel like if I make a throw to second and turn two we win the game," Lee said. "I made a play on that (ground) ball and then threw the ball into centerfield. It's a play I can make and a play I have made. The offense kept rallying back and kept us in the game, so

I feel like if I can make that play we can win the game."

After the game it was announced the Rangers acquired outfielder Jeff Francoeur and cash considerations from the New York Mets for infielder Joaquin Arias, who had been designated for assignment last week when Alex Cora was called up by the Rangers.

Francoeur, the right-handed hitter the Rangers need coming off the bench, is hitting .237 with 11 homers and 54 RBIs and leads the NL with 11 outfield assists. Arias batted .276 in 50 games for the Rangers, including 22 starts. He had two stints on the disabled list.

The Royals scored five runs in the fifth to take a 9-6 lead. Gordon and Jai Miller each contributed two-run doubles in the inning. Mike Aviles' two-out single scored Miller with the final run of the fifth.

Royals reliever Jesse Chavez, however, failed to hold the lead for one inning. He gave up a solo home run

to Moreland and consecutive two-out doubles to Elvis Andrus, Young and Josh Hamilton for two more runs.

Royals right-hander Sean O'Sullivan, who is 0-4 in six starts since being acquired in a July 22 trade with the Los Angeles Angels, left after five innings, allowing six runs and nine hits, including three home runs.

"I wasn't putting up zeroes when I needed to," O'Sullivan said. "It was more fun to watch than to pitch."

Betancourt homered, his 14th, in the second for the first Royals run.

Notes: Rangers manager Ron Washington said Hamilton would not be in the lineup Wednesday after having a shot after Tuesday's game in his sore right knee. RHP Rich Harden, who came off the DL Aug. 23 after having right shoulder tendinitis, will not be going back into the rotation after going 5-5 with a 5.17 ERA in 17 starts. Harden was penciled to start Friday.

**Rodriguez, Astros blank Cards again, 3-0**

HOUSTON (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals tried to be optimistic Tuesday night after a second straight shutout left them with an 11-15 record in August and seven games behind first-place Cincinnati in the NL Central.

"It's a good thing tomorrow starts a new month," Jon Jay said. "It's September, so

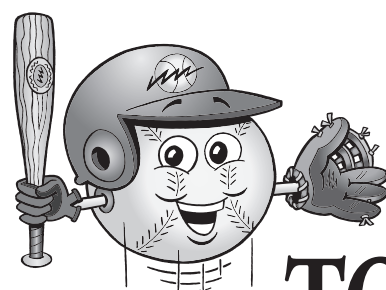
hopefully we can get on a roll. We just hope that this was just one bad month. Hopefully we can all stay positive and keep looking at the big picture. Tomorrow is a fresh start."

Wandy Rodriguez pitched seven innings and three relievers completed the three-hitter as the Astros again beat the slumping Cardinals

3-0. Hunter Pence drove in two runs in Houston's three-run fourth inning.

The Cardinals were also shut out Monday when J.A. Happ threw a two-hitter in a 3-0 win. They have dropped four straight and seven of eight.

"The answer is, we're trying," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said.



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## OUR VIEW

### Volunteers needed for Memory Walk slated for Sept. 18

Local Alzheimer's Association officials have a serious need for team and individual participants for the annual Memory Walk set for Saturday, Sept. 18. In fact, they say that need is 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.

"We want to continue to encourage Howard County residents to support the Memory Walk through donations, walking and spreading the word," Stovall said. "We still desperately need team and individual participants. 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."

Stovall stressed that the Memory Walk is going to be a very good time for everyone involved. And those participating don't necessarily have to be part of the fundraiser.

"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," Stovall noted. "While raising money for the Alzheimer's Association is certainly a priority for us, the Memory Walk is about raising awareness."

What's more, Stovall says he encourages local residents to bring their children, but to make they are supervised, and to bring their dogs on leashes,

Alzheimer's Association officials are asking everyone to get in touch with elected officials and call for support of "The Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2009 (S. 1492/H.R. 3286)" to increase funding for research and treatment of 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," Stovall said. "A relative, a friend or you 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.

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."

We couldn't agree more. The toll Alzheimer's takes — not just on its victims, but their families — is nothing short of heart-breaking. That's why we encourage local residents to volunteer to take part in the Memory Walk, as well as to call Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to voice support of the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act.

None of us know who'll need Alzheimer's Association support or when we'll need it. Let's hope we've done our part to help ... while we still can.

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are important to our future success.  
Amen

# Ready, fire, aim! Yeah, right!

House Minority Leader John Boehner has a brilliant idea. Nearly one in 10 Americans is out of work. The housing market stinks. The stock market is barely holding on. Republicans, much as I hate to say it, have a real opportunity in this midterm election.

And what is the brilliant plan from the man leading the charge in the House of Representatives?

Fire Larry Summers.

If you are a normal American, you might ask, "Who?"

My guess is, if I were to stand on a street corner anywhere in America other than Harvard Square (where he used to be the local president), not a soul would recognize the man who served as Secretary of the Treasury under Bill Clinton and now serves as a senior economic adviser to President Obama.

Is this really the man responsible for the faltering U.S. economy? Did he package all those toxic mortgages? Did he extend credit to people who were already overextended? Did he take on risks that were foolhardy on their face to up his compensation? Did he deregulate the financial sector?

Actually, no. Quite the con-

trary. Just a few short years ago, during the retrospectively golden years of the Clinton administration, he was widely regarded as an economic genius.

Indeed, even conservatives will tell you that among the president's economic advisers, Larry is on the conservative side. Although these days, I'm not entirely sure how "liberal" and "conservative" are defined in the economic debate. Suffice it to say that, like him or not, almost everybody who has ever dealt with Larry (as I am happy to admit I have) recognizes that he is brilliant and honest, if sometimes too outspoken for his own good (e.g., the women in science business).

Larry is someone who understands both fiscal and monetary policy, knows his way around the Hill and has even balanced some budgets in his time.

But the silliness of Boehner's idea goes beyond his poor choice of targets.

Republicans are seeking to wrest control of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and their platform consists of a change in the senior staff? Hello...? Anyone home?

Back in 1994, when Republicans faced a similar opportunity two years into the Clinton administration, then House Minority Leader Newt Gingrich turned to some of the smartest people on the Republican side to formulate and test his "Contract with

America." To be honest, I can't exactly remember what was in it, but it had all the appearances of being an honest-to-goodness "plan." It made the Republicans at least look like they were for something, as opposed to just being against the Clinton plan. It served to nationalize the election in an affirmative way. It swept Gingrich into the Speaker's chair.

It was everything that Boehner's plan isn't.

The only group with anything remotely resembling a "plan" on the Republican side is the tea party movement. But even there, the plan has yet to be translated into a national electoral platform that all Republicans can embrace.

The inexperience of many tea party favorites and the high negatives of others (hello, Sarah Palin) have created opportunities for some Democrats whose obits were all but written (hello, Harry Reid).

What Republicans need from their leaders in Washington, despicable place though it may be, is what Gingrich gave them in 1994: the appearance of a plan for governing the country; a set of answers other than "no."

So long as the best they can come up with is firing Larry Summers, Democrats have a fair chance of avoiding disaster.

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## The case for killing Bush's tax cuts

Things in Washington these days are beginning to look a lot like Dickens' "A Christmas Carol": Two ghosts from Republican administrations past have risen from political Palookaville to rattle their chains and issue dire warnings to their former colleagues.

"Change your ways, "they're telling conservatives, "lest you wind up like us, doomed to wander the op-ed pages of America, despised and ignored as you issue unheeded advice."

Or words to that effect.

Within the past month or so both David Stockman, Ronald Reagan's director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the Federal Reserve, have issued stern admonitions against continuing the George Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003.

Imagine that, two famous (or infamous) Republican conservatives arguing FOR taxes. The next thing you know, Dick Cheney will find a war he doesn't like.

Here's the way it all came about:

Back in 2001 and 2003 the Bush administration pushed through a program of tax cuts that mainly benefited the rich and kind-of-rich, over the objections of liberals who felt the cuts would balloon the deficit.

Since the disastrous effect on the deficit tended to be long-

term, rather than short, the Bushers cleverly made the tax cuts short-term. The cuts were set to expire at the end of 2010, long after Bush had left office, leaving his successors to deal with the mess.

Well, we're getting to the end of 2010, and President Obama is dealing with the mess by saying that he's ready to let the tax cuts die a natural death (except for the ones affecting people who make under \$250,000 a year).

This has outraged Republicans, who believe taxes are an anti-American plot to keep rich people from getting even richer. The renewed taxes will be the last rock in the boat of a sinking economy, they say. The lights will go out all over America, they say, and will not be lit again in our lifetime.

Or words to that effect.

Which is what makes the statements by Stockman and Greenspan so deliciously ironic. These guys are hardcore deficit hawks. They don't suffer taxes gladly. Yet here they are, siding with Obama on cancelling the Bush tax cuts.

"I'm in favor of tax cuts," Greenspan said, "but not with borrowed money. Our choices right now are not between good and better; they're between bad and worse."

For the record, he's in favor of getting rid of all the tax cuts, for rich and poor alike. And he'd like to see expenditures cut, which means of course cutting benefits near and dear to Democratic hearts.

Stockman, on the other hand, puts the blame for our sorry fiscal state on Republicans.

While the neo-cons in the Republican party were "pushing the military budget skyward," he wrote, "the Republicans on Capitol Hill, who were supposed to cut spending, exempted from the knife most of the domestic budget — entitlements, farm subsidies, education, water projects.

"But in the end it was a new cadre of ideological tax-cutters who killed the Republicans' fiscal religion."

Formerly conservative Republicans became sold on "the delusion that the economy will outgrow the deficit if plied with enough tax cuts."

It isn't a pretty picture. Traditionally we depended on Democrats to take care of people in need and on Republicans to make sure we didn't go broke doing it.

That system has dissolved in chaos. There's no one minding the store and we're going broke anyway.

I'm all for letting the tax cuts lapse — we need the money — but don't think for a minute that it will solve things. There aren't enough rich people to balance the budget (only 2 percent of households make \$250,000 a year), and — if there were — they'd hire accountants who would figure out a way to avoid the new taxes.

But why not look on the bright side? We're not Greece, after all, and if Stockman and Greenspan are right we won't be — for another five years.

Have a nice day.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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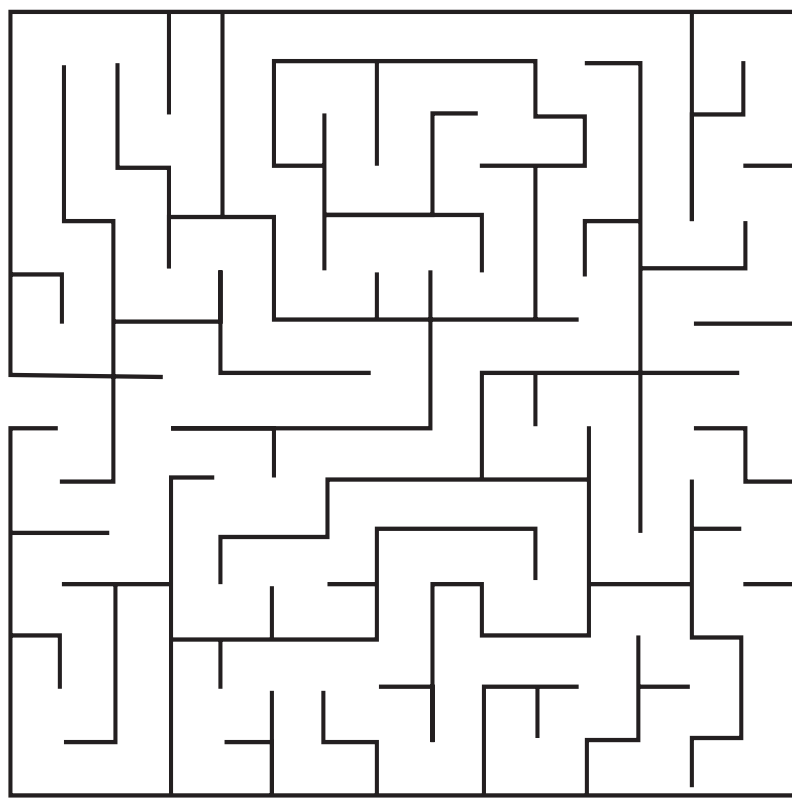
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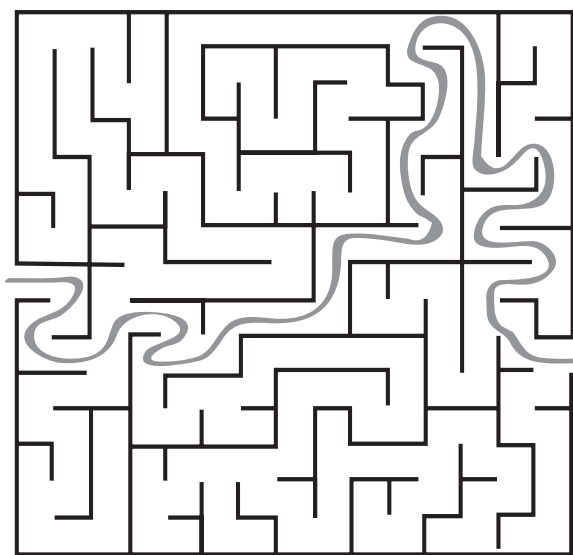
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Solution -- The grass under the pool is green. If the pool was in this spot all summer, the grass would not be green.

**Find six differences between these panels.**



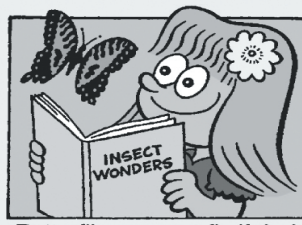
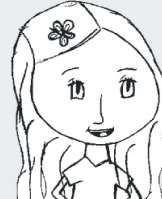
Answer -- Fish, tree, flower, rabbit, mountain and wood chip.

**HOW TO DRAW a bird and bug**

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**YOUR DRAWING**

Today's artist is Ananda Rittenhouse, age 10, of Eugene, OR



Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is less than 86 degrees.



# Why not check this out? At the library

The library will be close at 3 p.m. Friday and will also be closed Monday for the Labor Day weekend. We will reopen Tuesday at 10 a.m. It is hard to believe that fall is quickly approaching and soon winter will be here. Hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the Internet/Video Room closing at 1:30.

The Friend's book sale will be Sept. 24-26. Today we have a guest columnist, Lisa, who is a new volunteer at the library. If you are interested in being a volunteer, do stop by and visit with me.

—Hollis McCright, director

By LISA PAGE

Guest Columnist

If you are a science-fiction fan, you are sure to enjoy "Cauldron" (SF MCD J) by Jack McDevitt. The year is 2255 and space exploration is now funded by private institutions. Jon is sure that he can provide a more efficient means of space travel. With the help of Priscilla and the Prometheus Foundation, he begins his research. Jon and Priscilla, along with a group of space travelers, embark on a journey to the center of the galaxy — the Cauldron.

For a more down-to-earth selection, check out "A Lady in the Attic" (M RAN T), the first book in the "Annie's Attic Mysteries" series by Tara Randel. Annie Dawson's husband passed away the previous year, and she has relocated from her home in Texas to her late grandmother's house in Maine.

As she makes her way around her Gram's cluttered attic, she happens across a cross-stitched picture of a strange woman Annie has never seen, sitting on Gram's front porch. With the help of her new friends at The Hook and Needle Club, Annie begins the quest for the identity of "The Lady."

What better way to enjoy reading on the road than with an audio book on CD. "Just Take My Heart" (AUCD F CLA M)? is from the best-selling author Mary Higgins Clark.

Clark takes you away to a place where heart transplant recipients are able to take on certain memories and traits of the donor. Emily, an assistant prosecutor, is handling the case of Gregg Aldrich, accused of having his wife murdered. During the trial, Emily begins to

have feelings that make no sense, the whole time being unaware that her own life may be ticking down.

Do you need something a little more upbeat? How about Beth Harbison's "Hope in a Jar" (AUCD F HAR B)? Allie and Olivia were best friends

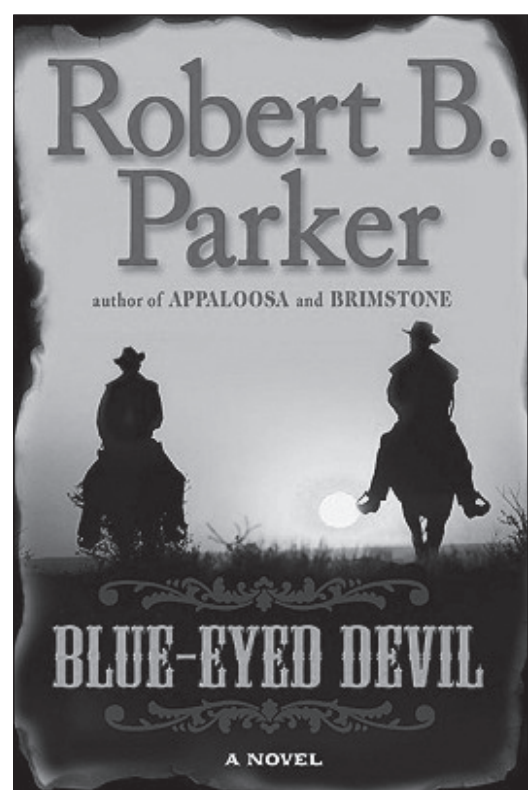
in high school, 20 years ago, that is. Now, no longer friends — and leading very different lives — Allie is a single, tired temp worker while Olivia is a lonely, but successful edi-

tor. Can a jar of face cream mend a friendship, bring about new love, and unlock the power of hope?

If you are in the mood for some fast-paced, gun-slinging excitement, be sure to listen to "Blue-Eyed Devil" (AUD F PAR R) by Robert B. Parker. Appaloosa, a town once run by Cole and Hitch, is now ruled by a new police chief and his 12 policemen. Callico, the new chief, has hopes of becoming the new governor, and eventually, the president. He tries to "convince" Cole and Hitch to join him. Merchants who refuse to buy Callico's protection must turn to Cole and Hitch for help. Callico realizes that the only way he can continue his dream of power is to handle the Cole and Hitch situation ... permanently.

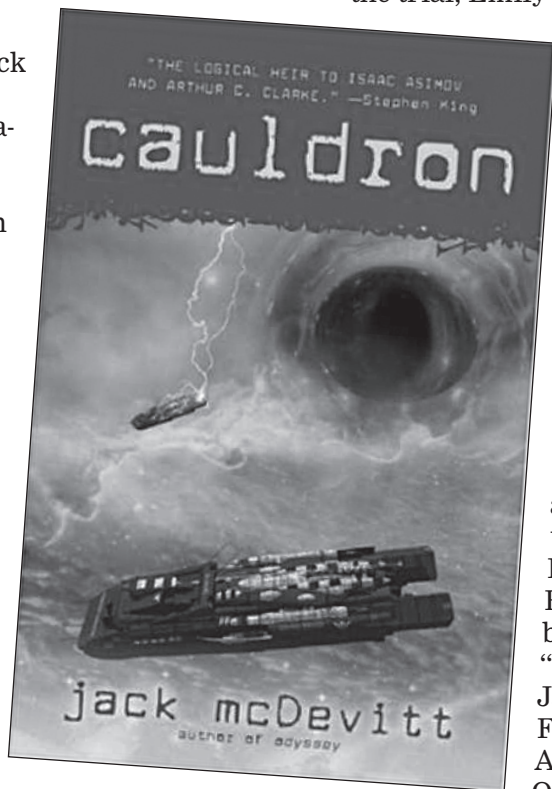
In "What's New, Cupcake?" (641.865 TAC K), Karen Tack and Alan Richardson will inspire you to think outside the box (or the pan?) when it comes to confectionery treats. Not only are their recipes easy, they are extremely fun. With ideas for every season, and taste, you're sure to find a crowd pleaser. Enjoy!

Wouldn't it be nice to take a step back and experience a more simple way of living? "Living the Country Lifestyle All-In-One for Dummies" (640 BAR T) by Tracy Barr, can help you with just that. Included, you will find help and advice on country kitchen skills, traditional crafts, edible gardening, getting outdoors, raising farm animals, and natural health. Maybe you are not ready to slow down completely. Maybe you just need a chance to breathe and reflect. Why not learn how to cook with



cast iron, grow your own veggies or raise chickens? Anyone up for a game of Fox and Hare? Find out how to play as you learn the art of living the country lifestyle.

Beginning Sept. 11, the library will be open from 10 until 2 p.m. with the Internet/Video Room closing at 1:30. We are accepting donations of good, clean, relatively new material for the Friends book sale. Remember, if a book looks like it was found floating in a river, we can't use it. Let us know if you need help unloading donations by either calling ahead or coming inside. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main and our e-mail address is reference@co.howard.tx.us



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## News in brief

### With both sides far apart on all issues, Obama brings Mideast leaders together for peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is opening a new round of Mideast peacemaking, bringing Israeli and Palestinian leaders together Wednesday for talks aimed at forging agreement within one year on a two-state solution: a sovereign Palestine and a secure Israel.

Expectations were low as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas arrived Tuesday for preparatory talks with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has spent months coaxing the parties back to the bargaining table.

The talks will be the first face-to-face sessions between the Israelis and Palestinians since December 2008, but the two sides are far apart on all key issues, so major progress in the early going is seen as unlikely.

Pointing up the tensions that will probably test Obama's diplomacy, a Palestinian gunman opened fire Tuesday on an Israeli vehicle traveling near the West Bank city of Hebron, killing four passengers. The militant Hamas movement, which rejects Israel's right to exist and opposes peace talks, claimed responsibility. Israeli officials called the shooting an attempt to sabotage the discussions and the White House weighed in with its own condemnation.

"This brutal attack underscores how far the enemies of peace will go to try to block progress" in the talks, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said in a strongly-worded statement. "It is crucial that the parties persevere, keep moving forward even through difficult times, and continue working to achieve a just and lasting peace in the region that provides security for all peoples."

### Defense Secretary Gates in Iraq to meet with U.S. troops as they end combat mission

RAMADI, Iraq (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday that while the United States is no longer at war in Iraq, history will judge whether the fight was worth it.

The Pentagon chief met with troops at Camp Ramadi just a few hours after President Barack Obama declared an official end to the U.S. combat role in Iraq and told Americans it was time to "turn the page."

Asked whether the U.S. was still at war in Iraq, Gates answered succinctly, "I would say we are not."

He was less direct when asked whether the war was worthwhile, saying that will depend in part on whether Iraq emerges as a democratic anchor in the Middle East.

That judgment "really requires a historian's perspective," Gates said.

### Hurricane Earl bears down on East Coast, bringing evacuations and canceled holiday plans

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Tourists on a North Carolina vacation destination island were ordered to board the ferries and head for the mainland Wednesday and more evacuations could be on the way as powerful Hurricane Earl threatened to side-swipe the East Coast.

Hyde County emergency officials said the evacuation of Ocracoke Island starts at 5 a.m. for about 5,000 visitors. The 800 or so year-round residents don't have to heed it, but Emergency Services Director Lindsey Mooney said officials hope they'll

follow tourists on the 2½ hour trip to shore.

"I don't remember the last time there was a mandatory evacuation order for the island," Hyde County Commissioner Kenneth Collier said.

More evacuations along the Eastern Seaboard could follow, depending on the path taken by the storm, which weakened to a Category 3 hurricane early Wednesday as it whipped across the Caribbean with winds of 125 mph.

Earl was expected to remain over the open ocean before turning north and running parallel to the East Coast, bringing high winds and heavy rain to North Carolina's Outer Banks by early Friday.

### Financial crisis panel hearing from Lehman, Wachovia ex-CEOs as it examines 'too big to fail'

WASHINGTON (AP) — An inquiry panel is hearing from former CEOs of two big banks that succumbed to the financial crisis, Lehman Brothers and Wachovia Corp., as it delves into the "too big to fail" predicament and potential systemwide risk from financial institutions.

Federal bank regulators also are appearing Wednesday before the bipartisan Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, established by Congress to investigate the financial meltdown that plunged the economy into the most severe recession since the 1930s.

After the subprime mortgage bubble burst in 2007, complex investments called credit default swaps, which insured against default of securities tied to the mortgages, collapsed. That brought the stunning downfall of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Its implosion into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Sept. 15, 2008 triggered a worldwide panic in financial markets.

U.S. officials, as they scrambled to avert economic catastrophe, declined to rescue the once-venerable Wall Street titan while injecting tens of billions of dollars into others — like the insurance conglomerate American International Group Inc.

Aided and prodded by the government, Wells Fargo & Co. acquired Charlotte, N.C.-based Wachovia, which had done a huge business in adjustable-rate mortgages, enticing borrowers who later defaulted on their home loans. That \$12.7 billion deal, announced in early October 2008, created a coast-to-coast powerhouse with operations in 39 states and the District of Columbia.

### Captured Mexico drug kingpin 'the Barbie' says in video he knew top capos, transported cocaine

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A former Texas high school football player and petty street dealer who allegedly rose to become one of Mexico's most savage assassins says he personally knew the country's top drug lords and shipped cocaine from Colombia through Panama.

In a video released by Mexico's federal police, Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "the Barbie" for his fair complexion and green eyes, also told his

interrogators that he transported cash hidden in trailers.

With his arrest Monday, Valdez became the third major drug lord brought down by Mexico in less than a year. The 37-year-old Valdez faces charges in three U.S. states for trucking in tons of cocaine.

### Little-known Alaska lawyer's defeat of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski marks major tea party win

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Backed by the Tea Party Express and Sarah Palin, a little-known conservative lawyer from Alaska became the latest newcomer to the national political stage to take down an incumbent in 2010.

In arguably the biggest political upset of the year, Joe Miller claimed the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate when incumbent GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski conceded Tuesday evening.

Miller's win was a major victory for the tea party movement and marked the first time it had defeated a sitting senator in a primary.

Tea partiers had knocked off Utah Sen. Bob Bennett at a state convention in May, and emboldened organizers now have their sights set on Delaware, where they are backing Christine O'Donnell against the more moderate Rep. Mike Castle in the GOP Senate primary.

Miller, 43, said he'll campaign on transferring power and control over resources from the federal government to Alaska and the other 49 states.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Solution to a Quandary

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ J 10 8 6 3

♥ J 6 5

♦ K J 10

♣ A J

**WEST**

♠ K

♥ 3 2

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2

**EAST**

♠ —

♥ A K Q 10 9 4

♦ 9 7 5 2

♣ K Q 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 10

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♥

4 ♠

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Many apparent guessing situations can be resolved by avoiding them altogether.

Take this case where South went down one in a contract he should have made. East took the first two tricks with the Q-K of hearts and continued with the ace. When declarer ruffed with the nine, West overruffed with the king and shifted to a club. South won with the ace

and, having already lost three tricks, had to guess which way to take the two-way diamond finesse.

Unfortunately, he decided that East, who had bid four hearts all by himself, was more likely to have the queen of diamonds than West. Accordingly, he eventually cashed dummy's king of diamonds and then let the jack ride to go down one.

South was certainly unlucky to find West with both the king of spades and queen of diamonds. Even so, he should have made his contract. In playing as he did, he relied more on a probability than a certainty.

Instead, declarer should ruff the heart lead with the ace (!) at trick three, intentionally conceding a trump trick to the enemy without making any effort to avoid it.

Next he leads a club to the ace, ruffs dummy's jack of clubs, then exits with a trump, not caring one iota which defender has the king of trumps or which suit that player returns.

The defender who wins the king of trumps must either lead a diamond, eliminating the guess in that suit, or another suit, handing declarer a ruff-and-discard. Either way, the contract is home.

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# Troops, families glad to hear end to Iraq combat

The Associated Press

As President Obama spoke, Violeta Sifuentes snuggled with her 6-year-old twins on the suede sofa — Samuel beside her, Selena sprawled across her legs. When the 29-year-old Army captain explained what the president meant by combat operations in Iraq being over, “Nina” let out a loud, “Woo-hoo!” then asked, “Can we go play now?”

Sifuentes had heard essentially the same thing earlier Tuesday, when the commander in chief visited Fort Bliss, Texas. He had shaken her hand, hugged her, thanked her personally for her service.

But seeing it on TV brought tears to Sifuentes’ eyes.

“Now that he said it to the American people, it felt real,” she said. “It was a good feeling to hear him say whether or not people agree with the

wars, that it’s about the men and women who are serving.”

The president had said that his Oval Office address would be no victory speech, that there would be no banners declaring “mission accomplished.” He marked the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom Tuesday by noting that we lived in an “age without surrender ceremonies,” and that was just fine with many who fought and bled in that war.

Steve Baskis, 24, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., lost his sight and full use of his arms in a May 2008 explosion in Baghdad that killed one of the men in his armored vehicle. Listening to the president’s speech in a living room filled with beach wedding photos he can no longer see, the former Army specialist appreciated the president’s words of support and praise, even though much still needs done.

“I’m just glad we’re in a total

transition now,” Baskis said, snapping the fingers on his nerve-damaged right hand. “I think that for my buddy who died and all the ones who lost their lives, I think it would mean a lot to them.”

Carla Milledge liked what the president was saying.

“I wish it would have ended three years ago,” the 61-year-old Glenwood, Iowa, woman said. “Because my son might be here.”

Army Sgt. Joseph Milledge, 23, the youngest of her five children, was serving his second tour when he was killed by a roadside bomb Oct. 5, 2007, in Baghdad. His mother hopes the president’s words mean no other mother will have to suffer as she has.

“I think the job is done, and it’s time to bring the boys home,” she said. “It’s caused a lot of psychological problems, broken up a lot of families and caused a lot of heartache.”

As a newly minted second lieutenant in 2003, Jason Crow didn’t have much time to think about whether invading Iraq was a good idea.

“The only thing I was thinking about was accomplishing the mission and getting my men home alive,” said Crow, 31, now a lawyer practicing in Denver.

Crow has “very mixed feelings” about the war. “We’ve all lost friends, comrades in the war. We’ve lost some of our finest men and women. We’ve spent close to a trillion dollars.”

But Crow thinks the president did as much as he could to turn the page on this difficult chapter.

“His role was to give both the active duty military and veterans and the American people as close to a sense of closure in this period of American history, as respect to Iraq, as is possible, and I think he did a good job of

that,” said Crow, who was in Washington for a legal conference and watched the speech in a hotel room just a few blocks from the White House.

Retired Army Staff Sgt. Chris Bain, 39, of Williamsport, Pa., had been expecting this kind of announcement for a while. What he didn’t expect was to hear the man who had campaigned so fiercely against the war — and President George W. Bush’s troop “surge” in Iraq — speak in such conciliatory terms about his predecessor.

“All the things we did for the surge, it all worked, and we were successful at it,” said Bain, who was nearly killed in an April 2004 ambush near Al-Taji, Iraq. “And I hope we can do those things in Afghanistan.”

Still, some feel the president is fooling himself if he thinks things have really changed for troops in Iraq.

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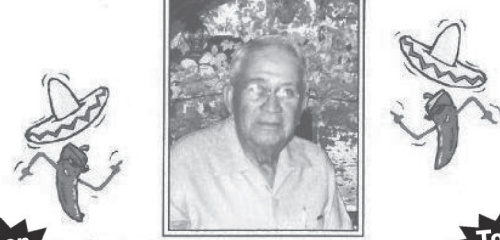
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Once they have your ear, those who want to please or persuade you will spin a most appealing tale. You may not know what to believe right now, but you do know what not to believe. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you embark on a solo mission, it will make you all the more appealing and mysterious to your ever-growing fan base. People want to be around you, and it will be difficult to get away and do what you want to do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Many a truth is spoken in jest. And those Freudian slips really will tell an interesting story. Paying attention to



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subtleties will be most entertaining and revealing today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are a self-directed person living in a world where everyone wants to tell you where to go, what to do and how to do it. In order to do something your own way, you'll have to shut everyone out and do it by yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The world is your art project — an extensive collage in which you play with the scale of things. Right now, you're into making small details seem enormously important while the big picture fits nicely on the head of a pin.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You benefit from handling things in real time. Answer the telephone instead of letting it go to voice mail. Tell everyone at the start of the conversation that you have just a few minutes to talk.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What would happen if you deleted all the e-mails you haven't read or dealt with and just started fresh? What if you didn't go through the clutter pile before chucking it all in the trash? Bold moves to clear your way will favor you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Your loved ones and colleagues disagree with you about what really matters. It may turn out that you are blowing events out of proportion — a sign that it's time to unhook from the bustle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For the most part, you know where you're going and how to get there. But something has changed on this route. Once in a while, even the savviest navigator has to stop and get directions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are fresh on the scene and will add new energy and vigor to the proceedings. It may feel to you that you are not doing anything too important, but you contribute much just by showing up.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you're with that intoxicating person, you lose all track of time. The colors of the world intensify. You understand the meaning of words like never before. Life is vivid.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There is a competition going on. Be aware of it and you'll be a contender. Those who appear to be resting may, in fact, be sizing up the situation and waiting until the moment is ripe for the seizing.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (September 1). Your good luck increases through the next four weeks, and you'll have the confidence to take risks. Your relationships get instantly more exciting, and new people come into your life, too. November represents a thrilling twist in the usual plot. You'll exchange meaningful promises in March. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 38, 20 and 15.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have dated several Gemini women in a row, and I have come to the conclusion that I am no good with Geminis. I'm a Leo. I want to date an Aries woman. I cannot ask every woman I meet when her birthday is. They will think I am crazy, rude or both. What are the physical characteristics associated with Aries?"

Physical characteristics are usually associated with a person's rising sign and other strong influences in the astrological chart. You would have to have the exact birth time and place of a person in order to ascertain this information, and that would probably make you seem even more odd or

rude. Most people know better than to ask a woman her age. I suggest that you have a conversation with your own heart, dear Leo — your sign rules the heart, you know. You are getting too caught up in analyzing your love life and setting expectations, and you are forgetting the most important part. You can only make a connection in the "now" moment. When you meet a woman, focus on what your heart is experiencing as you get to know this person. Later, you can use astrology as a tool to further enhance your own intuitive leanings.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** I am a divorced male in my mid-50s. I cannot seem to find anyone to connect with. I am a fit, intelligent, successful businessman.

I can prepare a gourmet meal, clean a bathroom and change the head gasket on a 1986 Pontiac. Most of the women my age tend to be rather fuddy-duddy.

They are only interested in their grandchildren, quilting or gardening.

Younger women seem to be looking for a mate to start a family. I have no interest in that.

I keep myself active in social, theatrical and church activities. I live in a conservative community, and relocating is not an option.

It would be easy to lower my standards, but after two divorces, I would like to find a life partner. — *Alone in Casper, Wy.*

**Dear Casper:** Seriously? Women in their 50s are only interested in quilting and grandchildren? Did you travel back in time to find them?

Such stereotyping will not endear you to any female. Women of all ages are interested in many things, including social, theatrical and church activities, just like you.

They are sharp, smart, funny and compassionate.

If you cannot locate any of them, you are looking in the wrong places.

Casper is a decent-sized city, and you may need to cast your net a little wider than your local community.

Since you have already been divorced twice, you might want to contemplate why you cannot seem to attract a compatible, appropriate partner. You sound like a nice catch.

**Dear Annie:** I've been

friends with "Charlotte" for years. We used to be "phone friends" but have recently started doing things together (walking, shopping, eating out, etc.).

However, every time I ask whether she's available, she always says, "I'll have to let you know." She never says "yes." Most of the time she is unable to meet me, although she does eventually let me know.

It makes me feel like she'll spend time with me if nothing better comes along.

Charlotte is retired but has a family that takes a lot of her time.

I work two jobs, so my time is limited. Two weeks ago, I asked her to come to a lecture with me.

I gave her plenty of notice, saying if she was unable to attend, I would do something with my sister instead.

Charlotte said she would be out of town that morning and wasn't sure when she'd return.

Later, she left a message saying she was hoping to make it, but wasn't certain.

When I came home from work, I still hadn't heard from Charlotte, so when my sister asked whether I was available, I went.

I left Charlotte a message, saying I wouldn't be back in time to go to the lecture. I haven't heard from her since. I called once, but she didn't have time to talk.

Was I wrong to do something with my sister before Charlotte gave me a definite answer? — *Ohio*

**Dear Ohio:** Yes. Granted, Charlotte seems a little reluctant to make social commitments, but that doesn't mean you should behave the same

way. Call her and apologize for running out on her. Then the next time she gives you a wishy-washy response, say, "I'll take that as a 'no' unless you get back to me."

Or stop arranging to meet up with her altogether and you'll be less frustrated.

**Dear Annie:** I hope you have room for one more story about stolen food. In high school, my mother had a problem with someone taking lunches from her locker. One day, she packed a lard sandwich. Her lunch was never stolen again. — *South Williamsport, Penn.*

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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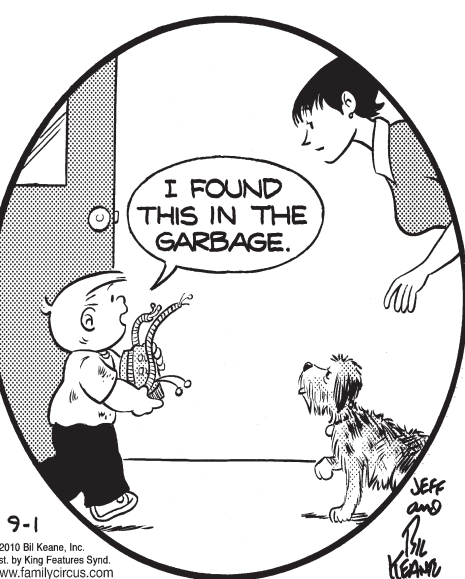
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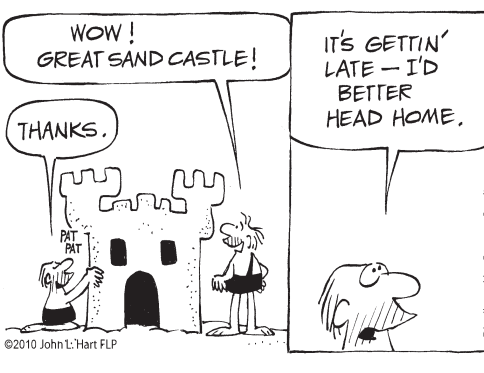
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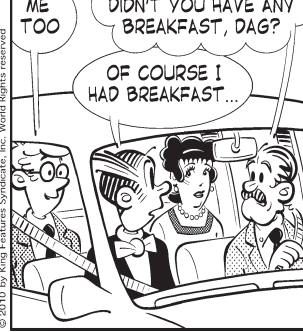
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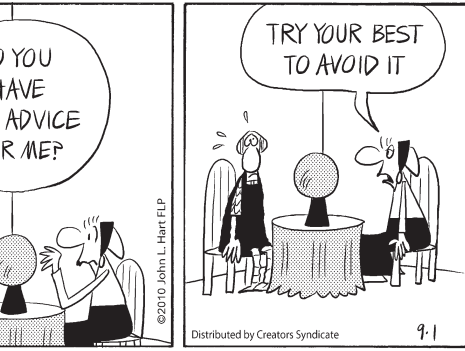
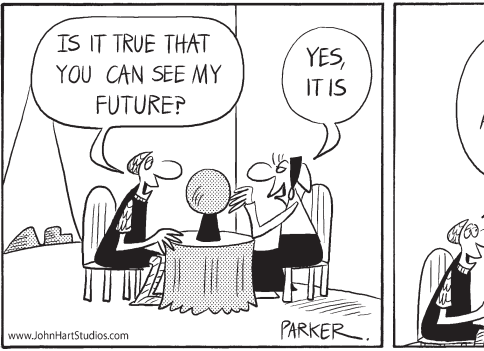
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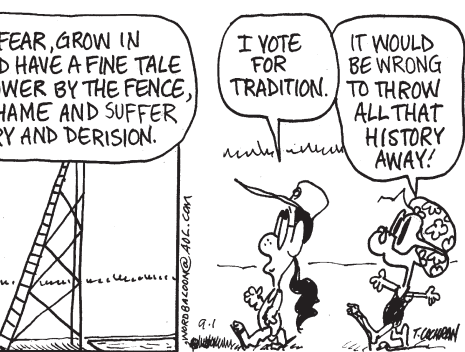
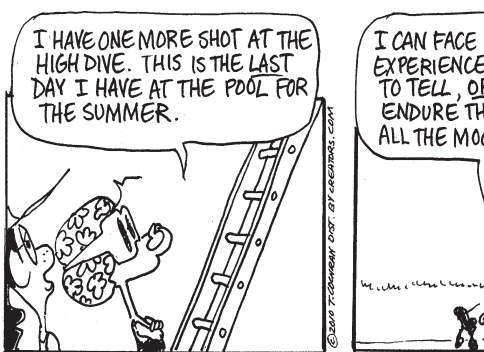
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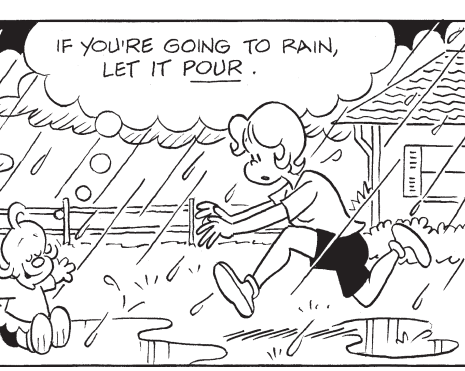
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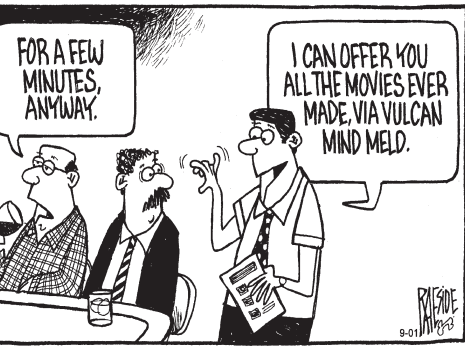
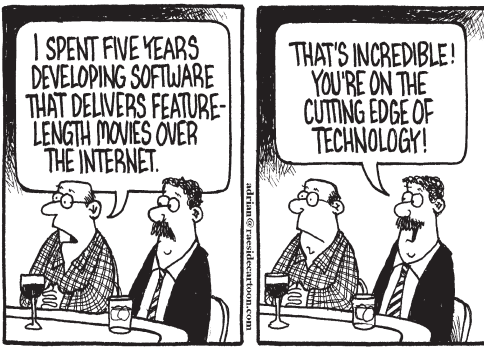
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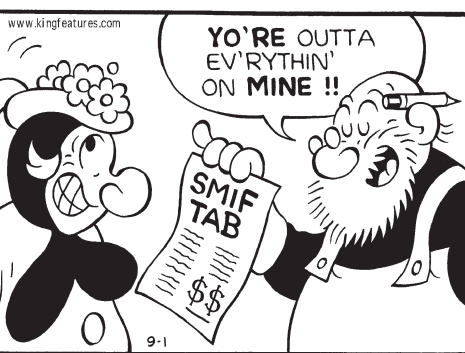
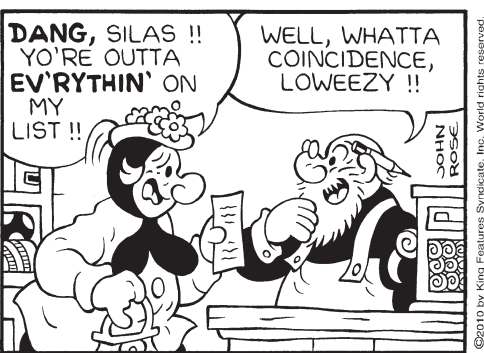
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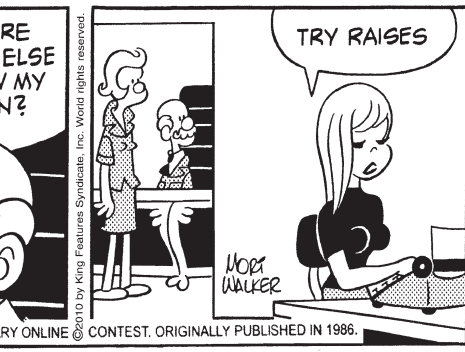
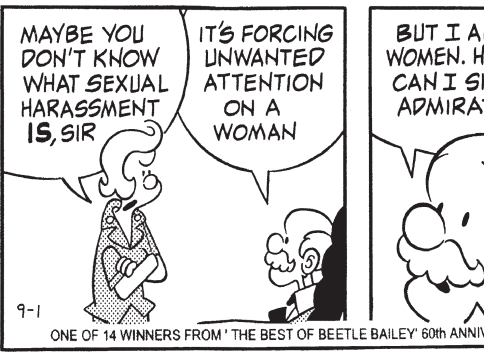
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2010. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date: In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1894, the Great Hinckley Fire destroyed Hinckley, Minn., and five other communities, and killed more than 400 people.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik (RAY'kyuh-vik), Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of game 21.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 88. Actor George Maharis is 82. Conductor Seiji Ozawa (SAY'jee oh-ZAH'wah) is 75. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 72.

Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 71. Actor Don Stroud is 67. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 66. Singer Archie Bell is 66. Singer Barry Gibb is 64. Rock musician Greg Errico is 62. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 60. Singer Gloria Estefan is 53. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 49. Jazz musician Boney James is 49. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 47. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 46. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 44. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 40. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira ("Desperate Housewives") is 39. Rock singer JD Fortune is 37.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Become inedible
  - 6 Fleet component
  - 10 Mock fanfare
  - 14 In the know
  - 15 Prepare for a photo
  - 16 Grad
  - 17 Towel fabric
  - 18 \_\_\_-friendly software
  - 19 Don't throw out
  - 20 Mouse-sighting cry
  - 21 Unintended consequences
  - 24 Hard journeys
  - 26 Ump's call
  - 27 TV detective Remington
  - 29 Takes temporarily
  - 33 Add up
  - 34 Disreputable
  - 35 Reverent feeling
  - 37 With competence
  - 38 Urban green spots
  - 39 Dog annoyance
  - 40 Tip of a shoe
  - 41 Becomes undrinkable
  - 42 A whole lot
  - 43 Methodical
  - 45 Barnyard enclosure
  - 46 Moose relative
  - 47 Words from the Best Man
  - 48 Cheers role
  - 53 Magnavox rival
  - 56 Sprint or dash

- DOWN**
- 1 High wind
  - 2 Infant's minor injury
  - 3 Deposit taker
  - 4 Exist
  - 5 In a concentrated manner
  - 6 Taters
  - 7 Socks and stockings
  - 8 "That makes sense"
  - 9 Appears onstage
  - 10 Begin to like
  - 11 Actor Baldwin
  - 12 Song for two
  - 13 Units of current
  - 22 '50s White House nickname
  - 23 Wrath
  - 25 Hinge (on)
  - 27 MDs' ASAP
  - 28 Forbidden
  - 29 Jelly ingredient
  - 30 Sturdy trees
  - 31 Financial hub
  - 32 Considerate
  - 34 Author Bellow
  - 36 Lenient
  - 38 Entrée choice
  - 39 Tropical fruits
  - 41 One's identity
  - 42 Concerto performer, often
  - 44 Stick up for
  - 45 Luau dish
  - 47 Den appliance
  - 48 Nursery furniture
  - 49 Molten rock
  - 50 Words of confidence
  - 51 Car-maintenance job
  - 52 "Famous" cookie guy
  - 54 Got here
  - 55 British brews
  - 59 Expected

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