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Boots and Bling

Plan now for United Way kickoff event, Aug. 20

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

It's time to unite, Howard County. It's time to come together for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 67th Annual Campaign Kick-off Boots and Bling.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Big Spring Country Club. Throughout the evening there will be a silent auction, live music from Frederide, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25.

"It doesn't matter if you put on your tuxedo, a sundress or your boots and jeans. The main thing is to come out and support these agencies," said Jeanie Coor, outgoing executive director of United Way



of Big Spring and Howard County.

The 2012 campaign will run Sept. 1 through Nov. 20, of this year with funds being designated and distributed to the agencies next year.

This year, the 14 agencies are the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Howard County Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, The Salvation Army, Westside

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Cheridan Fulgham of Big Spring entertains the crowd during West Fest music festival Saturday at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

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Leadership applications taken

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Applications for Leadership Big Spring 2011-2012, hosted by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, are being accepted until July 29.

The class focuses on introducing members of the community to the inner workings of Big Spring. It is a 10-week course designed to show new and old residents alike the different aspects of the community and direct them to the different ways of getting involved in the community.

"This is a great way for people who are just moving here to learn about the community and it's also a great way for those residents who have lived here a long time to build their knowledge about



Stewart

Big Spring," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director.

Tuition for the course is \$400 for Chamber members and \$600 for non-members. The class is open to businesses and individuals of the Howard County community.

"We have had great results in the past and we are expecting even better results this year," said Vicki Stewart, Chamber information coordinator.

class will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

Participants will meet at the Chamber and the day's activities will be experienced as a group.

"This is a great way for businesses to develop leaders," ValVerde said. "This is about getting people involved and introducing them not only to Big Spring, but all of Howard County."

Applications can be returned to the chamber.

Businesses have received applications, but if a new one is needed, Stewart said the Chamber would be glad to e-mail, mail or fax another copy. For more information regarding Leadership Big Spring, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

Back to school immunizations

The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1. DSHS will not be providing immunizations at the high school for registration Jul 27-28. DSHS suggests getting immunizations before attempting to register for school.

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Obituaries

Barbara 'Sue' Lambert



Barbara "Sue" Lambert, 73, of Stafford County, Va., passed away Monday, July 11, 2011, at her home.

She was born in Big Spring, Texas, Feb. 17, 1938, to Fred and Loma Gale Lay Merworth. She met her husband, Roy, while he was serving in the Air Force in Texas. They spent many happy years together before his death.

Survivors include her children, Karl Lambert and wife Lela of Annandale and Kirby Lambert and wife Beverly of Stafford; her brothers, Joe Merworth and wife Mariane and Bodie Merworth, all of Texas; four grandchildren, Derek Lambert, Justin Lambert, Megan Murphy and Amanda Brinson; three stepchildren, Heather Rose, Katie Vardon and Cody Dent; four great-grandchildren, Cameron Murphy, Madison Brinson, Makenzi Brinson and Brooke Brinson; four stepgreat-grandchildren, Preston Murphy, Paige Murphy, Hayley Rose and Riley Rose; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy W. Lambert; and daughter, Kathy Lambert.

The family would like to express special thanks to all the hospice workers at Mary Washington Hospice and to her sister-in-law, Susie Merworth, who gave her such outstanding care.

A celebration of her life was held for friends and family at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at her home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mary Washington Hospice and Brooke Fire and Rescue, Brooke, Va.

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Clifton Ray Price



Funeral services for Clifton Ray Price of Lenorah, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Clifton passed away July 16, 2011, in Odessa, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 12, 1955, in Stephenville,

Texas.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Sandra Garza of Stanton on Sept. 16, 1989.

He loved to fish, drink beer, smoke his cigarettes, sit outside and feel the sun on his face. He liked to watch old cowboy movies and be alone. His heart was with his girls at home, his favorite place. He always woke them up by singing their names, Toot and Baby Grace, mostly every day. He was a newly received Catholic.

He was employed through the years with Wheeler Drilling, Mitchell Farms, Clary Tire Company, Mendez Electric and Cotton Patch Farms. He had many trades during his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Junior B. Price; step-father, James Clary; brother, Floyd Dean Price; and step-brother, Dwayne Clary.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Price of Lenorah; three daughters, Minerva Jo "MJ" Price and Grace Price, both of Lenorah, and Melissa Rene Price of East Texas; mother, Mary Jo Price of Alabama; step-mother, Betty Clary of Midland; two sisters, Carol Washburn and Mary Jane Foster, both of Midland; brother, Lloyd Price of Wegulia, Ala.; and step-brother, Allan Clary of Roseburg, Ore.

The family suggests memorials to be made to St. Isidore Mission, P.O. Box 846, Stanton 79782.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

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Police blotter

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

- JOE AARON MAJOR, 32, of Orange, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault with an aggravated weapon (two counts) and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JEFFERY JEROME WILLIAMS, 35, of Port Arthur, was arrested Saturday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and public intoxication.
- AMANDA RENEE MCGREGOR, 23, of Lamesa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEROMY LEE GOMEZ, 20, of 1405 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for dog or cat running at large.
- JOSE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ JR., 24, of 4201 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSHUA RYAN SANCHEZ, 19, of 3730 Adams, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MATTHEW RYAN SOUND, 21, of 2110 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 34, of 1100 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- TERRANCE DEWAYNE MARION, 22, of 1707 Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- MAURICIO TORRES, 37, of 311 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a warrant from another agency.
- MARCOS MENDEZ III, 18, of 1511 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- BRENT LEE MARIN, 39, of 620 Caylor, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for theft – shoplifting.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 200 block of FM 700
In the 2600 block of Albrook.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this

Vera Lee Brent

Vera Lee Brent, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 17, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

report.

• JAMES BRIAN FIVEASH, 54, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ, 50, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ERNESTO DUTCHOVER GARCIA, 59, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on indictments for three counts of indecency with a child (second-degree felony), three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child (first-degree felony) and a charge of continuous sexual assault of a child under 14 years of age (first-degree felony).

• ATHEA RYANNE NALL, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury and accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARTER, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• BENARDO JACINTO HILARIO, 23, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

• DAVID LEE POWELL JR., 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for no seat belt – driver and driving while license invalid.

• KRISTI LYNN SIX, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• FRANKIE WADE ORTEGA, 23, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of failure to identify – giving false information and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• CHRISTOPHER DON RANDLE, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of open container in vehicle.

• JAVIEL SOLIZ, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of child support – failure to appear.

• JOE AARON MAJOR, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on aggravated assault (two counts) and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

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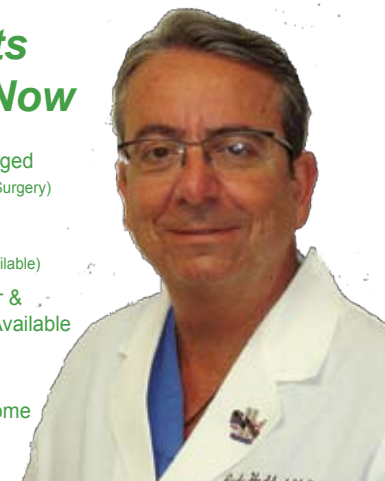
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a warrant for parole violation.

- **JOSE LUIS OLIVAS**, 38, was arrested Sunday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- **GUADALUPE MORENO III**, 25, was arrested Sunday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a Martin County warrant for assault - family violence and an Ector County warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **SAMMY FERRELL**, 49, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TERRANCE DEWAYNE MARION**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, evading arrest or detention and a municipal warrant for no driver's license.
- **MAURICIO TORRES**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and an Andrews County motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
- **JEFFERY ALLEN CAREY**, 20, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARCOS MENDEZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- **BRENT LEE MARIN**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **LANE PAUL GAMMONS**, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VIRGINIA CORDOVA**, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of animal at large.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1800 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of E. Highway 350. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Old Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 200 block of Trades.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of Comanche Trail Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• Big Spring resident Matt Fowler was involved in a vehicle accident June 20 and is listed in critical, but stable condition at Odessa Medical Center. He has undergone two procedures and two surgeries, with more to come. The family is in need of assistance with medical expenses. They ask for anyone wanting to help to send donations to P.O. Box 3315, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Angela Morrow. The family extends its gratitude for all gifts.

• Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20. A fund has been established at the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union to assist the family as they recover from this loss.

To help, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided

by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Coahoma High School alumni are planning an all-classes' reunion on Saturday, July 23 at Coahoma Elementary. Registration is from 9-10 a.m., followed by visiting, a short business meeting, a fund-raising auction, lunch, and a program honoring CHS Music Through the Years (band, choir, special singing and/or musical groups, etc.). Alumni with musical talents are encouraged to bring instruments or music to provide a couple of songs for attendees. Alumni are also asked to bring items for the auction. Please RSVP for the lunch (barbecue by Hog Heaven) and mail checks to: Coahoma Alumni Association, POB 488, Coahoma 79511 by July 1. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 8 and under. The Stampede has been reserved for additional visiting that eve-

ning for all CHS alumni from 6:30-11 p.m. Music from the 50s, 60s and 70s will be played, and food and sodas provided. For questions, contact any CHS Alumni Officer: Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or jefnjoyce@yahoo.com; Rose Thixton Teeler at 432-393-5267 or at jrteeler@yahoo.com; Barbara Ballard Reilly at 432-263-7808; or Cindy Parrish Klaus at 432-466-1298 or cindykrklaus@gmail.com.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326 or 903-843-5927, or e-mail mwarren@etex.net

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Community Day Care Center, YMCA of Big Spring and the two new agencies - Big Spring Chaplains Association and Spring of Siloam. The kickoff is first-

come, first-serve due to limited seating. Tickets for the evening can be purchased from any of the 22 board members or at the United Way office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Chamber of Commerce will also have tickets available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Both offices are located at 215 W. Third St.

To find out more information on Boots and Bling, call the United Way office at 267-5201.

Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of W. 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Perry: As conservative as they come

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Should Rick Perry conclude that voter discontent has left him an opening to enter the presidential race, the longtime Texas governor would be among the GOP field's most conservative candidates.

Primary voters would get a skilled politician with TV anchorman looks, a Southern preacher's oratory and a cowboy's swagger, matched by a disarming candor and sense of humor. The former cotton farmer from the village of Paint Creek in West Texas has never lost an election in nearly three decades as a politician.

What they wouldn't get is a candidate whose politics are positioned to unite a Republican electorate that stretches from moderate pro-business fiscal conservatives to evangelical social conservatives, with the tea party falling somewhere along the spectrum.

"Texans, God love them, have that bigger-than-life persona about politics and that doesn't necessarily play everywhere," said Christopher Nicholas, a Republican political consultant who has worked extensively in the Northeast and Midwest. "I haven't heard a lot of Republicans call Social Security a dis-

ease."

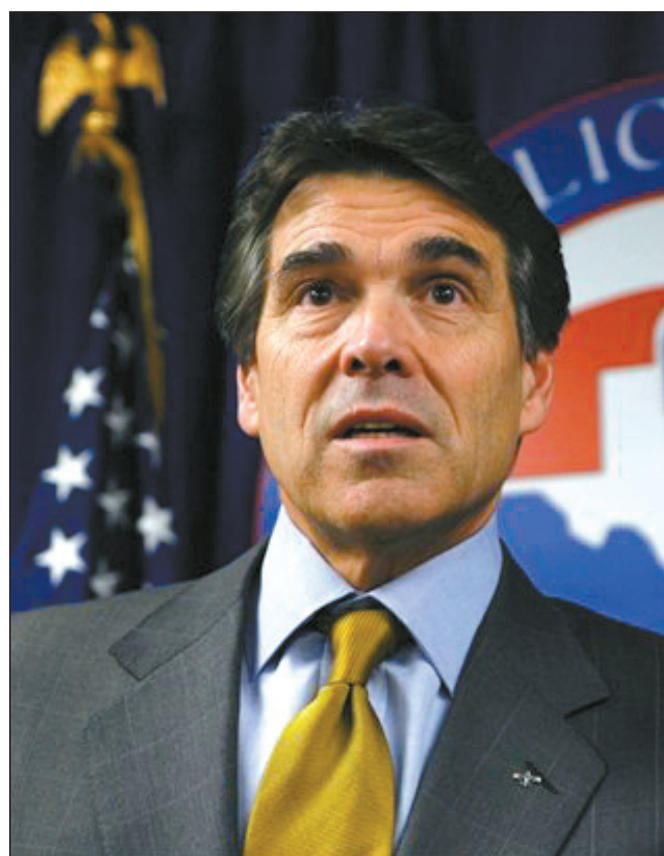
Perry has. He branded Social Security and other New Deal programs "the second big step in the march of socialism," according to a book published last year. The "first step" was a national income tax, which he has said stands alongside the direct election of U.S. senators as a major mistake among the amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

In the just-completed Texas legislative session, Perry's "emergency items" included laws that require a photo ID in order to vote, a sonogram before a woman had an abortion and enforcement of federal immigration laws by local police.

He rejects the idea of global warming and the theory of evolution, arguing for natural climate variations and intelligent design of the universe.

In fact, he said last year when promoting his book, "Fed Up: Our Fight to Save America From Washington," which was a state's rights treatise that railed against the federal government, that he's too conservative to run for national office.

"The best concrete evidence that I'm really not running for president is this book, because when you read this book, you're going to see me talking about



issues that for someone running for public office, it's kind of been the third rail if you will," Perry told The Associated Press shortly after winning re-election in 2010.

Perry doesn't shy away from his deep conservatism. He embraces it with the same vigor with which he dismisses those who found his shooting of a coyote while the governor was jogging or spending tens of thousands of campaign dollars on a luxury rental home unbecoming a state chief executive.

Working with the fundamentalist American Family Association,

R-Iowa, told The Associated Press on Saturday he thinks it's very likely that Perry will jump into the race and reshape the state's caucuses.

"I get the definite impression he's very likely to run," Branstad said, basing his opinion on a conversation the governors had Friday. "I think he becomes a significant factor if he becomes a candidate," Branstad said. "It could change the whole complexion of the Iowa caucus race."

Perry told The Des Moines Register that he would likely decide in two or three weeks. "But I'm getting more and more comfortable every day that this is what I've been called to do. This is what America needs," Perry said.

Should he run, Perry would seek the support of a wing of the party already courted by conservatives in important states such as Iowa. Those would-be rivals include U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, a tea party favorite; former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, a favorite of anti-abortion activists; and former businessman Herman Cain.

That could split the vote of the party's conservative base, giving an opening to other Republicans seeking support across the GOP spectrum.

They include front-runner Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has reversed positions on several issues conserva-

tives hold dear; former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, whose moderate positions on some issues make him a nonstarter for conservatives; and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who is struggling to break out of the pack.

Unlike some of those candidates, Perry has been consistent on culturally conservative issues.

States' rights, however, is his signature issue.

In 2009, at one of the first rallies of a movement that would evolve into the tea party, he evoked the possibility that Texas might be better off seceding from the Union if what he called federal overreach continued.

He's since said that lawmakers in state capitals should decide whether to legalize gay marriage or marijuana. In 2010, he toyed with the idea of pulling Texas out of Medicaid, the state-federal program that provides health care for low-income people. Perry gave up on the idea when the state's comptroller said it would bankrupt the state.

Perry's faith in the wisdom of local lawmakers and states' rights has led him into strident fights with the Environmental Protection Agency.

In June, Perry signed a largely symbolic bill that allows Texas companies to continue producing incandescent light bulbs banned by the EPA, as long as they are sold within the state. Texas is the only state that has refused to put in place the EPA's new rules regulating carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases.

Shawn Steel, a member of the Republican National Committee, met with Perry when he visited to California in late June. Steel said Perry sounds a lot like another big-state governor who was able to rely on charisma to win voters over to his conservative ideals. That was California's Ronald Reagan.

"Reagan said a lot of controversial things, far more than Rick Perry," Steel said. "It's how he explained them and addressed them with that disarming smile of his and a very clever quip. Can Rick do that? That's the question."

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Mediator to oversee NFL negotiations in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Talks to end the NFL lockout will resume with the court-appointed mediator in New York on Monday and could continue through Thursday, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on Sunday on condition of anonymity, because the discussions are supposed to remain confidential.

The mediator, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, originally had ordered representatives of the league's owners and players to meet with him Tuesday in Minneapolis. Now Boylan is expected to arrive in New York on Monday to oversee talks aimed at ending

the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

The owners have a special meeting set for Thursday in Atlanta, where they potentially could ratify a new deal — if one is reached by then. Any agreement also must be voted on by groups of players, including the named plaintiffs in a federal antitrust suit against the league, and the NFL Players Association's 32 team representatives.

More than four months into the lockout, owners and players have made significant progress on the framework of an agreement. But re-establishing the union and figuring out what it will take for nine NFL players — including star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Pey-

ton Manning and Drew Brees — to settle that antitrust suit are among key issues blocking a deal to end the lockout, people familiar with the negotiations told the AP on condition of anonymity.

The unresolved matters also include how the TV networks case, in which the players accused the owners of setting up "lockout insurance," will be settled.

Among the parts mostly squared away following significant progress last week:

- how the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided;

- a rookie salary system;
- free agency rules;

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Benson arrested on assault charge



Benson

AUSTIN (AP) — Running back Cedric Benson was released from jail on Sunday following an arrest on an assault charge, the second year in a row he has gotten into trouble in his home state.

Benson was a free agent after leading the Cincinnati Bengals in rushing each of the last three seasons. He hoped to stay with the Bengals and worked out with players in Cincinnati during the NFL's lockout.

Travis County sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade said Benson was arrested in downtown Austin on a misdemeanor count of assault with

bodily injury with family violence. Benson attorney Sam Bassett said in a statement

the arrest followed "a conflict" between Benson and a male former roommate.

Wade said Benson posted a \$10,000 bond and was released just before 2 p.m.

Bassett considers the "family violence" aspect of the charge erroneous "since the alleged male victim no longer is Mr. Benson's household member and was not a

household member for the past few days." Conviction of assault with family violence would draw a stiffer penalty than simple assault.

The running back will be an unrestricted free agent when the lockout ends.

"In cases like this, we don't feel it's appropriate to comment before there's some kind of legal resolution," Bengals spokesman Jack Brennan said.

Last summer, Benson was arrested over an alleged bar fight in Austin. Police charged him with misdemeanor assault for allegedly punching a bar employee in the face.

Irishman wins U.S. Open

SANDWICH, England (AP) — No matter how long it grows or even how quickly, the list of major champions from the tiny country of Northern Ireland just wouldn't feel complete without Darren Clarke.

He doesn't have the majestic swing of Rory McIlroy or the putting prowess of Graeme McDowell, the last two U.S. Open champions. He hasn't contended in a major for the last 10 years, wasn't even eligible for the last three majors and was no longer among the top 100 in the world.

No matter. Clarke's three-shot victory in the British Open was met with unending applause Sunday, the loudest saved for the closing ceremony when he was introduced as the champion golfer of the year.

More than that, Clarke is a man of the people.

"I'm a bit of a normal bloke, aren't I?" Clarke said, the claret jug at his side. "I like to go to the

pub and have a pint, fly home, buy everybody a drink, just normal. There's not many airs and graces about me. I was a little bit more difficult to deal with in my earlier years, and I've mellowed some. Just a little bit. But I'm just a normal guy playing golf, having a bit of fun."

He was extraordinary at Royal St. George's.

A cigarette curled under his fingers as he barreled down the fairways, Clarke held off brief challenges from Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson and held up no one could catch him.

Mickelson, who needed only seven holes to made up a five-shot deficit, stepped aside by missing too many short putts. Johnson, in the final group of a major for the third time in the last six, made another blunder with a major at stake. This time, he was two shots behind on the par-5 14th, tried to lay up with a 2-iron

and hit it out-of-bounds to make double bogey.

They shared second place, stretching the American drought to six straight majors without winning.

Despite meaningless bogeys on the last two holes, Clarke closed with an even-par 70.

"Pretty amazing right now," Clarke said. "It's been a dream since I've been a kid to win the Open, like any kid's dream is, and I'm able to do it, which just feels incredible."

The weather was so wild that heavy rain switched over to sunshine, back and forth all afternoon, in a relentless wind. Clarke was steady through it all, never allowing himself to think about what it mean to hold the claret jug until he stepped onto the 18th green.

Clarke removed his visor to salute the gallery. His hair is almost all gray now, the result of a 42-year-old who has gone through more

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Rangers still rolling

SEATTLE (AP) — Matt Harrison wasn't about to be the one to halt Texas' wave of nearly perfect pitching, or the Rangers near-record win streak.

Harrison allowed just one run in 7 2-3 innings, Mitch Moreland hit a three-run homer and the Rangers won their 11th straight with a 3-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

The Rangers' win streak is the longest in baseball since Philadelphia's 11-game streak last September and tied for second-best in team history, trailing only a 14-game streak during the 1991 season.

"This whole streak we're on right now is really because of what they have done. They've been great," Moreland said of the Rangers' staff. "When you are pitching like that it's fun to go out and play behind those guys and be a part of it."

In the process of running the streak to 11, Harrison (8-7) and the Rangers swept the slumping Mariners and likely ended any thought of Seattle being contenders in the AL West this season. The Mariners have lost nine straight and are now 11½ games back.

It's also the Rangers' first four-game sweep of Seattle since 1992. Even the All-Star break thrown into the middle of the win streak couldn't slow down Texas.

While Moreland provided the punch, it was the Rangers' pitching staff that continued to be the story.

Texas held Seattle to two runs in 36 innings in the four-game set. Going back to before the All-Star break, Texas pitching has allowed just two runs in its last 47 innings.

But it's more than just a five-game sample. During this 11-game streak, the Rangers' collective ERA is 2.09 and the opposing batting average is .194.

For Harrison, Sunday was his second victory of the win streak and lowered his ERA to 2.91, the first time he's been below 3.00 since late April.

Harrison allowed a leadoff walk to Ichiro Suzuki to start the game then proceeded to silence Seattle's struggling bats.

Thanks to a double play after Suzuki's walk, Harrison faced the minimum into the fifth inning before consecutive singles by Justin Smoak and Greg Halman.

Seattle didn't score there, but finally got to Harrison in the eighth after Bard doubled off the wall in left and scored on Jack Wilson's single to center.

But Suzuki finished off a 0-for-3 day with a strikeout and that was it for Harrison. Reliever Mark Lowe entered and got Franklin Gutierrez to close the eighth.

Neftali Feliz struck out a pair in the ninth for his 20th save in 24 chances and continued his domination of the Mariners, who are hitless as a team in 33 plate appearances against Feliz.

Astros last nine innings, but fall in number eleven

HOUSTON (AP) — Astros closer Mark Melancon couldn't make it through a third inning unscathed.

Melancon, who cruised through his first two innings Sunday, was unable to handle a grounder toward first with one out in the 11th, and things got worse from there for Houston.

Pinch-runner Josh Harrison scored on a passed ball for the first of Pittsburgh's three runs in the 11th and rookie Alex Presley drove in his third run of the game later in the inning to lead the Pirates to a 7-5 win over the mistake-prone Astros.

Brandon Wood doubled to start the 11th and was replaced by Harrison. Xavier Paul reached on an error when Melancon (5-3) couldn't handle his dribbler that sent Harrison to third.

Melancon said he rushed the play and

looked up to see where first baseman Carlos Lee was.

"I make that routine play at first base, they have a guy on second with two outs," Melancon said. "Looking back, it seems like three or four things went wrong. It seems like that sums up our season a little bit. It's a game of inches, and we never get those inches. That's on us. It's not the way that luck falls, it's on us, but it's tough."

Harrison scored on a passed ball by catcher Humberto Quintero to make it 5-4, and Presley followed with an RBI single. Presley scored on an error by reliever Aneury Rodriguez to push the lead to 7-4.

Melancon gave up three runs — one earned — and two hits in 2 1-3 innings, his longest outing of the year.

"(Pitching coach Doug) Brocail asked me

if I was all right, and I said: 'Yeah, I felt good,'" Melancon said. "I was pitching well. I felt like I had it in me to go one more. Looking back, you can say whatever, but I felt good out there."

Pittsburgh closer Joel Hanrahan allowed an RBI double to Chris Johnson that tied it 4-all in the eighth, the All-Star's first blown save of the season. That broke a streak of 28 straight saves dating back to last year.

"I was glad I got a ball in the gap and got a guy in to score," Johnson said. "He's pretty good ... you're just battling against him. I got him 3-2, and he left one over the plate, and I put it in the gap."

Hanrahan pitched a 1-2-3 ninth before Chris Leroux (1-0) allowed one hit in a scoreless 10th for his first major league win. Chris Resop allowed a solo homer to

Quintero in the 11th, but got his first career save.

Presley had an RBI single in the fourth inning and put the Pirates on top 4-3 with his run-scoring double in the sixth.

Houston manager Brad Mills was ejected for arguing balls and strikes on an at-bat by Jeff Keppinger in the third inning. Keppinger, who finished a triple short of the cycle, homered for the second straight day when he launched a two-run shot that gave Houston a 3-2 lead two pitches later.

Clint Barmes singled with two outs before Keppinger's homer. Mills was tossed as he walked out of the dugout during Keppinger's at-bat. He trotted onto the field after he was ejected and spent a couple of minutes arguing with plate umpire Eric Cooper before leaving.

"There were some

itches that looked pretty good that Wandy (Rodriguez) was throwing from my angle, which isn't the best angle in the world," Mills said of his fifth ejection this season. "I understand that it was early in the game, and maybe his strike zone hadn't been established yet, but at that point, I thought that Wandy was making some pretty good pitches, and he hadn't been rewarded. I voiced my opinion probably a little too strongly."

Rodriguez allowed eight hits and four runs while matching a career high with 11 strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings, but it was a two-run double to Pittsburgh starter Kevin Correia in the second that Rodriguez regretted.

"I felt great," Rodriguez said. "I think my biggest mistake today was when the pitcher was hitting. I got behind

in the count, and I tried to make a good pitch, and he hit the pitch very well. I had 11 strikeouts because I had good command over my pitches. My breaking ball and fastball had great location."

Correia yielded five hits and three runs in six innings.

NOTES: The Astros placed INF Matt Downs on the paternity leave list and purchased the contract of LHP Wesley Wright from Triple-A Oklahoma City after the game. ... Lee was shaken up in a collision with Andrew McCutchen in the 11th. Lee was jumping to grab a high throw to first when McCutchen crashed into him, sending Lee face down to the dirt. He remained there for a couple of minutes and was checked out by trainers before getting up and remaining in the game. Mills said Lee was OK.

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The more sensitive souls among us will perceive a swell of emotional current as the moon glides through Pisces. The Cancer sun and the Pisces moon are like sweethearts on a beach vacation, surfing the waves and riding the tides of an ocean as forceful, unpredictable and unfathomable as their deep abiding love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know how to deal with passionate, intemperate people, and you'll use this knowledge to succeed. You'll read the signs and stay your distance until you feel kindness beckoning you forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some are content to kill time, but you will strive for a much more amicable arrangement. You want time to favor you, to stop for you once in a while, and of course, you want to be able to borrow from it when you come up short.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have a grievance or two. Some of the people around you need a wakeup call, and you're the alarm clock. Once you get a few things off your chest, you'll enjoy yourself much better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Let the little joys add up while you let the little disappointments slip into the cracks. This is pretty easy. All you have to do is catch the joys and hold on to them so that your hands are too full to clasp any negativity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You sometimes equate

wealth with hard work, but the reality is that often it doesn't happen that way at all. Stay open to the possibility that good fortune may come without effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Trust your intuition. Your body may send you signals that are more intelligent than those your mind sends. You will stumble upon an arrangement that is a perfect fit for you. When things feel right, they are right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're very independent now, and you refuse to get carried away with anyone else's ideology. The others want you on their side, but you feel an even stronger calling to do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Busy people are the toughest to attract. Whether the relationship is business or personal, the rule is the same: The other person has to have room for you; otherwise, it won't work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Visit face to face whenever possible. You never know where the activities and conversation will lead. You'll likely wind up doing something that's slightly out of character for you but so much fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a personal stake in what you're doing. As for the others, they may need help getting involved. Invite them to increase their level of participation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Malls and casinos are purposely designed for visitors to get lost in them. This day will seem similarly patterned to delight, distract and tempt you away from your

original plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may rise with a conflict already brewing in the recesses of your mind. Two ideas are at war with each other. You always have a right to adapt and change your position. By the end of the day, one idea will win out.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 18). You quickly learn what you need to learn in order to make a situation work. This may mean communicating differently with someone or adding new skills to your arsenal. Exceptional good fortune comes this month and in December. You'll seal a deal in November. December and May bring family celebration. Capricorn and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 49, 11 and 26.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Gossip Girl" heart-throb Chace Crawford is a Cancer who was born when the sun and Mars were in sensitive Cancer and the moon and Mercury were in entertaining Leo. In college, Crawford struggled to identify his career path. Like many Cancer natives, he found success when he let his intuition lead the way. Crawford will soon play opposite Katie Holmes in the romantic comedy "Responsible Adults."

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been happily married for 10 years. Two years ago,

we both lost our jobs, so we moved in with his parents. The problem is, my in-laws are so

used to getting their way that they become angry when they don't. Friends and family members usually give in to avoid a fight. My husband and I, on the other hand, stand our ground.

Last week, we went to dinner at a new restaurant. When the hostess seated us, my father-in-law became upset and

quite loud when he did not get a seat with his back against the wall. He demanded that I switch seats with him. When I refused, he yelled and cursed at me. He is like this every time we go out, regardless of the circumstances. He finds fault with everything.

I understand my in-laws are up in age, but I

think they go overboard. My husband and I found employment six months ago and are now looking to find our own space. My in-laws get upset every time we look at a house without taking them along. They say they want to be the first ones to see the place.

I bought a new car last month, and they were angry because my parents saw the car before they did. They said it meant I was ungrateful that they allow us to live with them.

They have been like this since I have known them. All of this nonsense gets on my husband's nerves. Mine, too. How can we get his parents to understand that they will not always get their way? — *Desperately Needing Our Own Space*

Dear Desperate: They already know that. They simply don't like it. You might be able to change them with a great deal of patience and behavior modification. Otherwise, learn how to deal with them in the way that annoys you least.

Switching seats with Dad at a restaurant would have been gracious of you and not a big deal. But there is no reason your in-laws have to be the first to see all potential purchases. Take them when

you feel like it, and if they yell, so be it.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently attended my niece's evening wedding. We are not well, and I told my sister that I didn't know how long we could stay. When she told me the wedding cake would be cut at 11:30 p.m., I asked her to bring a slice home for me.

We tried to stick around and managed to sit through the dinner and two dessert courses. When the wedding cake finally came, I discreetly wrapped mine and put it in my bag. My other sister who was sitting next to me went berserk, ranting for several minutes, calling me a stupid, rude, ill-mannered senior citizen. I was mortified and took the cake out of my bag and left it on my plate.

Did I breach an untouchable rule of etiquette by wanting to take my piece of wedding cake home? — *Bruised in New York*

Dear Bruised: No. In fact, many caterers provide little boxes for precisely that purpose. Your sister was the one who was rude and ill-mannered. Shame on her.

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

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 4
♥ A 10 8 7 5 4
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ —

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ K J 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ J

EAST
♠ 6 5
♥ Q
♦ K 9 7 4 2
♣ Q 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 3 2
♥ 2
♦ A
♣ A K 10 9 8 4 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♥
Pass 2♣ Pass 3♥
Pass 3NT Pass 6♣

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.
This deal is from the 1989 Bermuda Bowl final between Brazil and the United States. It added to the Brazilians' already substantial lead at a time when the Americans were hoping to make a comeback. That hope never materialized, and Brazil went on to capture the world title.

When Mike Lawrence and Kit Woolsey of the U.S. held the North-South cards, they reached six spades as shown. Woolsey's second-round jump-shift — ostensibly showing 19 or more points — understandably

caused Lawrence to think of slam. However, Lawrence had an awkward choice after Woolsey rebid three notrump. He finally opted for six spades, even though he knew his partner had only four spades.

Six spades is not an unreasonable contract, but the opening diamond lead — which knocked a vital entry out of declarer's hand — and the uneven divisions of the black suits gave Woolsey no chance.

He won the diamond lead with the ace, East following low, and ruffed a club with the queen of spades. The K-A-J of spades came next, but when the suit broke 4-2 and the queen of clubs didn't fall, the hand fell apart, and Woolsey finished down three.

At the other table, where Pedro Branco and Roberto Mello of Brazil were North-South, the bidding went:

East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♦
Pass 1♠ Pass 3♦
Pass 4♣ Pass 4♥
Pass 4NT Pass 5NT
Pass 6♣

Four notrump was Blackwood, and five notrump showed one ace and a void. With the club jack falling on the first trump lead, Mello had no trouble making six clubs. After conceding a trump to East's queen, the remaining tricks were his, and Brazil gained 14 IMPs on the deal.

Tomorrow: The art of good defense.
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7	1		6				4	
			3	4	7			
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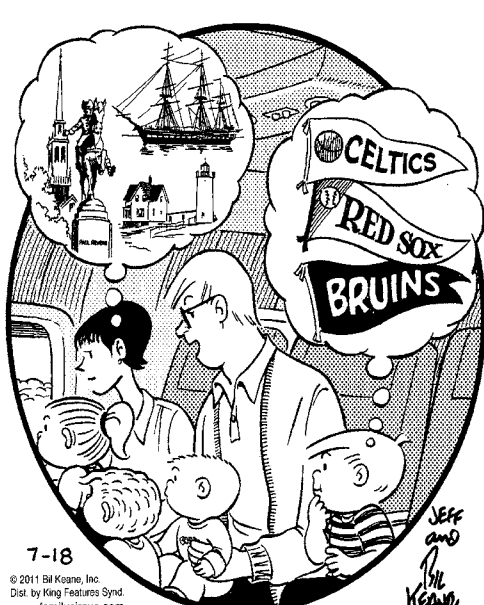
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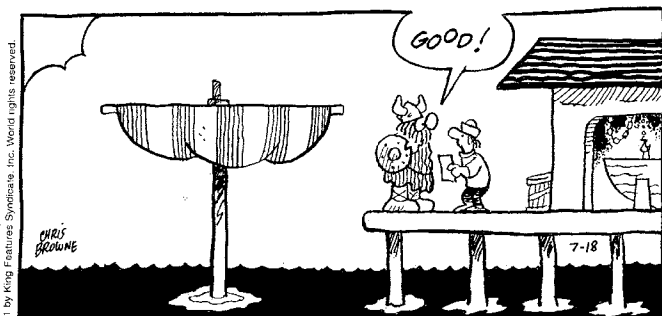


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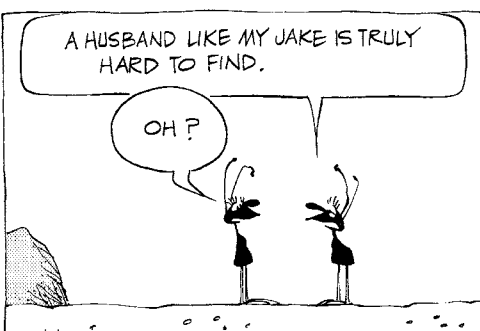
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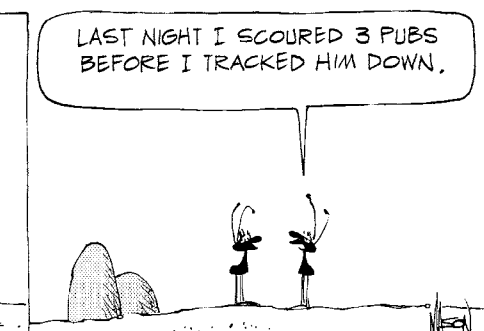
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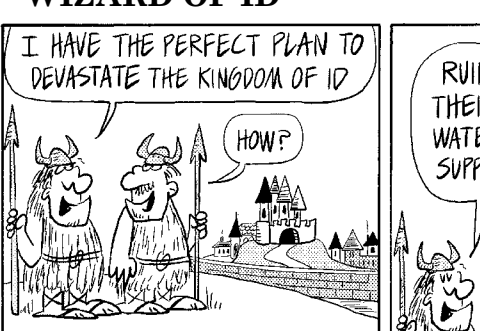
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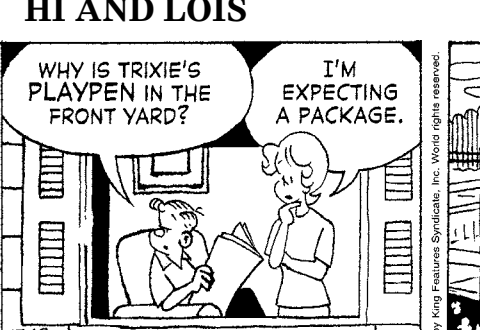
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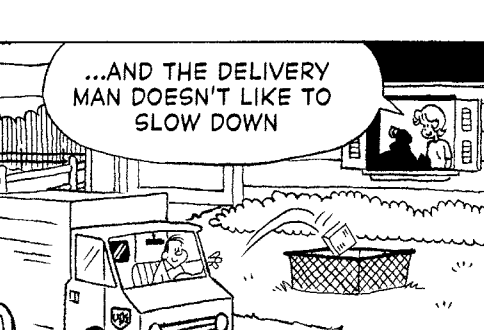
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 18, the 199th day of 2011. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1811, English novelist William Makepeace Thackeray, author of "Vanity Fair," was born in Calcutta, India.

On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.

In 1610, highly influential Italian baroque artist Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio died in Porto Ercole at age 38.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1911, actor Hume Cronyn was born in London, Ontario, Canada.

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to devel-

op the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne (koh-PEHK-nee), drowned.

In 1981, six weeks after being paroled from prison, Jack Henry Abbott, acclaimed for his book "In the Belly of the Beast," fatally stabbed waiter Richard Adan. (Abbott was convicted of manslaughter and sent back to prison; he later committed suicide.)

Today's Birthdays: Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 93. Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 90. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 82.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

65 Colonel or captain

66 Happen next

67 Resorts offering massages

68 Traditional ceremony

69 Stopwatch or hourglass

70 "So what ___ is new?"

71 Piggy-bank opening

72 Lasting marks

73 Gets a glimpse of

DOWN

1 Messy ones

2 Extremely pale

3 Bearlike beast

4 Bend down

5 Didn't give enough to

6 Tycoon's

7 Part of the eye

8 Parceled (out)

9 Polite assent

10 Harvard and Yale's group

11 Hawaiian island

12 Stack

13 Snow vehicle

21 Distant

25 Restaurant serving

27 Car

28 Swimming spots

30 ___ monster (Arizona lizard)

31 "___ well that ends well"

32 Hatching's home

33 Broad smile

34 Assistant

35 Whole lot

36 Sailor's

37 outerwear

38 Search for

41 Apply the brakes

46 Vocalists

49 Attacks from all sides

51 For each

53 Sound-related

55 Oxygen and helium, for instance

56 Popular pie fruit

57 Kid around with

58 Letters before tees

59 Gets it wrong

60 Jack and Jill's container

61 Long-division word

63 West Point sch.

64 One with regrets

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NFL

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— a cap of about \$120 million for player salaries in 2011, with about another \$20 million in benefits.

The lockout began March 12, when negotiations broke down and the old collective bargaining agreement expired.

The NFLPA announced it was dissolving itself and would no longer be a union that could bargain for all players under labor law, instead saying it was now a trade association.

That allowed players to take their chances against the NFL in federal court under antitrust law.

There is a possibility that the sides will be able to put together a tentative agreement in principle in time to keep the preseason completely intact.

The exhibition opener is scheduled to be the Hall of

Fame game between the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears on Aug. 7.

As of Sunday, no preseason games had been canceled.

Members of the legal and financial teams for the two groups met in New York on Saturday.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith spoke with each other.

The larger negotiating teams that gathered for more than 30 hours of intensive face-to-face talks spread across Wednesday through Friday — including owners and current or former players — did not meet Saturday.

Among the parts of the deal that people familiar with the negotiations told the AP are largely in place:

— The players'

portion of the league's full annual revenues will be on a sliding scale with a floor of 46.5 percent and a ceiling of 48.5 percent.

There no longer will be the old formula, under which owners got a cut off the top for various operating expenses before revenues were divided.

The new percentages represent a decrease for players, because they were winding up with a higher percentage under the old contract, which is among the main reasons

spurring owners to opt out of that deal.

According to NFLPA figures, the players got 52.7 percent of all league revenues in 2006, 51.8 percent in 2007, 51 percent in 2008, and 50.6 percent in 2009.

There was no salary cap in 2010. As far back as 2000, meanwhile, the players' take was 56.5 percent of all revenue.

The players are still hoping, though, to get a commitment from owners that each team will spend a minimum

amount of the cap.

— Most players will be able to become unrestricted free agents after four years in the league, and the owners' hope for being able to get a right of first refusal on three players per team in 2011 was dropped.

— First-round draft picks will sign four-year deals, with a club option for the fifth year. The new rookie salary system will help curtail first-year players' soaring salaries, with much of that money going to veterans.

OPEN

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hard times than he cares to remember, the worst of it losing his wife to cancer five years ago.

"Bad times in golf are more frequent than the good times," he said. "I've always been pretty hard on myself when I fail because I don't find it very easy to accept that. And there's times I've been completely and utterly fed up with the game."

The advice from friends, family and agent Chubby Chandler were always the same.

"Get out there and practice and keep going, keep going, keep going," Clarke said. "And that's why I'm sitting here now."

With a one-shot lead over Johnson going into the final round, there was a sense that Clarke wouldn't be able to hold up. But he holed a 12-foot par putt on the first, a downhill 8-footer for par on the third. A 20-foot eagle putt on the seventh, not long after Mickelson made eagle to tie him, gave Clarke the lead for good.

Northern Ireland had gone 63 years — since Fred Daly in the 1947 British Open — without winning a major. Now it has three of the last six.

"Northern Ireland..... Golf capital of the world!!" McIlroy tweeted as Clarke played the last hole.

"We're blessed to have two fantastic players in Rory and GMac, and I've just come along, the only guy coming along

behind them," Clarke said. "We have fantastic golf courses, we have fantastic facilities, but to have three major champions from a little, small place in a short period of time, it's just incredible."

They are so close that a week after McIlroy won the U.S. Open, Clarke pulled out of a tournament in Germany so he could return to Northern Ireland and join the celebration.

Maybe McIlroy, who shot a 73 and complained the weather didn't suit him at the British Open, can return the favor.

"He missed Munich for mine, so I don't think I'll miss a tournament for his, but I'll definitely be there," McIlroy said. "And I'll definitely be one of the last ones to go to bed."

The celebrations also seemed to be for someone else, and Clarke had reason to believe his time had gone. Surely, nothing could top playing a Ryder Cup on home soil in Ireland five years ago and leading Europe to victory just one month after his wife, Heather, died.

He is engaged now, yet his thoughts were with his wife.

"In terms of what's going through my heart, there's obviously somebody who is watching down from up above there, and I know she'd be very proud of me," Clarke said. "She's probably be saying, 'I told you so.'"

Indeed, this was overdue.

No one had ever gone more than 15 starts in the British Open until winning, and this was the 20th try for Clarke. Yet even as he struggled with his game and the adjustment of raising two boys without their mother, and as the spotlight shifted to youth,

Clarke never gave up on his dreams.

"I always believed I would get myself back up here," he said before heading out to the 18th green to collect the oldest trophy in golf. "I always believed I had enough talent to challenge and win one."

He delivered on the demanding links of Royal St. George's to hold off two Americans.

The last hour was a coronation for Clarke, long a popular figure not only in Europe but around the world. Puffing away at cigarettes as he barreled down the fairways, he never looked to be in any trouble.

And the few times he did, the golfing gods came to the rescue. He twice hit shots that were headed for pot bunkers well short of the green, only to hop over them or around them, keeping him in control.

He posed with the claret jug that was empty, but not for long. He promised some "nice, Irish black stuff" by evening. And when asked about the celebration, Clarke promised only that it would be "long."

"And I'll be very, very hungover," he said.

He finished at 5-under 275 and became the first player in his 40s to win a major since Vijay Singh at the 2004 PGA Championship. Only two other players were older than Clarke when they won their first major — Roberto De Vicenzo (44) in the 1967 British Open, and Jerry Barber (45) in the 1961 PGA Championship.

For the Americans, their longest drought without a major since the Masters began in 1934 will continue at least until the PGA Championship next month. They had plenty of contenders, from

Mickelson to Johnson to Rickie Fowler and Anthony Kim, but none came through.

Mickelson's problems started on the par-3 11th, when he missed a par putt from just inside 3 feet.

"It was just a dumb, mental error," Mickelson said. "I just lost focus there, and it hurts to throw shots away like that when I'm behind."

He wound up with a 68, which felt more like a 78, and had his seventh runner-up finish in a major.

It might have been more devastating for Johnson, who never lost his composure even as he fell four shots behind on the front nine. Johnson made a 6-foot birdie on the 10th and a 15-foot birdie on the 12th to get within two shots.

Just like that, it was all over.

Johnson had an 8-foot birdie attempt at No. 13 as Clarke went over the green. Instead of a potential two-shot swing, however, Clarke saved yet another par, and Johnson missed his putt. From the middle of the 14th fairway, Johnson tried to lay up with a 2-iron, playing a draw back toward the flag. The wind caught it and took it beyond the white stakes, and Johnson hung his head and dropped another ball in the fairway.

It was another wasted opportunity — the 82 in the final round of the U.S. Open with a three-shot lead, then taking a two-shot penalty on the last hole of the PGA Championship when he didn't realize he was in a bunker.

"The more I put myself in this situation, the better," said Johnson, who closed with a 72. "The more I learn, the more I understand my game and what happens in this situation."

Thomas Bjorn, who threw away the British Open in a bunker on the 16th hole eight years ago, acquitted himself nicely. He never got closer than three shots all day, but his 71 put him in fourth place and at least earned him a trip back to the Masters next year.

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