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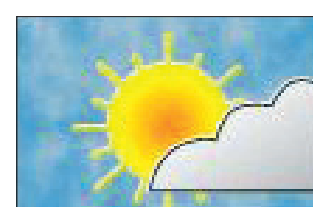
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Bond selling options weighed

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials still have some construction bonds to sell. How they will sell the bonds has become a matter for discussion.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Vince Vialle of Specialized Public Finance Inc., talks to Big Spring Independent School District trustees.

In September, BSISD trustees decided to hold off on selling almost \$7 million of the \$63 million in construction bonds authorized by voters. The unsold amount, which totaled \$6.7 million, was held in abeyance to see if it could qualify under a special federal program which features extra-low interest rates.

The program, Qualified School Construction Bonds, would allow the district to pay back the bonds at interests near 0 percent, said Vince Vialle, an investment banker with the Lubbock firm of Specialized Public Financing, which has advised the district during the bond-selling process.

Despite the low rates, there are some

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Candy Isaac thanks a person for her contribution at the Salvation Army kettle location outside Beall's at Big Spring Mall Monday night. Monday was the first day for the ubiquitous kettles to be placed in locations throughout Big Spring.

Knife fight jails 2

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A weekend argument escalated into a knife fight that landed two local men in the hospital, then in the Howard County jail.

Police responded Saturday evening to the 800 block of Lorilla in west Big Spring in reference to a disturbance and possible stabbing.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Tony Everett said that when officers arrived on the scene they found two men

suffering from injuries caused by "edged weapons."

The two men were identified as Ismael Juarez, 50, and Jason Threats, 32, both of Big Spring.

"Threats suffered a cut to his left ear and Juarez had what appeared to be a minor stab wound to his neck," Everett said. "It is believed they cut each other."

Both men were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where they were treated for their injuries.

While at the hospital, however, they were both arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second degree felony that carries a possible sentence of between 2 and 20 years in state prison.

Both were still in custody at the county jail as of this morning, officials said.

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DeLay trial to scrutinize 2003 Texas redistricting

JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The 2003 congressional redistricting fight in Texas was expected to be one of the last things prosecutors focused on in the Tom DeLay money laundering trial before wrapping up their case against the former U.S. House majority leader.

DeLay is accused of using his political action committee to illegally funnel \$190,000 in corporate funds into Texas legislative races in 2002. Prosecutors claim the redistricting effort was the primary



DeLay

motive for the alleged scheme. Prosecutors allege the \$190,000 helped Republicans take control of the Texas House in 2002. That majority allowed the GOP to push through a DeLay-engineered congressional redistricting plan that sent more Texas Republicans to Congress in 2004, and strengthened DeLay's political power, prosecutors said.

Senior Judge Pat Priest

said he is allowing testimony that puts the redistricting effort into historical context but doesn't comment on the politics behind it. One to two were to testify on Tuesday about the effort.

"I don't want to hear one word about whether ... that was good or bad. That's for the jury to decide," said Priest, who has admonished both prosecutors and defense attorneys about bringing politics into the trial.

Prosecutors said they hoped to rest their case on Tuesday. The trial is in its third week.

DeLay and two associates — John Colyandro and Jim Ellis — are accused of illegally channeling \$190,000 in corporate donations collected by DeLay's PAC in Texas through an arm of the Washington-based Republican National Committee, or RNC. The money went to seven Texas House candidates. Under Texas law, corporate money cannot go directly to political campaigns.

DeLay, who has denied wrongdoing, maintains the

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Big Spring's Cerbi Ritchey shoots a lay-up during the Lady Steers' 45-35 win over Abilene Cooper Saturday.



File Photo

Luke Adams (31) hopes to lead Big Spring this season under first-year head coach Cliff Thompson.

Fort Stockton on tap for Lady Steers

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

It's all about the consistently gaining confidence as the Big Spring girls basketball team approaches tournaments in December and district play in January.

As far away as that seems, every game until then counts.

"I think the last two years we've been playing with younger girls," Big Spring head coach Mike Warren said. "Last year they competed at a high level and I think it's time for them to start enjoying some of the rewards of that hard work we've been doing for two years."

The Lady Steers took out Abilene Cooper 45-35 at home Saturday. They face Fort Stockton at 6 p.m. today in

Steer Gym.

What work in the Lady Steers' advantage tonight is the fact they've already seen Fort Stockton in a scrimmage this year. Warren said his team played well against the Lady Panthers and that was without Diamond Mayes in the post.

The Lady Steers are going to stick with what they plan on doing best this season — applying the pressure. Big Spring hopes the full-court press will force turnovers so the Lady Steers can turn those into points.

Cutting down the turnovers on their end, however, is key. Warren said there were too many turnovers in the Cooper game caused by hurrying the

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Steers open season with first-year head coach Cliff Thompson

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Cliff Thompson feels like he just walked into a near-perfect situation as the first-year Big Spring boys basketball coach.

It looks like the team he's inherited has it all — athleticism, speed, talent and potential.

The 26-year-old doesn't want to get too excited about what this year could be like for the Steers, but he has reason to.

"I might just be young and foolish, but I think we're going to be pretty competitive," Thomp-

son said on the eve of the Steers' season opener against Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m. today in Steer Gym. "I think we're going to have a good year. I'm excited about it. The kids are starting to feel it and they're starting to get pretty amped up about it."

The Steers are no strangers to success in Thompson's first season at the helm. They won district last year at the 4A level. Thompson, who used to be an assistant in Big Spring, is hoping to help the program continue its winning ways.

A lot of Thompson's excitement about this squad comes from what he saw in scrimmages against Greenwood, Odessa and Midland High.

The Odessa High struck a chord with Thompson. The Steers played four 20-minute periods where the clock didn't stop.

Thompson said he was impressed with how well his players did in that scrimmage, citing Luke Adams and Devante Lloyd as

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Beating Giants builds momentum for Garrett

IRVING (AP) — Jason Garrett grabbed the attention of the Dallas Cowboys the day he took over, tightening rules and raising expectations.

By leading the Cowboys to a convincing victory in his debut, he's even more in control.

Players responded to their new coach with the kind of performance owner Jerry Jones dreamed of when he switched leaders last week — going to New York and whipping the Giants and their league-leading defense. It showed the 44-year-old, first-time coach knows what he's doing, and it could be the first step toward dropping the "interim" label.

"Any time you win, it just gives you power to play with, so to speak," quarterback Jon

Kitna said Monday. "I think it gains momentum for him moving forward."

The Cowboys went in 1-7, having dropped five straight and looking more lost in each of those. There was no telling whether they'd take to Garrett's no-nonsense approach midway through an already lost season after 3½ years of being coddled by Wade Phillips.

Kitna said the club "needed anything to stop the bleeding." Instead of a bandage, they got a face lift, turning into the club people expected when this club was hyped as potential NFC champions. Dallas grabbed an early lead and built on it, finding ways to keep making goals even when things didn't go its

way. Every time the division-leading Giants started making a push, the cellar-dwelling Cowboys pushed back even harder.

"I thought our guys individually responded when another guy made a play on them," Garrett said. "I thought our units responded. And then maybe most importantly, I thought our team responded."

It was a response Phillips could no longer coax from this group, but Garrett's new way of doing things could.

"You feel a different vibe around here," defensive end Stephen Bowen said. "We worked really hard last week and we showed what we get when we work hard. ... I felt it just from the beginning of the

week it was going to be a different effort. Everybody was all in behind coach Garrett, and you see how we played out there."

They played like a team that still cares. Just look at what their cornerbacks did.

Terence Newman, already playing with sore ribs, hurt an ankle early and insisted on coming back. Mike Jenkins, who admitted giving up on a play when he could've tried making a touchdown-saving tackle the previous week, was playing hard and well until hurting his neck. A few plays after Jenkins went out, undrafted rookie Bryan McCann intercepted a pass and re-

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Area football playoff schedule

Friday
Stanton
vs. Holliday
7:30 p.m.
Sweetwater

Garden City
vs. Borden
County
7:30 p.m.
Forsan

Sports in brief

Hawks Buddies Basketball Program

This program is intended for girls in kindergarten through 8th grade. The clinic date is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. There is a pizza party that follows from 11:30 a.m.

to 12 p.m.

Entry fee is \$20 and it includes the clinic with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, free admission for all family members to Hawk home games, the pizza party and Buddies Night on Feb. 17 at halftime of the Western Texas College game,

which includes autographs and pictures with the lady Hawks.

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting

The club meets at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center

Obituaries

Kay Elizabeth Jackson



Kay Elizabeth Jackson, 59, of Grand Prairie died of natural causes Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, while a resident of Dalworth Nursing Home in Grand Prairie. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Kay was born March 10, 1951, at Cowper Clinic Hospital in Big Spring to proud parents, Arthur and Irene Jackson. She graduated in 1972 from the Big Spring Special Education system at the age of 21. Kay was a resident of Big Spring until 1990 at which time she moved to Irving to live with relatives due to her mother's health.

While residing in Big Spring, Kay and her mother were active in the MHMR and TOPS. She was an ardent collector of Elvis Presley memorabilia and loved to dance to his music. You could always find her at family gatherings taking pictures of the people she loved most, her "family." Even though she was mentally challenged she had a profound memory for dates; you could always ask her about anyone in the family — when their birthdays, anniversaries, or death was — and she could tell you. She was considered the family historian.

Kay is survived by her Aunt Lillian, who was her caregiver for many years, and many cousins who loved her and will miss her dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Irene Jackson, long-time residents of Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

John Doll



John Doll, 53, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Robertson, chaplain with Compass Hospice, and the Rev. Alan Wallace, pastor of People's Fellowship, Lubbock, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 10, 1957, in Wichita, Kan., and married Wilma Aschenbrenner on Nov. 2, 1974, in Oakley, Kan.

John was raised in Colorado Springs, Colo., and moved with his family to Oakley, Kan., as a teenager. He and his family moved to Big Spring in September of 1979. John had worked in powerline construction for a number of years and then he and his wife, Wilma, were self employed in the painting and wallpapering business.

He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene and served as youth pastor for 13 years.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Doll of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Crystal Doll of Midland and Brian and Corrie Doll of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Licia and Richard Robertson of Big Spring; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph John Doll on April 13, 1973; his mother, Helen Doll on Nov. 15, 2002, and his brother, Alan Doll on Feb. 28, 1994.

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Take Note

• Big Spring YMCA will be offering six-week self-defense classes for all ages from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Master Samuel Saldanav will be teaching the course. For more information, contact the YMCA at 432-634-9191.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ROBIN RENEE PORTER, 27, 2504 March, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 27, 1402 Tucson, was arrested on a warrant charging criminal trespass (two counts).
- CALVIN JACOB JAWSON, 27, 3701 La Junta, was arrested on a warrant charging theft.
- STEVEN OCHOTORENA CHAVEZ, 22, 1002 E. 21st, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD, 18, 1425 E. Sixth No. 104, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore and the 400 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3200 block of E. Interstate 20.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth and the 1100 block of Lamar.
- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels and the 1200 block of Nolan.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (76 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- ROBIN RENEE PORTER, 27, was jailed on a charge of theft by check.
- STEVEN O. CHAVEZ, 22, was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 27, was jailed on a charge of theft under \$500.
- FALISA JO BURLESON, 34, was jailed on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- BONNIE S. BIRMELIN, 49, was jailed on a charge of theft under \$500.
- NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD, 18, was jailed on a charge of assault/family violence.
- RHETT DAYLON DEDMON, 39, was jailed on a charge of prohibited weapon.

Fire/EMS

Because of technical difficulties the Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service report for Monday was unavailable.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-19-31-34. Bonus Ball: 8.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-18-21-31-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-4-6. Sum It Up: 24

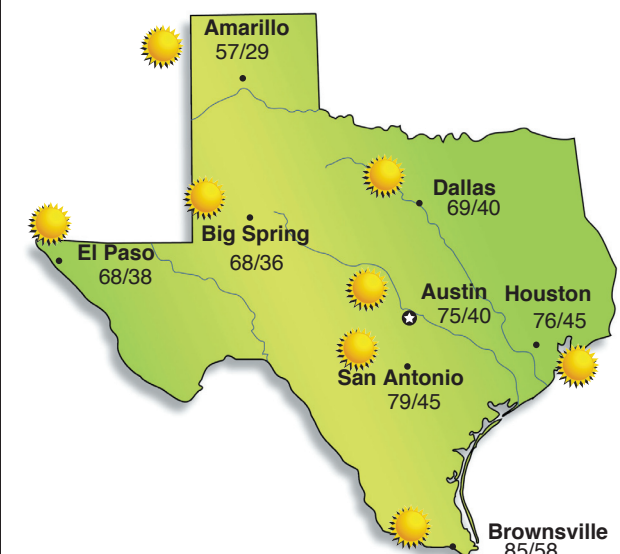
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-0-9. Sum It Up: 16

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/17	Thu 11/18	Fri 11/19	Sat 11/20	Sun 11/21
68/36 Sunny skies. High 68F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.	72/41 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	74/46 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	80/51 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	79/48 Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM

Texas At A Glance



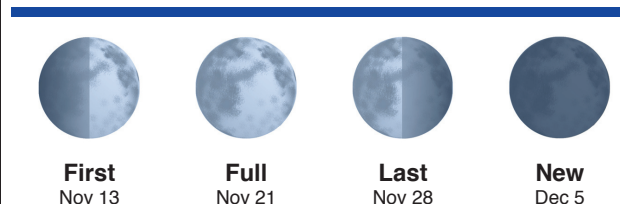
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	66	37	sunny	Kingsville	82	49	sunny
Amarillo	57	29	sunny	Livingston	75	40	sunny
Austin	75	40	sunny	Longview	71	39	windy
Beaumont	74	47	mst sunny	Lubbock	63	30	sunny
Brownsville	85	58	sunny	Lufkin	74	42	mst sunny
Brownwood	71	38	sunny	Midland	69	37	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	50	sunny	Raymondville	86	56	sunny
Corsicana	71	39	sunny	Rosenberg	77	44	sunny
Dallas	69	40	sunny	San Antonio	79	45	sunny
Del Rio	80	44	sunny	San Marcos	76	40	sunny
El Paso	68	38	sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	41	windy
Fort Stockton	71	39	sunny	Sweetwater	67	36	sunny
Gainesville	66	36	mst sunny	Tyler	71	39	windy
Greenville	68	37	windy	Weatherford	68	36	sunny
Houston	76	45	sunny	Wichita Falls	66	33	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	40	sunny	Minneapolis	37	24	cloudy
Boston	62	42	rain	New York	62	44	rain
Chicago	54	35	rain	Phoenix	75	47	sunny
Dallas	69	40	sunny	San Francisco	70	50	sunny
Denver	45	27	mst sunny	Seattle	46	39	rain
Houston	76	45	sunny	St. Louis	61	38	rain
Los Angeles	69	53	sunny	Washington, DC	65	44	windy
Miami	84	66	pt sunny				

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standouts. The Steers rebounded the ball well, too, something he hopes to see continue during the regular season.

Thompson is also looking forward to seeing Seth Pearson in the post. Pearson should switch between the four and five spots and even though he doesn't has a lot of size, Thompson said his "blue collar attitude" will make it tough for opponents to deal with him.

Figuring out his rotation will be key early this season for Thompson. He said the Steers could go 12-deep and he could have an eight or nine-man rotation.

All Thompson has seen, though, are scrimmages and he is well-aware of that.

He said the Steers are heading into tonight's game with little

knowledge about Fort Stockton's tendencies, but the main motivation is to prove to themselves that they can translate what they did in the scrimmages to the regular season.

The same could be said for Thompson's familiarity with a lot of teams in the area. Things have changed since he left for Granbury, but he is steadily learning about the Steers' upcoming opponents.

"I'm really still learning because all of the teams I remember from before we don't really play anymore," Thompson said. "Before, it was a lot of Lubbock area teams, now it's not quite that at all."

It is his first game as a head coach, too. That will be in the back of Thompson's mind when he takes the court tonight. He has a lot of emotions heading into the season opener.

"I think it's a little bit of everything all mixed into one," he said. "As well as we played this past Saturday, I really started to get excited, like we have a chance to be really good this year and do some special things with this group."

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offense or not taking care of the ball. In the weeks leading up to district, he hopes to erase that habit.

While he doesn't want the Lady Steers to rush the offense, scoring fastbreak points is a dimension of this offense he wants to

develop.

Facing the zone is vital to the Lady Steers' early season success, too. They saw it against Cooper and Warren believes guard Mackenzie Stone can prevent the zone from hurting Big Spring with her 3-point shooting.

Stone's not the only one who can score. Cerbi Ritchey, along with Stone, has put up double-digit points in both games this season. Then there's Mayes and Bridgette

Tuitt, who are capable of having big games.

Taking a step forward in progression is the main goal tonight for Big Spring.

"Looking back at the film on that Cooper game, I think we had nine turnovers in the first quarter," Warren said. "We just did not get off to a good start, so we really want to get off to a good start in the first quarter."

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turned it 101 yards for a touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, safety Alan Ball moved to cornerback in the nickel package and snagged the first interception of his career. That preserved a 33-20 lead and gave the offense a chance to run out the clock, which it did by sending hard-charging Marion Barber into a worn-down defense.

"There was a physicalness to our play that allowed us to get to that point," Garrett said. "That's a positive thing and that's the way we want to end the games."

Garrett's mantra is to stack good days together and see what happens on game

day. He had them in meetings earlier in the mornings and let them out earlier in the afternoons. He had them in full pads on Wednesday, helmets and shoulder pads on Thursday, shells on Friday.

He also instituted a dress code, requiring a sports coat, tie, slacks and dress shoes on the team's charter flight. Barber was seen following only the sports coat part of the new rules.

Asked repeatedly about this clear violation, Garrett said, "The players understand what the expectations are and what the parameters are and we'll handle them with the consequences we think are right and we'll keep them in-house."

But what about holding Barber to a higher standard because he's an offensive captain? Why not announce a fine or declare if that's why Felix Jones started?

"If they don't meet those expectations

we're going to handle them in-house and we're not going to talk about them publicly. OK? Everybody got that going forward?" Garrett said.

Garrett added that Barber would remain a captain. He also said David Buehler would remain the kicker despite having an extra-point kick blocked, then missing a short field goal in the fourth quarter.

"He's made them for us in the past and we believe he'll make them for us again," Garrett said.

As encouraging as this win was, what Dallas does next will show whether it was a fluke.

At least the Cowboys will have the benefit of easier circumstances: at home against the lowly Detroit Lions. The Cowboys haven't won at home this season, but the Lions haven't won on the road since 2007, an NFL-record 25 straight defeats.

Posey, Feliz picked as Rookies of the Year

BY BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey and Texas Rangers closer Neftali Feliz wound up together on the winning side Monday when they were voted the Rookies of the Year.

Earlier this month, Posey singled off Feliz as the Giants beat Texas in the clinching Game 5 of the World Series.

"It's hard to believe it's been two weeks," Posey said.

Posey hit several key home runs in the stretch, then helped the Giants win the crown for the first time since 1954. He easily outdistanced Atlanta outfielder Jason Heyward for the National League award.

Feliz, the rocket-armed righty who set a rookie record with 40 saves as Texas reached its first World Series, finished far ahead of Detroit center fielder Austin Jackson for the AL honor.

"I hope it's not a fluke. I hope I have a better season next year," the 22-year-old Dominican reliever said through a translator on a conference call.

Promoted from Triple-A on

May 29, Posey quickly adjusted to the big leagues — both at the plate and behind it.

The 23-year-old Posey hit .305 with 18 home runs and 67 RBIs. He homered eight times after Sept. 1 in leading the Giants to the NL West title, and his homer on the final day of the regular season helped them clinch the division.

Posey was picked first on 20 of 32 ballots in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Voting was done by two members of the BBWAA in every league city after the regular season, with each person listing three players.

Posey was left off the ballot by Yasushi Kikuchi of Kyodo News from the Los Angeles-Anaheim chapter. Kikuchi chose Florida first baseman Gaby Sanchez first, Heyward second and St. Louis pitcher Jaime Garcia third.

"I think Rookie of the Year is for the rookie player who plays better than any other through the entire season. From this standpoint, Gaby and Jason produced more hits and played more games than Posey. Also, Jaime Garcia

pitched as a starter through the entire season," Kikuchi said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Born Gerald Dempsey Posey III, the nickname "Buster" runs in his family. He was driving with his wife to the Florida Keys when he got word that he had won. He acknowledged he was wondering about the outcome.

"I think I'd be lying to you if I said I didn't think about it," he said on a conference call.

Feliz got 20 first-place votes and was listed on all 28 ballots. He drew seven seconds and one third. He was at Rangers Ballpark, where the World Series ended, when he found out he'd won.

The NL Cy Young will be the next major award to be announced. Philadelphia ace Roy Halladay is considered the front-runner for Tuesday.

Posey hit third and even cleanup for the Giants as they brought the championship to San Francisco for the first time.

He was equally praised for handling a pitching staff that seemed to get better throughout the postseason.

"How rare and amazing it is to have a rookie catcher lead a team to a World Series championship," Giants managing partner Bill Neukom said.

In fact, the last rookie catcher to play for a World Series winner was in 1966 with Baltimore's Andy Etchebarren.

Posey became the first Rookie of the Year winner to become a World Series champion in the same season since Boston's Dustin Pedroia in 2007. The last NL player to do it was Florida's Dontrelle Willis in 2003.

A star at Florida State, the Georgia native went to see the Seminoles play Clemson last weekend. Several football fans in the crowd recognized one of baseball's fastest-rising stars.

"That was nice," he said.

Posey played briefly at first base when he was called up and moved to catcher when the Giants traded Bengie Molina to Texas. He had a 21-game hitting streak in July.

Posey finished with 129 points in the rookie voting. Heyward, who hit .277 with 18 home runs and 72 RBIs, got nine first-place ballots and 107 points.

Forsan Cross
Country results
from state

The Buffs' PJ Horton was 58th, Elgen Suazo was 59th, Kyle Stevenson was 65th, Dillon Bagnall was 73rd, Covan Davidson was 91st, Tyler Evans was 93rd, and Taylor Flores was 109th.

These men had an exceptional year filled with five meet championships, three runner-up finishes, a third-place finish at regionals and a 10th-place finish overall at state.

The lone Lady Buff Raegan Haggard finished 8th overall, receiving medalist honors.

There was only one other freshman girl in the top 10. Haggard was solid all year, medalizing in every meet she competed in.

This was the most runners Forsan had taken to the state meet in the program's history, coaches said.

Men's Caprock
Bowling results

Team Standings

1. Pollard 58; 2. The Real Deal 46; 3. Team 8 46; 4. Frickin' 10 Pin 46; 5. Claiborness 42; 6. Those Guys 42; 7. The Veterans 42; 8. And 1 42; 9. United Country 38; 10. Team 2 38; 11. Culligan 36; 12. H&S Construction 36; 13. Booz Brutha's 28.

Last Week's results

Booz Brutha's 8, Team 8 8, Team 2 8, Pollard 8, Claiborness 6, And 1 6, The Veterans 4, Those Guys 4, Culligan 2, The Real Deal 2.

Miami QB
Chad
Pennington
out for
season

BY STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Playing for the first time this season, Chad Pennington was so reluctant to leave the field that he asked a teammate to pop his injured right shoulder back into place.

After being hurt on the Miami Dolphins' first play, Pennington extended his right arm toward running back Ronnie Brown.

"He's in the huddle and he said, 'Pull it,'" Brown said. "I'm scared. I don't want to pull it too hard — I'll mess it up. I gave a small tug."

The emergency procedure failed to help. Pennington came out of the game, and now his season is over — and perhaps even his career. Pennington was placed on reserve-injured Monday, part of the fallout from a quarterback calamity in Sunday's victory over Tennessee. Chad Henne was also hurt but might be available for Thursday night's game against the Chicago Bears, coach Tony Sparano said.

Third-string quarterback Tyler Thigpen is the most likely starter against the Bears after closing out the weird win over the Titans. To replace Pennington on the roster, the Dolphins signed veteran Patrick Ramsey, who may become the backup Thursday.

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State briefs

Only marina at Lake Meredith to close

AMARILLO (AP) — Low water levels are leading to the closure of the only marina at Lake Meredith.

The National Park Service on Monday announced the marina will close as of Jan. 1.

The *Amarillo Globe-News* reports the marina was run for the last 17 years under a contract with a private company, Forever Resorts.

Lake Meredith National Recreational Area superintendent Cindy Ott-Jones says lake levels, down to about 38 feet, prompted the closure. She says visitation to the lake, about 30 miles northeast of Amarillo, has slipped by about 20 percent since 2009 due to declining water levels.

The marina, located at the Sanford-Yake section of the park, offers boat and slip rentals and includes a retail store that sells boating permits. The boat ramp near the marina will remain open.

Family dogs euthanized after death of Texas boy, 2

HENDERSON (AP) — Most dogs living at a Rusk County residence where a 2-year-old boy was fatally mauled have been euthanized.

Authorities say most of the 35 to 40 dogs seized

following the Nov. 10 death of Kaden Muckleroy, who was attacked at his grandfather's home, have been put down.

Animal shelter supervisor Ronnie Whittington on Monday declined to give a specific number, but she told the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* that most of the dogs were euthanized.

Rusk County Sheriff Danny Pirtle said the dog that killed the boy was among those euthanized.

Whittington says most of the animals had health problems. As many as half were pit bulls or pit bull mixes.

Pirtle says results of the death investigation will be turned over to prosecutors.

Tyler man allegedly killed friend over wife's kiss

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler man is accused of fatally shooting a friend who allegedly was kissed on the cheek by the gunman's wife in a show of comfort.

Smith County Jail records showed 45-year-old Ricky Jay Reynolds was held Tuesday on charges of murder, unlawfully carrying a weapon and evading arrest. Bond was \$230,000. Electronic jail records did not list a lawyer for Reynolds, who was captured following Sunday night's attack.

Sheriff's Lt. Tony Dana says the victim was 39-year-old Chad Otis Jones of Arlington.

Dana says the suspect's wife told officers that her brother had died and she was going through her sibling's home when she kissed Jones on the cheek, as a sign of encouragement. Jones allegedly needed a place to live and was staying at the residence.

Dana says Reynolds saw the kiss.

El Paso could reject voter-approved benefits ban

EL PASO (AP) — The El Paso City Council could overturn a voter-approved ban on medical insurance benefits for domestic partners of municipal workers.

The city council on Tuesday was scheduled to take up the issue. Voters on Nov. 2 decided to end such benefits for 19 gay and unmarried partners of city employees.

But City Attorney Charlie McNabb says the approved ordinance is so broad that about 200 people, including some city retirees, also would lose benefits as of Jan. 1.

Council members could put a charter amendment on the May ballot on whether to end the benefit only for unmarried partners of city workers.

Pastor Tom Brown, who led the ballot initiative, says it's a matter of democracy and he's outraged that the will of the people might be overturned.

World, Nation

Police: 65 people killed, more buried under rubble as building collapses in New Delhi

NEW DELHI (AP) — Rescuers hammered slabs of concrete and dug with their hands Tuesday to pull survivors and bodies from a five-story apartment building that collapsed into a mountain of rubble in a poor New Delhi neighborhood. At least 65 people were killed and scores injured.

The 15-year-old building housing hundreds of people — mostly migrant workers and their families — collapsed Monday evening in New Delhi's congested Lalita Park area, where emergency efforts were hampered because vehicles had difficulty navigating its narrow alleyways.

"The scale of the tragedy is unprecedented," New Delhi's top elected official, Sheila Dikshit, said as she toured the site.

Residents said they heard a rumble like thunder as the building collapsed upon itself. Then they sprinted to the site.

"There was nothing left, only people helping each other. There were so many

dead bodies, there was no movement at all," said Dil Nawaz Ahmed, a 25-year-old journalist who lives nearby.

Thailand extradites accused Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout to U.S. to face charges

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand extradited accused Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout to the U.S. on Tuesday to face terrorism charges, siding with Washington in a tug of war with Moscow over whether to send him to stand trial or let him go home.

The Cabinet approved Bout's extradition Tuesday after a long legal battle, and police said the 43-year-old was put aboard a plane in Bangkok heading for the United States at about 1:30 p.m. (0630 GMT; 1:30 a.m. EST) in the custody of eight U.S. officials.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said his Cabinet had approved extradition after acknowledging an earlier appeals court decision that Bout could be legally extradited.

Bout, a former Soviet air force officer who is reputed to have been one of the world's most prolific arms dealers, was arrested at a Bangkok luxury hotel in March 2008 as part of a sting operation led by U.S. agents.

Day after teen girl found bound in Ohio home, sheriff says 3 others may be dead

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a man accused of kidnapping a 13-year-old girl found bound and gagged in a basement may have been watching her family beforehand.

Knox County Sheriff David Barber says Matthew J. Hoffman even sat nearby last week as police recovered the missing family's truck in central Ohio.

Now, investigators acknowledge hope is dimming that the girl's mother, brother and family friend will be found alive nearly a week after they were reported missing.

Police rescued 13-year-old Sarah Maynard from the basement of Hoffman's

home on Sunday. They're still searching for her mother, Tina Herrmann; her 10-year-old brother, Kody Maynard; and a family 41-year-old friend, Stephanie Sprang.

BONDS

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strings attached to the federal program.

"Strictly from an interest rate standpoint, it would be advantageous to go with QSCB," Vialle said. "However, we don't know if the district would qualify for QSCB until March, and there would be strings attached. For starters, the district would have to guarantee that construction ... would comply with federal guidelines (meaning wages would have to fit under a certain schedule and certain construction materials would have to be purchased) and that could have a negative impact on the cost of the projects."

Another option for the district has appeared, however. With interest rates near all-time low levels, Vialle said the district could simply sell the \$6.7 million in bonds on the open market.

"If the district issues those as tax-exempt bonds, you don't have to comply with the federal requirements, which would provide a better construction scenario for Big Spring ISD," Vialle said.

As long as interest rates remain low, Vialle recommended that the district take the second option in selling the bonds.

"I think it would be advantageous selling them as tax-exempt bonds, because the district would still be getting low interest rates either way," he said. "If interest rates go back up, however, we would need to rethink this."

The preliminary timetable calls for BSISD to sell off the remaining bonds on Jan. 13. Under that schedule, the district would have the funds in hand by mid-February, Vialle said. Trustees will revisit the idea sometime in December.

The bond money would top off the funds the district needs to finance significant construction projects scheduled for the next two years. Three new elementary campuses will be built to replace Washington, Marcy and Goliad, while Moss Elementary, Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High would be extensively renovated.

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DELAY

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money swap was legal, no corporate money went to Texas candidates and he had little involvement in how the PAC was run.

The former Houston-area congressman is charged with money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering. He faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Jay Banning, who was the RNC's chief financial

officer in 2002, testified Monday that none of the seven Texas House candidates received corporate money. But he said they did receive substantially higher donations from the RNC than most other Texas candidates did that year.

The criminal charges in Texas, as well as a separate federal investigation of DeLay's ties to disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff, ended his 22-year political career representing suburban Houston. The Justice Department

probe into DeLay's ties to Abramoff ended without any charges filed against DeLay.

Ellis and Colyandro, who face lesser charges, will be tried later.

DeLay, whose nick-

name was "the Hammer" for his heavy-handed style, now runs a consulting firm based in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land. In 2009, he appeared on ABC's hit television show "Danc-

ing With the Stars."

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Lady Buffs face road test against Grady

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan girls' basketball team got the win in its season opener against Garden City, but head coach Robert Hillger is hoping the jitters his players had in that first game are nowhere to be found tonight.

The Lady Buffs are on the road against Grady at 4 p.m. today in Lenorah. They're coming off a close 39-37 win against Garden City.

That game was good for the Lady

Buffs, however. Hillger said a lot of lessons come from close games.

"It did us some good to play a close game the other night because whenever we learn how to adjust in those close games like that," he said. "It'll help us in the long run. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Patience is key with this squad, too.

It might have been the first-game jitters, but Hillger said there were too many turnovers attributed to sloppy

play in Garden City game.

The key for Forsan is to control the game and prevent the opponent from dictating the pace of the game. Playing at the speed the opponent wants to is what leads to the turnovers.

Hillger wants to get his offense rolling a little bit, too. He said he hopes shooting improves and his girls continue to gain a better understanding of certain game situations, such as what to do with a few seconds on the clock before halftime.

Morgan Forshee and Ambra Hill each had eight point in the Garden City win. The two look to lead their team to another win today.

"We've got some young kids that I think will have to calm down their nerves for about the first 10 games before we really get into the swing of it," Hillger said. "I think we'll play a little bit more calm."

The Forsan boys are also on the road against Grady at 7:30 p.m. today in Lenorah.

Bulldogettes in Big Lake for matchup against Reagan County

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Sometimes success is not about winning, it's progressing. The Coahoma girls' basketball team heard that message clearly after taking a season-opening 84-33 loss to Jim Ned, one of the top teams in the state.

In that game, Coahoma found a way to break through a tough full-court press and make buckets. First-year head coach Mitzi Bell couldn't be happier.

"I'm looking forward to this season," she said. "I'm going and watching other teams play in our district. I'm excited about the things we're going to do."

The Bulldogettes hope they

learned enough from that first game to get a win against Big Lake Reagan County at 5 p.m. today in Big Lake.

Bell is brand new on the scene, after being hired this summer to take over the program. She's had all summer and most of the fall to work with her players and she believes the improvement is showing.

Aside from talent or who can score how many points, Bell said this group has character, which can keep them in a lot of games.

"We've got a great chemistry among the girls," she said. "We're getting the girls to work hard. They just don't ever quit. Even when we're down by 50, we're still going

all four quarters. That says a lot about their character and how hard they've been working and I think they'll work hard every game from the tip-off to the buzzer."

Like most teams in the area, this point of the season is all about progression, but Bell may be going about it a different way.

With Jim Ned being a strong team and Reagan County just as tough, Bell said she welcomes tough competition at the beginning of the season. It's her way of preparing her players for what they'll see later this season.

No one is complaining about the tough slate of games to start the season, either. Bell knows Reagan County will

be tough and the Bulldogettes will see the full-court press just like they did in the Jim Ned game.

That's good news to Bell. "They run the ball a lot. We're in the best shape of our lives," she said. "We ran the whole time and Jim Ned never got tired. I know what Reagan County's going to do. They like to press."

Bell hopes point guard Joana Gonzales continues to run the offense well. The senior does what point guards do, and does it well in Bell's opinion. Gonzales takes control of the floor and calls plays.

Boys games canceled

The Coahoma boys basketball team isn't exactly off the ground yet, but head coach Kim Nichols believes that's a good thing.

With most of his team recovering from a long football season, the Bulldogs have a chance to rest this week after the Big Lake Reagan County and Wall games were canceled this week.

It gives players a chance to catch a breather, but more importantly, it means more practice time.

"I think it gives us a day or two to heal and kind of come down," Nichols said. "They had a great football season and we'd like to carry it over in basketball. I'd like to think winning breeds winning."

Baseball GMs arrive for week of industry meetings

ORLANDO, Fla. — A year after shifting their meetings from the usual resort destinations to a Chicago airport hotel, baseball general managers arrived Monday for their annual session, which is being held this year near Disney World.

The formal meetings are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, dominated by presentations from labor lawyers on free agents, salary arbitration and collective bargaining that will start next year.

But the informal sessions are more significant, with agents for many players on hand to move along the courtship process likely to intensity when they all gather for the winter meetings, to be held a 3¼-mile drive away in Lake Buena Vista from Dec. 6-9.

Teams' business executives have gathered nearby for their industry meetings and owners are coming this week, too, for a session on Thursday. In addition to various reports, commissioner Bud Selig will discuss industry economics — usually a platform

for him to warn against overspending as baseball's business season gets underway.

Four free agents struck deals Monday.

Infielder Geoff Blum became the first of the 166 free agents to switch teams, agreeing to a \$2.7 million, two-year contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Staying put were right-hander Hiroki Kuroda, who agreed to a \$12 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers; right-hander Jose Contreras, who got a \$5.5 million, two-year deal from the Philadelphia Phillies; and catcher Ramon Hernandez, who received a \$3 million, one-year contract from the Cincinnati Reds.

Also in the backdrop is Selig's intent to expand the playoffs from eight teams to 10. Selig said during the World Series that adding two additional wild cards is under serious consideration, and union head Michael Weiner said players were open to more play-offs.

While Selig wouldn't rule out making a proposal for change in 2011, it is increasingly likely that

an addition would start in 2012. As of Monday, Weiner said management had not approached the union about the idea formally.

When the postseason last expanded, owners voted for the change on Sept. 9, 1993, and management and the union reached an agreement the following Jan. 19. The change was to start for the 1994, but the postseason was canceled because of a 7½-month players' strike.

Gaining consensus on proposals for collective bargaining also is part of the process this week. Management is expected to propose a slotting system for amateur draft choices in an effort to decrease the amount of bonuses paid to top picks. The players' association historically has been against limits on individual negotiations.

There are the first owners' meetings since the resignation last month of Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer and Selig's No. 2. DuPuy, the chief engineer of many of baseball's business deals, has not been replaced.

MIAMI

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Ramsey, an eight-year veteran, was signed after a hastily arranged tryout Monday. He last played in 2008 with Denver and was most recently with Jacksonville this season.

Pennington, 34, has undergone surgery three times on his throwing shoulder. Promoted to the starting job when Henne was benched last week, Pennington suffered his latest injury on his first play since hurting the shoulder in Game 3 last year.

"Devastating," teammate Davone Bess

said. "You can't really even put it in words." "Obviously everybody is disappointed," Sparano said. "I know exactly how hard the guy had to work to get back. This

guy is a real pro. He has meant an awful lot to me and this team." Injury issues weren't limited to quarterback. Pro Bowl tackle Jake Long hurt his shoulder against the Titans, and

his availability was uncertain. Like Long, Cameron Wake and Chris Clemons were hurt Sunday.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sure Thing

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

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

The bidding:
1♣ 1♠ 3♣ Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — king of spades.

Every once in a while, declarer finds himself in a paradoxical position where even if he misguesses how to play a key suit, he's still sure to survive.

This rather unusual situation arose in today's deal where South was in three notrump and West led the king of spades after having over-called in spades. Declarer held up his ace until the third round and then played the king of clubs.

South was gratified to see East win this trick, but East's neutral club

return, giving nothing away, left declarer with just eight tricks and the question of how best to try for a ninth.

Two possibilities were obvious: He could cash the A-K-Q of hearts, hoping to fell the jack, and, failing that, he could fall back on a diamond finesse. As the cards lie, neither of these approaches would have been successful.

But South saw another possibility — one that would virtually assure the contract regardless of who had the jack of hearts or the king of diamonds.

Accordingly, after taking East's club return, he cashed two more clubs, then played the A-K and another heart. After West followed low, South finessed dummy's ten to score his ninth trick.

A lucky guess? Far from it, for South had a sure thing going for him. Had the heart finesse lost, East would have been forced to return a diamond into dummy's A-Q, handing declarer the contract. The heart finesse was thus bound to succeed whether it won or lost!

Note also that if West had shown out when the third heart was led, South would still have been in the driver's seat. In that case, he would have taken the queen and led the ten to force East to make the fatal diamond return.

Tomorrow: The bidding tells the tale.

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OUR VIEW

Let's help make 'Empty Bowls' a huge success

After years of having taken advantage of Dine Out Day for United Way opportunities, many of us are familiar with satisfying our hunger in the process of helping raise money for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Yet something relatively new along those lines — the Empty Bowls event — will make its fourth appearance from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, as local United Way officials invite residents to help fill up empty bowls in a soup luncheon that will benefit this year's United Way campaign, which has a goal of \$250,000.

Students and others at Howard College and Big Spring High School art departments have crafted bowls — lots of them — for the soup luncheon to be held at the First Christian Church, located at 911 Goliad. Tickets are \$15 each and allow the purchaser to attend the luncheon, pick out a handmade bowl and fill it with soup.

As United Way officials, explained the event when it was first staged, by taking part in the Empty Bowls luncheon, people fill their empty bowls and that, in turn, allows United Way fill the 'empty bowls' of the agencies it raises funds for.

The bowls will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, meaning those planning to attend ought to get there early so they'll have a better chance of having their choice of the hand-decorated bowls.

Tickets for the "Empty Bowls IV" fund-raiser can be purchased through the United Way office or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. You can call the United Way office at 267-5201 or the chamber at 263-7641.

Agencies helped by the United Way include the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Isaiah 58, North Side Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Victim Services of Big Spring and the YMCA.

So set aside Thursday's lunch hour for an opportunity for a little home cooking that will help the neediest in our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today is a good day, Lord, to study Your word for our future.

Amen

Two wonks with one plan to deal with too much debt

The draft deficit-reduction proposal released last week by former Clinton White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and retired GOP Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming — the co-chairmen of President Obama's bipartisan commission on reducing the national debt — has the feel of what two wonks might draw up on cocktail napkins in a bar. It's a bit too easy for two unelected guys to hash out a plan that tells other people what they have to give up — just to be fair.

The thing is, sometimes two smart guys in a bar make more sense than the entire Washington political establishment.

There are a number of intriguing ideas in their plan to cut nearly \$4 trillion from the federal deficit through 2020. It's worth more than a look.

The draft document starts by noting that Americans traditionally have been willing "to sacrifice to make our nation stronger over the long haul."

I have to wonder if that remains the case.

On the left, many Democrats seem intent on dumping the entire deficit on one group — the rich — and the consequences to the economy be damned. House Speaker (for now) Nancy Pelosi rejected the draft as "simply unacceptable." Note: That makes the Democratic Party the team that is obstructionist and won't compromise.

The three House Republicans

on the commission issued a statement that called the draft "provocative," while commending "the co-chairs for advancing the debate." You also hear Republicans complain about the deficit endlessly — but they also seem to think they never should have to pay higher taxes.

Bowles and Simpson call for cuts of \$100 billion in military and \$100 billion in discretionary spending. The draft starts by calling on Washington to lead by example, with the White House and Congress shaving 15 percent off their budgets. It calls out the federal travel budget for growing by 56 percent from 2001 to 2006, even as the private sector used technology to pare travel expenses. It also targets wasteful or unnecessary spending, such as the (should have been cut sooner) Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Economic Development Administration and duplicative research funding for fossil fuels.

When he ran for president, Obama argued that eliminating earmarks won't "solve the problem" because earmarks account for a mere "0.5 percent of the total federal budget."

Bowles and Simpson are having none of that.

Their draft calls for the elimination of all earmarks. Good call. If Washington can't stop burning through sums that some D.C. pols dismiss as chump change, then this country is doomed.

Mother Jones' Kevin Drum concluded that Bowles-Simpson isn't "serious" because it "turns suddenly vague and cramped" when it gets to the most fearsome driver of the deficit, Medicare.

As if to prove Drum's point,

the draft has an odd take on how to pay for the "doc fix" — a pending 23 percent cut in Medicare payments to doctors and other health care providers, which both parties want to delay. Bowles-Simpson wants to pay for the "doc fix" by — you guessed it — cutting payments to doctors and health care providers.

The commission has until Dec 1 to submit a final plan. First, 14 of the 18 commissioners will have to agree on one. Will they have the stamina to adopt the Bowles-Simpson suggestion to raise the retirement age from 67 to 69 by 2075? Stay tuned.

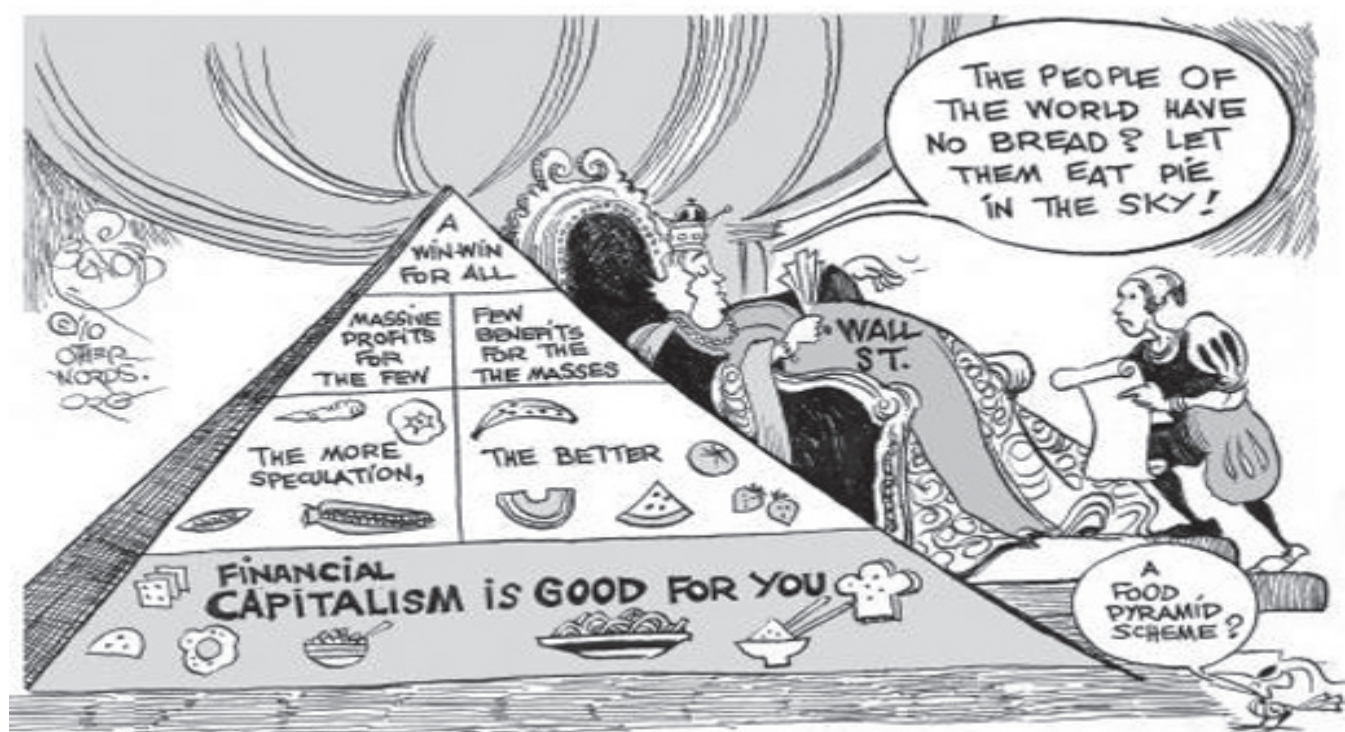
A more radioactive proposal calls for flattening income and business taxes by lowering rates and limiting deductions. Then there's the provision to raise gasoline taxes gradually by 15 cents per gallon between 2013 and 2015 — an idea worth exploring. It's a tax increase that would achieve some of the energy efficiencies that Democrats have tried to force through regulation. It's a consumption tax that everyone would pay, including the 36 percent of income-tax filers who, according to the Tax Foundation, paid no income tax in 2008.

I know that I'll hear from Republicans and Democrats who will complain: Just because politicians failed to control spending, that doesn't mean they should be subjected to higher taxes. They place all of the blame on Washington, yet none of the responsibility on voters.

That's how America piled up all this debt.

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Food shouldn't be a poker chip

This Thanksgiving, most farmers around my hometown in central Minnesota are celebrating a good harvest. Rain — for once — fell at the right time in the right amounts, and prices for many crops grown in Litchfield are high.

After yo-yoing up and down for the past several years, corn prices are particularly high. In mid-October, the national average was \$4.78 per bushel, up \$1.17 from the year before. Corn-Belt families still have to cover the costs of expensive fertilizer and other inputs, but many will be able to enjoy a more bountiful holiday this year.

In the long term, however, such drastic price swings are as bad for farmers as they are for consumers. How do you plan for the future? If farmers make plans now to plant more corn next year, the price bubble may pop before they can sell their crops.

One reason agricultural commodity prices have been so volatile is the rampant gambling in the futures markets. These markets were originally created to help ensure more stable prices for the actual producers of corn, wheat, milk and other commodities,

as well as food manufacturers, like flour mills and cereal makers.

A farmer-owned grain elevator, for example, can use a futures contract like insurance to fix a price for a future sale. This allows them to plan ahead without having to worry about wild price swings.

Today, however, the commodities markets are dominated by speculators who have never gotten their hands dirty in a corn field, or come anywhere near a food processing plant. They're simply big-time gamblers, hoping to profit from changes in futures prices.

It's now widely recognized that excessive speculation played a significant role in the 2008 food crisis, when soaring prices pushed 130 million people into hunger in the world's poorest countries. Here in the United States, consumers also faced the sharpest increases in grocery prices since 1980. These problems were exacerbated by the dismantling, over the past couple of decades, of programs designed to protect farmers and consumers, such as food reserves, price supports, and import controls.

The financial reform bill that became U.S. law in July made some progress in cracking down on speculation. It limits how much a trader can hold in a certain commodity and increases market transparency.

However, the new law doesn't

address problems with commodity index funds and exchange-traded funds. Institutional investors like pension funds and university endowments have been plowing money into such funds, driving prices artificially high. Then, as we saw with the 2008 crash, speculators can exit in a stampede, causing prices to plummet.

A coalition of family farm, faith-based and anti-hunger groups, along with business associations have initiated a campaign to persuade investors to pull out of commodity index funds. Their first target: CALSTRS, the California teachers' retirement system, which had been considering shifting \$2.5 billion of their portfolio into commodities.

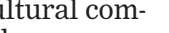
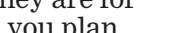
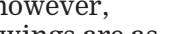
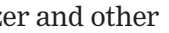
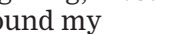
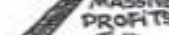
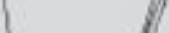
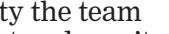
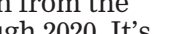
In response to the divestment campaign, the CALSTRS board decided on November 4 to adopt a different strategy. Instead of \$2.5 billion, they will invest no more than \$150 million in commodities for 18 months, while further studying the potential problems.

This is an important step towards shutting down the global financial casino where food is traded like a poker chip. The big-time gamblers should stick to the Las Vegas casinos. Let's keep food where it should be — on our tables.

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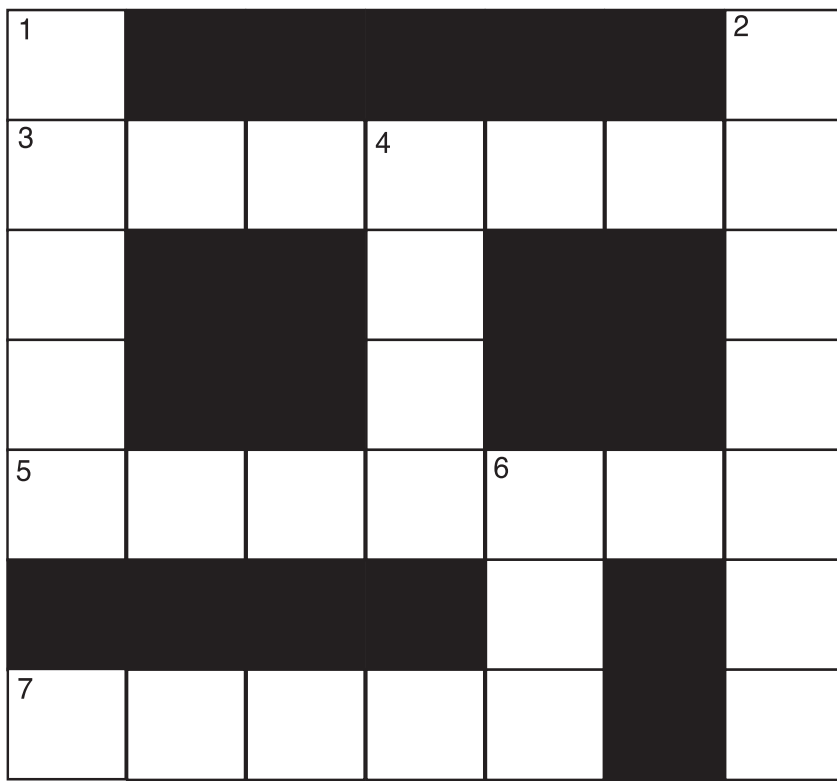
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- **1863:** ABRAHAM LINCOLN DELIVERS HIS GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.
- **1990:** THE GRAMMY AWARD ISSUED TO POP GROUP MILLI VANILLI IS RESCINDED AFTER THE DISCOVERY THAT THE DUO DIDN'T SING THEIR OWN SONGS.

ACROSS

- 3. Style of speaking
- 5. To make thicker
- 7. Young person

DOWN

- 1. Legally take another's child
- 2. Babies
- 4. Type of powder
- 6. Another word for child



AMERICANS ADOPT MORE CHILDREN FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

ANSWER: CHINA AND RUSSIA

Answers:
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3. diction 5. thicken 7. child
Down
1. adopt 2. infants 4. talc 6. kid



custodian

a guardian

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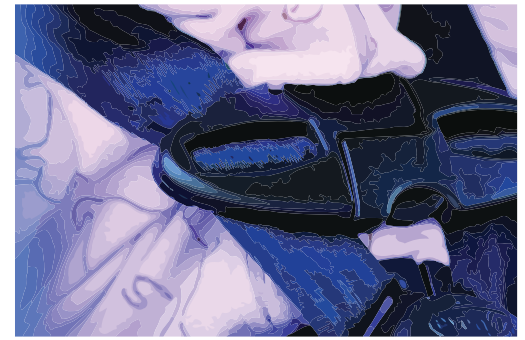
- ENGLISH:** Sister
- SPANISH:** Hermana
- ITALIAN:** Sorella
- FRENCH:** Soeur
- GERMAN:** Schwester

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THIS YEAR ONE OF THE LARGEST RECALLS IN HISTORY TOOK PLACE WITH DROP-SIDE CRIBS. THEIR SAFETY IS QUESTIONABLE



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ANSWER: CHILD CAR SEAT

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BY BOB WEBER JR.

A New York City jewelry store was robbed an hour ago. One suspect says he was enjoying the view from atop the Empire State Building at the time of the theft. Another claims he was getting into a cab at the Statue of Liberty, and the third insists he was touring the Museum of Natural History. Which suspect does Slylock Fox know is lying?



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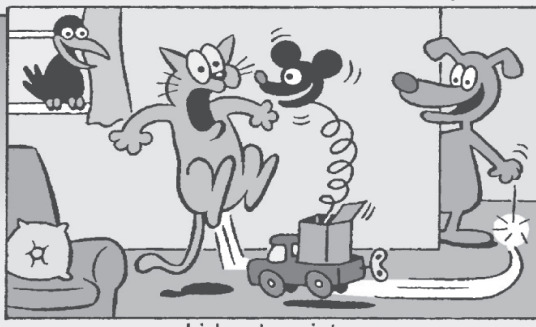


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Bird Poop:

Thunderstorm proves deadly to Screech-Owl

The early morning rendition was no exception. So many of The Weather Channel's depictions of storms from the west split as they neared Big Spring. To the south of Forsan and north to Ackerly and Lamesa, downpours had been a blessing. Our scenic hills once again seemed to deflect the gift of moisture.

Another dry rain had scattered mesquite and oak leaves across our driveway. At least we had been spared the lightning and high winds that accompanied the rapid moving front. Picking up the newspaper that sported a coating of dust, I looked forward to coffee and a slow read.

When a man called about an owl, he said he and the bird were in a newly stripped cotton field outside of Lamesa. "Should I shoot it, or bring it to you?" he asked.

Knowing it did not fly when approached, he wasn't certain about the extent of its injuries. Hoping he would be able to catch it, I suggested that he call when he had the raptor in hand. As the morning soon turned into early afternoon, our telephone remained silent.

During that time, my curiosity led me to revisit my records on birds of prey. Page by page, from 1987 to 2010, notations had been entered regarding this particular specie of owl and its Western variation.

One had been found on the western side of Midland just off a rain slick Interstate 20. Taken to Snyder, it had been fed hamburger meat and suffered from head trauma.

Another had come from Haskell via Abilene and was an apparent victim of a thunderstorm. Three years later, upon returning to their tent, rain-soaked campers at Lake Ivie had discovered one in their tent.

Six years passed. Then after a spring weather tirade, an Odessan found yet another of the small owls.

Almost lifeless, the next came after being found in a bucket of water with two dead mice. Although the rancher's wife had reacted promptly, the ordeal had been too much for the bird to survive. The woman decided after that trauma that the individual buckets for her horses would be removed to a safe place in the barn every night.

Only two years passed until we received one from Cristoval. After a violent thunderstorm, a homeowner had seen the little owl standing in her yard. Easily picking it up, she delivered it to a rehaber in San Angelo.

The more I read of my notes, the more I realized a common factor: water. Whether through storms, showers, or containment, water had been an attraction for Eastern and Western Screech-Owls, and the cause for our having them.

Small in stature, they have a large head, ear tufts and bright yellow eyes accented by dark rimmed facial disks. Resembling old tree bark, the feathers of their upper parts are mottled and give an appearance of gray intermingled with brownish gray.

White spots on their shoulders are obvious. Underneath, the owls are paler and streaked. Noticeable are their bills. The Eastern's is pale and greenish, while the Western's is dark and grayish.

Finally, the man called. Even with a damaged wing, his screech-owl had proven to be

formidable. While the species are often described as gentle with no resistance, they also have been labeled as "feathered wildcats."

In pursuit of food, they will attack birds larger than themselves and even their own specie is not spared. Hostile to anyone in defense of their nests, the owls are even prone to confront humans who venture too close.

A floppy, dangling wing had left the screech-owl stranded in the field. Giving the man two options, South Plains in Lubbock or Big Spring, I waited for his reply.

Choosing the wildlife center, he said he would be back in touch. Later, he called. "It didn't make it out of



BEBE McCASLAND



Courtesy photo

Strictly nocturnal, this Eastern Screech-Owl preys upon mice, lizards, fish, birds, insects, snakes, scorpions and earthworms. Its coloration may vary slightly due to temperature, humidity and geographic location.

Lamesa," he said apologetically as he wondered if it was exertion in trying to elude capture that had caused its death.

"From your description," I said, "the break was at the shoulder. Often that type of injury results in internal damage from the impact. By the way, did your area get any rain from that front?"

He paused for a moment, and I knew he wondered why I changed the subject so readily.

"Good one, but also lots of wind," he answered. "Further north, some acreage was wiped out by hail. Lost it all."

In all probability, I told him, the storm had spawned a downburst that slammed the screech-owl into some-

thing or to the ground. The deluge that flooded the furrows also may have been more than the little raptor could tolerate. Although the birds are known to love water, and readily bathe, torrents of rain may have lured the owl into a situation that was overwhelming.

"If you only weighed about six ounces, do you think your chances would have been any better?" I asked. More resolved to the outcome, he replied, "I guess what happened to the owl was really beyond what any of us could do."

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

Parent's Corner:

A case for music education

I found a very interesting article from the Texas Music Educators Association. It noted that research has again found that students who are involved in school music programs score higher, on the average, than other students on the SAT test.



DARRELL RYAN

The information compiled showed that, in Texas, the average SAT score is 1,467 in 2010. This was then compared to the average score of Texas students involved in school music of 1,857. It included students in band, choir and/or orchestra. This trend has been consistent for several years now.

The data is clear that the pursuit of music translates into greater achievement in academic pursuits. Music apparently impacts the way you learn and your critical thinking abilities and music has the potential to synthesize other curricula that result in a higher level understanding of the big picture.

Music incorporates the aspects of math (rhythmic relationships), science (physics of sound and tone production), language

and social studies (placing each piece into historical and cultural context).

Through music, students make a personal connection with the composer and culture on a human level and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a human.

The student goes beyond the standard of learning styles to achieve something greater than themselves. It prepares students to seek out new approaches to solving new, unique problems and encourages them to express themselves in a meaningful manner.

Music offers the opportunity of self-expression and creativity. It develops the appetite for learning and creates habits of self-discipline and personal tenacity which carry over into

every facet of school.

Young musicians are skilled at concentration, alertness, memory and self-control. These attributes are basic for success in higher education, but more importantly, in succeeding at life. It opens new horizons of the mind and supports wonderment, imagination, appreciation and sensitivity.

In today's world, so many young people seem to be lost, swimming about in a maze of quick fixes, desperately looking for something with which to identify. If their musical talents are developed, nurtured and sought, then their value increases as well as their self-worth which is the most important component of a fruitful life.

I have seen through-

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Israel and the United States

Is Israel an asset or a burden to our country?

The United States is without question Israel's most important ally. Also, without question, Israel is the staunchest and most reliable friend of the United States. But there are some who believe and vigorously advocate that Israel is a burden to the United States and that, were it not for Israel, peace would prevail in the Middle East.

What are the facts?
The "Israel lobby." There are indeed those who claim that Israel is a liability, a burden to our country. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that the President was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives yearly \$3.0 billion, all of it in military aid – nothing in economic aid. 75% of this military aid must be spent with U.S. military contractors, making Israel a very large customer of those companies.

America's staunchest ally. A good case can be made that aid to Israel, all of it military, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Moslem countries, virtually all of them recipients of American largess, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Middle East and the indispensable defender of America's interests in that area of the world. The people of the United States, individually and through their Congressional representatives, overwhelmingly support Israel in its seemingly unending fight against Arab aggression and Muslim terror. But that support is not only based on the great strategic value that Israel represents to the United States. It is and always has been based on shared values of liberty, democracy, and human rights. America and Israel are aligned by their shared love of peace and democracy. Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamo-fascist terrorism. These shared values, these common ideals, will bind Israel and the United States forever.

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Unlicensed welders suspected of starting Shanghai high-rise fire that killed 53

SHANGHAI (AP) — Police detained unlicensed welders Tuesday on suspicion of accidentally starting a fire that engulfed a high-rise apartment building under renovation in China's business capital, killing at least 53 people, as public anger grew over the government's handling of the disaster.

A preliminary investigation showed that four welders improperly operated their equipment, setting off Monday's fire in Shanghai, the city government and state television reported.

Witnesses and building residents quoted earlier by state media said the blaze began when building materials caught fire. It then spread quickly to scaffolding covering the 28-story building, which houses a number of retired teachers as well as other families.

In addition to the 53 fatalities, the city government said Tuesday that more than 70 other people had been rushed to hospitals. Deputy Mayor Shen Jun said 17 were in critical condition.

"The accident was caused by unlicensed welders improperly operating their equipment. Four suspects have been placed in criminal detention by the police," the city said on its website.

Growing number of pilots joining airline passengers frustrated over scanners, pat-downs

CHICAGO (AP) — Airport security stops one airline pilot because he's carrying a butter knife. Elsewhere, crews opt for pat-down searches because they fear low-level radiation from body scanners could be harmful. And in San Diego, one traveler is told he can't fly at all when he likens an intrusive body search to sexual harassment.

Annoyance at security hassles has been on the rise among airline crews and passengers for years, but the widespread use of full-body image detectors this year and the simultaneous introduction of more intrusive pat-downs seems to have ramped up the frustration.

As passengers have simmered over being forced to choose scans by full-body image detectors or rigorous pat-downs inspections, some airline pilots are pushing back. Much of the criticism is directed at the Transportation Security Administration.

"I would say that pilots are beyond fed up," said Tom Walsh, a pilot and sometimes aviation security consultant. "The TSA is wasting valuable time and money searching the crew — who are not a threat."

Even one of the nation's most celebrated pilots, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, has detected the growing unease.

Officials: Suspected U.S. missile strike kills 15 alleged militants in Pakistan near Afghanistan

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP) — A suspected U.S. missile strike targeting a home and a speeding vehicle near the Afghan border killed 15 alleged militants early Tuesday, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The attack happened in the Bangi Dar village of North Waziristan, a tribal region that is a base for insurgents responsible for many of the attacks on U.S. and NATO forces just across the border in Afghanistan.

The U.S. has increasingly relied on missiles fired by unmanned drones — a program that is rarely officially acknowledged — to kill suspected Taliban and al-Qaida-linked fighters based in the northwest.

Tuesday's strike was the eighth this month. So far this year, nearly 100 such strikes have occurred in Pakistan, a major surge over previous years. Nearly all have hit North Waziristan, the mountainous border region where the Islamists run a virtual mini-state outside the Pakistani government's control.

At least four missiles were fired before dawn Tuesday, two at the mud-brick house and two at the vehicle, two Pakistani intelligence officials said. Four of the slain were in the vehicle while at least 11 died in the flattened home.

Riots erupt in Haiti cities over accusations U.N. peacekeepers brought cholera; at least 1 dead

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Anti-U.N. riots spread to several Haitian cities and towns, as protesters blaming a contingent of Nepalese peacekeepers for a deadly outbreak of cholera barricaded roads and exchanged gunfire with U.N. soldiers in clashes that lasted late into the night.

The protests left at least one person dead, a demonstrator who was shot by a U.N. peacekeeper during an exchange of gunfire in Quartier Morin, near Haiti's second-largest city of Cap-Haitien, the United Nations mission said. It said it was investigating the shooting but asserted the soldier acted in self-defense.

The 12,000-member force reported that at least six U.N. personnel were wounded in protests at Hinche in the central plateau, while local Radio Metropole reported that at least 12 Haitians were injured in Cap-Haitien.

The protests apparently began in Cap-Haitien early Monday and within hours had paralyzed much of the northern port city. An APTN television cameraman trying to reach the area was repelled by protesters throwing rocks and bottles from a barricade.

As the day went on, other protests broke out in surrounding towns and the central plateau. A police station was reportedly burned in Cap-Haitien and rocks thrown at peacekeeping bases. A small protest was also reported in the northwestern city of Gonaives, but U.N. police said it ended peacefully.

Johnny Cash, 3 others to be inducted into GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame in January

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The late Johnny Cash is among four new inductees into the GMA Gospel Hall of Fame.

DeGarmo & Key, the Golden Gate Quartet and Bill "Hoss" Allen also will be inducted on Jan. 24 in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Cash was raised on gospel music and famously turned to religion and Christian music midway through his career in search of a way to beat his problems with addiction.

This year's inductees come from very different backgrounds. Rock band DeGarmo & Key was the first Christian act to air a video on MTV. The Golden Gate Quartet introduced jazz to gospel. Allen helped take the sound of gospel to the nation as an influential DJ on WLAC out of Nashville.

The Gospel Music Hall of Fame was founded in 1971 and more than 150 members have been inducted so far.

Reid, McConnell stay in Senate top party posts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's top Democrats and Republicans will keep their positions following leadership elections Tuesday as Congress convened for a lame-duck session.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., will continue as majority leader and Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ken., will stay on as minority leader in the new Congress next year. The Republicans picked up six Senate seats in the midterm elections, reducing the Democratic majority.

Surrounded by his leadership team, Reid told reporters: "It's not the Democratic way or the highway. It's not the Republican way or the highway. But the American people want us to do something about the staggering economy. The American people want us to work together. That's our goal."

McConnell said the GOP would work to "cut spending, get private sector job creation going."

Illinois Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin continues as assistant majority leader, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York stays on as vice chairman of the Democratic conference and Sen. Patty Murray of Washington remains conference secretary.

On the Republican side, Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona remains GOP whip, Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee continues as Republican Conference chairman and Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming stays on as conference vice chairman.

Ohio State closes library, 3 labs in bomb scare

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State University evacuated four buildings, including the main library, Tuesday morning because of bomb threats e-mailed to the FBI. An initial search turned up nothing out of the ordinary, officials said.

FBI spokesman Michael Brooks in Cincinnati said a threat was sent to the bureau's Washington headquarters. Campus police said they were alerted at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday that the threats involved the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library and three laboratory buildings.

"This is still in our assessment a threat, and there have been no suspicious package or devices found at this time," university police Chief Paul Denton said at a news conference.

Authorities did not identify the source of the bomb threats at Ohio State, one of the nation's largest universities with more than 56,000 students enrolled on its Columbus campus.

"There have been no suspicious package or devices found at this time," university police Chief Paul Denton said at a news conference.

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out the years that students enrolled in music

classes not only achieve in the academic area, but also are reported to have better attendance and lower drop-out rates.

Despite this trend it's interesting that many school districts look into cutting music programs at the first sign of budget problems.

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Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your feelings are important, valid and there to help you. Nothing is too small to be aware of. If you are not feeling quite like yourself, there is a reason for it, and it's worth paying attention to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've learned to manage your thinking. In a low mood, you distrust and ignore your negative

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't require that others be like you in order to appreciate them. You like the differences you find. They keep you interested, as you're just not sure what is going to happen next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your mood drops, your mind fills with concerns that weren't there when you were feeling up and full of energy. You can keep worry at bay by continuing to do the things that contribute to your good health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many around you are noticing a certain problem and are unsure of how to solve it. The more positive you are the easier it will be for you to see a full range of possible solutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You realize that if you don't act, others with less experience and wisdom will. You don't like to think about where that will lead, so you'll take initiative. You will make commitments and do what you say you will do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your ethics are solid, but there's someone around you who lacks your integrity. This one could tempt others and bring the group down. Take courage — stand up and stop those who are on a wrong path.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone makes mistakes, but you've learned enough from yours that if you do mess up again, those flubs will be of a very different variety from any you've made before.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 16). You are curious about the world, and what you learn stimulates your imagination, making you want to learn more. Through the next two months, it will be lucrative to give your boss, client or customer more than was expected. You'll move into a new position. February is romantic, and you'll revel in the attention. Capricorn and Virgo

people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 1, 23 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "It makes me so mad when I get emotional over things that wouldn't bother other people. I cry at inopportune moments. I've cried at work, unfortunately, and also while shopping or out in public running errands. I cry when I see a sad commercial on television. I hate that I'm like this. Why can't I just be tougher? Is it possible I have a mental imbalance?"

If you feel that your crying is really a problem, or if you have an inkling that you might be depressed, you should definitely talk to a doctor. But don't be too down on yourself for being a sensitive person. Everyone is somewhat fragile, and the fact that you don't have a problem expressing this is nothing to be ashamed of. Your compassion is a gift, as is your ability to empathize with others. Cancer people can't help but be sensitive to the emotional vibes around them, and sometimes that does make it difficult to operate in an automatic and oblivious state. On

the positive side, this makes you more creative. The imaginative processes that mystify some people come easily to you. Keep developing your sense of humor. It's a helpful tool to protect you from the harsh realities you encounter.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Barrier-buster Daisy Fuentes was MTV's first Latina VJ and Revlon's first internationally contracted Latina spokesperson. Her natal sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune in Scorpio produces serious magnetism and widespread appeal. Her Capricorn moon indicates a mind for business. Mars in Virgo brings big luck to Fuentes when she sells products related to health and fitness.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: "Roy" and I have been married for 43 years. We have two married children and several grandchildren. We've had our share of problems, but I have always trusted him — until now.

Roy retired three years ago. Recently, close friends of ours informed me that they saw him at a diner on the outskirts of town, having lunch with a female in a "cozy" booth.

Roy didn't see my friends because he was apparently engrossed in conversation, laughing and smiling. My friends said at one point their hands touched across the table, and the husband said he saw them hug and briefly kiss at the woman's car.

I checked my husband's calendar for that day, and it said he'd had a dentist's appointment. I remember Roy telling me

it took a long time because there was a wait and then he went to the hardware store, where he "browsed." I called our dentist and discovered he had no appointment that day. Annie, he lied to me about that entire day. I felt like I'd been punched in the stomach.

When Roy was still working, I heard rumors that he flirted with a woman in the office who had a thing for him, but I'm the type who disregards gossip.

I had no reason to think Roy was being unfaithful, but now I have doubts. I've been told perhaps it's an emotional affair, not sexual, but I don't even know what that means.

My question is, do I tell Roy what I know? My friend's husband believes it is an innocent flirtation and thinks I should leave it alone. What do I do? — *Very Unsure*



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Unsure: It could very well be an innocent flirtation, but the premeditated lying is disturbing. Without naming your friends, tell Roy that he was spotted having a chummy lunch with some woman on the day he supposedly had a dentist's appointment, and ask him what's up. He needs to know that his

tryst hurt you deeply.

Dear Annie: Last night, I went out to dinner with my fiancé, "Randy," my father and my future mother-in-law. We were in the middle of making last-minute plans for the wedding when my father dropped the bombshell that he and Randy's mother have been secretly seeing each other and are now engaged.

Annie, what do I do? Is it OK for me to marry Randy if my father is married to his mother? I love Randy and cannot stand the thought of breaking off my engagement. I need help. — *Freaking Out in Florida*

Dear Florida: Calm down. If your father marries Randy's mother, it does not make Randy your brother. He becomes your stepbrother, which

is not a blood relation. You can still marry him. Your father's timing is rather questionable, so ask him to wait until you and Randy are wed before he makes any sudden moves. But everything else is OK.

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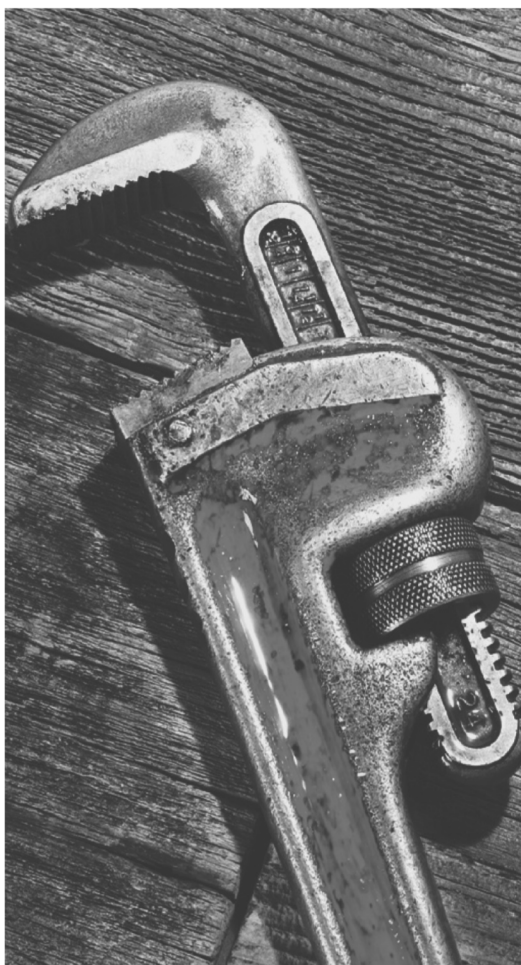
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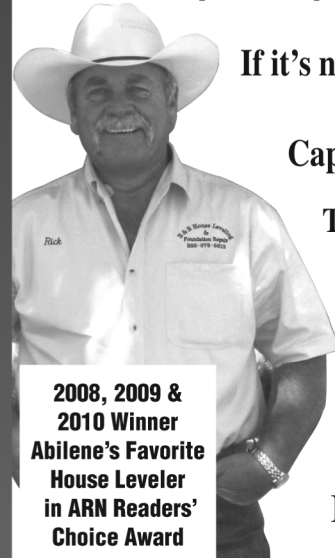
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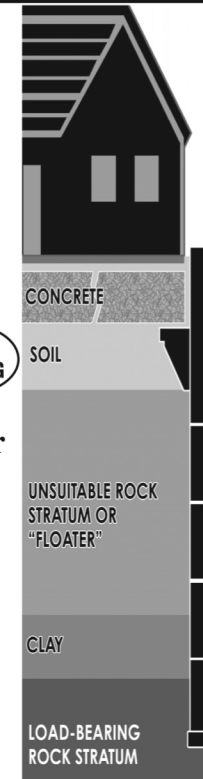
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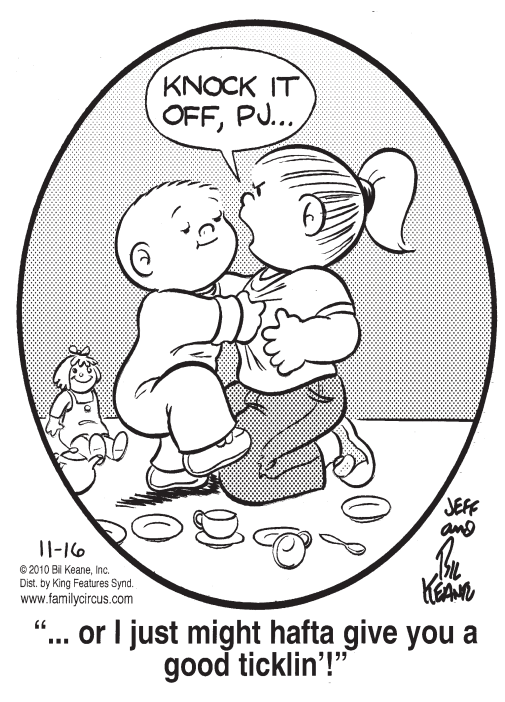


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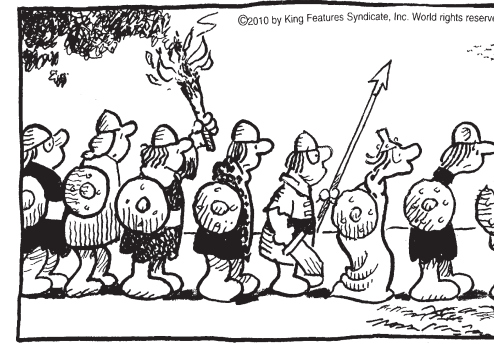
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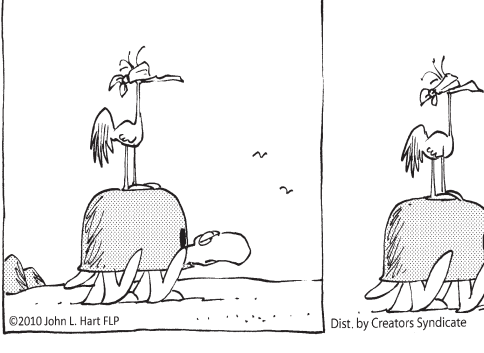
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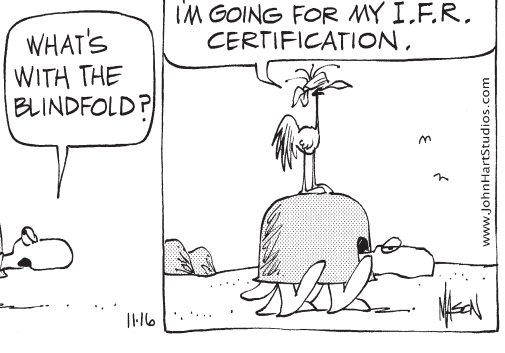
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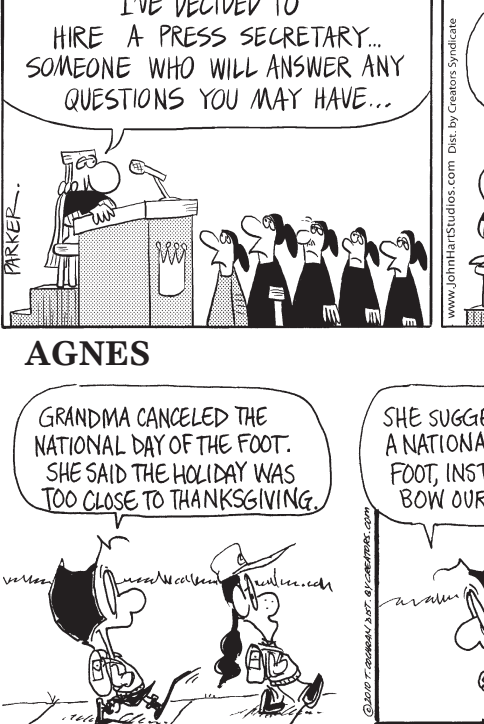
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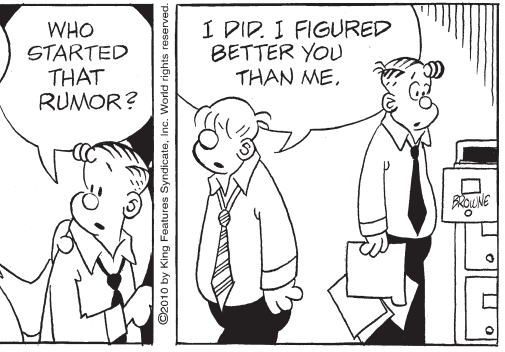
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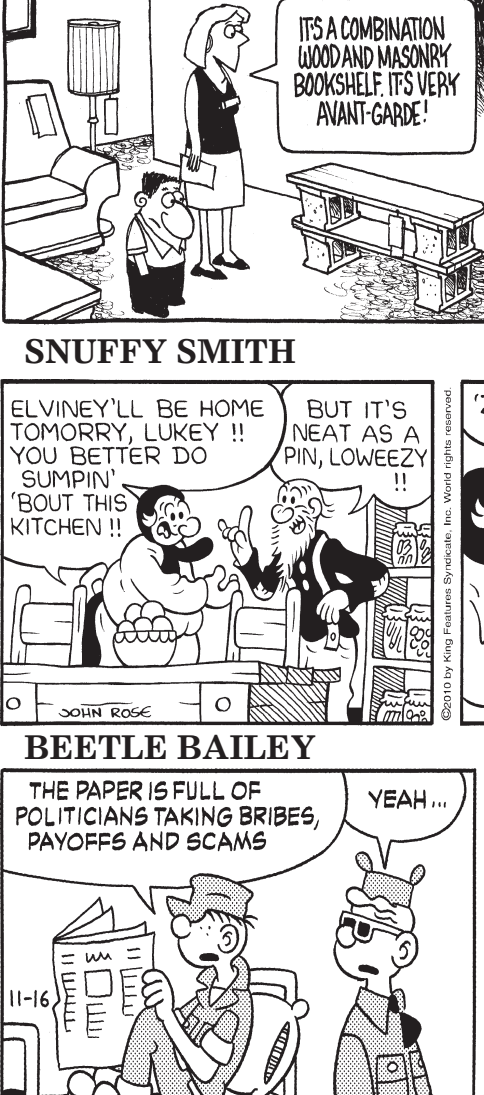
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2010. There are 45 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 16, 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59 shortly after he completed filming "The Misfits" with co-star Marilyn Monroe.
On this date:
In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.
In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.
In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.
In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.
In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.
In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.
In 1970, the Lockheed L-1011 Tristar jetliner went on its first test flight from Palmdale, Calif.
In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.
In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 82. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 79. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 75. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 71. Actress Joanna Pettet is 68. Actor Steve Railsback is 65. Actor David Leisure is 60. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 59. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 52. Rock musician Mani is 48. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 47. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 47. MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 46. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 46. Actor Harry Lennix is 46. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 44. Actress Lisa Bonet (boh-

NAY) is 43. Actress Tammy Lauren is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 41. Actress Martha Plimpton is 40. Actor Michael Irby is 38. Actress Missi Pyle is 38. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 33. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-eh-nahl) is 33. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 31. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 28. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 26. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey ("Heroes") is 15.
Thought for Today: "History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies." — Alexis de Tocqueville, French historian (1805-1859).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CLOTHES TO YOU by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wild guess
 - 5 Grabby one
 - 10 Cash dispensers, for short
 - 14 Sewing-needle feature
 - 15 Privileged group
 - 16 Hoodlum
 - 17 Gymnast Korburt
 - 18 V-shaped cut
 - 19 Itemize
 - 20 In charge
 - 23 Hard-nosed
 - 24 Long time
 - 25 Enthusiastic about
 - 28 "No seats left" sign
 - 29 Scene stealer
 - 32 Square's corner-to-corner line: Abbr.
 - 35 Have lunch
 - 37 Central Florida city
 - 39 Without hesitation
 - 43 Substantial
 - 44 Roll of bills
 - 45 Poison-ivy reaction
 - 46 CPR pro
 - 47 Recede gradually
 - 50 Fuse, as metal
 - 52 Carolers' songs
 - 54 Aides: Abbr.
 - 58 Taking a financial bath
 - 63 Waffle cooker
 - 64 Tour leader
 - 65 Opera song
 - 66 Primary
 - 67 Easy __ (simple)

- DOWN**
- 1 Theater offerings
 - 2 Vacant apartment sign
 - 3 Fish-tank problem
 - 4 Car-directions phrase
 - 5 Nashville's st.
 - 6 Like a bump on __
 - 7 Pet that purrs
 - 8 Draws with acid
 - 9 Consider again, as a case
 - 10 Geographical reference
 - 11 Slender
 - 12 Have to
 - 13 Army NCOs
 - 21 Rustic stopover
 - 22 Decisive evidence
 - 26 CNN founder Turner
 - 27 Rower's need
 - 29 "Very funny!"
 - 30 Word of regret
 - 31 Algebra or geometry
 - 32 Titled British woman
 - 33 News piece
 - 34 Rat__ (knocking sound)
 - 36 Pull along
 - 38 Poker cheater
 - 40 Keep an __ (observe)
 - 41 Fido's foot
 - 42 Poetic tribute
 - 48 Non-chooser, supposedly
 - 49 Skirt partner
 - 51 __ Vegas, NV
 - 52 Silly person
 - 53 Scissors sounds
 - 55 "Yes __ Bob!"
 - 56 Courtroom event
 - 57 Beginning
 - 58 Succotash bean
 - 59 Spoken
 - 60 Farm ground
 - 61 Make revisions to
 - 62 Observes

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