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Raul Marquez, chairman of the Big Spring Independent School District Redistricting Advisory Committee, holds the proposed new single-member representation map of the district while addressing trustees during their Thursday meeting.

Wanted: Dist. 3 trustee

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

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The search for a District 3 trustee was one of several items discussed by Big Spring Independent School District trustees during their Thursday meeting.

District 3, which encompasses the west-central portion of Big Spring (including Coronado Hills, Indian Hills, the neighborhoods surrounding Parkway Street and Edwards Heights), has been without an active trustee since Alan Partee declined to seek reelection earlier this year.



Partee



Brorman

Since he's never been officially replaced, Partee is still technically the District 3 trustee, although he hasn't taken an active role since the May elections, Board President Jeff Brorman said.

Since that time, school officials have approached several individuals about serving on the board, but none have volunteered, Brorman added.

Because BSISD has single-member representation, the new trustee must reside in District 3.

"The challenge is finding someone who lives in the district," Brorman said. "We've talked to a lot of people, but we haven't found anyone willing to serve, yet."

Aside from residing within District 3, the new trustee must be of voting age and be a U.S. and Texas citizen and be willing to serve for the next three years.

Brorman said anyone interested in serving on the school board should contact him at 432-770-4556 or call the BSISD central office at 264-3600.

BSISD finalizes redistricting map

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

After three months of sometimes-intensive effort, Big Spring Independent School District officials have a new voting-district map they believe will receive federal

and public approval. Trustees discussed the new map, which is designed to increase minority representation on the school board, during their Thursday meeting at the high school board room.

The major change brought about

by the redraw is BSISD will now have three voting districts that are predominantly minority in ethnic makeup and four with Anglos making up the majority. Currently, the school district has

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Area native co-authors book on farm life, ways

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Agriculture is an important part of our world, especially in a lot of West Texas communities. The importance of that role is portrayed in a new book, "Agriculture on the High Plains."

Samantha Yates Borgstedt, a Texas Tech graduate and employee of Cotton Economics Research Institute, teamed with Darren Hudson, Director of Cotton Economics Research Institute at Texas Tech, to compile a book highlighting the importance of the agricultural industry.

"Dr. Hudson and I feel the view the general public is receiving of the agriculture industry is misleading.



Borgstedt

When most of the American public thinks of agriculture, they think of large corporations using harmful chemicals and destroying the environment," Borgstedt said. "However, if they took the time to drive down any of the roads running through Howard County or any of its surrounding counties, they would see second-, third-, or fourth-generation farmers tending the land the best their resources allow. And

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Obituaries

Charles 'Chuck' Denson



AMARILLO — Charles "Chuck" Denson, 32, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 20, 2011. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Great Plains Western Church with Pastor Royce Mason officiating. Burial will follow at Claude Cemetery under the direction of Cox Funeral Home.

Charles was born in Fairfield, Calif., and was raised in Big Spring, Texas. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School. Charles married Sandie Jones on Oct. 2, 2004, in Amarillo. He was a member of Great Plains Western Church. Charles worked as a supervisor and was employed by Tyson at the time of his passing.

He really enjoyed his family and friends, especially his wife and children. Charles was a Christian and a faithful church member. He enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, fishing and horses. He was always known for his endless love for his wife and children. He will also be known for his zest for living life to the fullest.

Charles is survived by his wife, Sandie Denson of the home; his children, Ryley and Grady Denson, also of the home; mother, Twila Denson of Amarillo; father, Kerry Denson of Amarillo; sisters, Tamra Shumate of Florida and LaDonna Arnold of Fredericksburg; father and mother-in-law, Virgil and Liz Jones of Amarillo; sister-in-law, Brittini Jones of Amarillo; special friends, Ben and Jayme Higdon and Sam and Lexie Davis, all of Amarillo; grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggest memorials be sent to Great Plains Western Church, 520 US 287 Claude, Texas 79019 or to make a donation to Ryley Denson and/or Grady Denson at any Amarillo National Bank Location. Please sign the online guestbook at www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com

Paid obituary

Lilia 'Lily' Howard



Lilia "Lily" Howard, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 21, 1930, to Juana and Francisco Fernandez in Odessa, Texas. She moved to Big Spring from Odessa in 1963. She married Cliff Howard on Oct. 21, 1999, in Stanton, Texas. She was a homemaker and had also worked at the Senior Center. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Cliff Howard of Big Spring; two sons, Lewis Hinojos and wife Lucinda of San Angelo and Rene Hinojos and wife Deborah of Big Spring; three daughters, Lisa Carreher, Lilia Hughes and Joanna Weaver, all of Austin; one step-daughter, Lisa Jensen and husband Robert of Friendswood; two brothers, Lewis Fernandez and Felix Fernandez, both of Odessa; two sisters, Olivia Fernandez of Big Spring and Elia Warren of Washington; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Celestino A. Hinojos, on Jan. 17, 1995; her parents; and a daughter-in-law, Viola S. Hinojos.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Carolyn 'Granny' Redding



Carolyn "Granny" Redding, 74, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 21, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Oct. 9, 1936, in Searcy, Ark., to Gracie and Brady Rice. She has been a resident of Big Spring since 1974, moving from Arkansas. She was a homemaker and a private sitter. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her daughters, Mellissa Davis of Searcy, Ark., Susan Lee of Austin, Cindy Mackie and Allison Redding, both of Big Spring; one son, John Redding Jr. of Austin; one brother, Joe Rice of Searcy, Ark.; eight grandchildren, Skylier Sandridge, Jace Sandridge, Hailey Sandridge, C.J. Hanke, Kasin Redding, Dusty Davis, Daniel Davis and Denise Davis; and one great-grandson, Jaiden Hanke.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Redding in 2004; and two daughters, Kathy Redding and Julie Redding.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Roy E. Keefer

Roy E. Keefer, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Police blotter

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

- JAMES BRYAN KEITH HAMMONDS, 21, of 2611 Dow, was arrested Thursday on two warrants from other agencies.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASHLEY NICOLE RUNCIE, 23, of 1308 Jeffery Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- ZACHARY THOMAS WALSH, 19, of Bronte, was arrested Thursday on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking materials and use or possession

of illegal smoking paraphernalia.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 1600 block of Canary.

In the 1300 block of E. Fourth Street.

- BURLGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- ZACHARY THOMAS WALSH, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of use or possession of illegal smoke material and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication with three prior convictions.

Fire/EMS

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

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 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

- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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two predominantly minority districts.

Raul Marquez, chairman of the Redistricting Advisory Committee, told trustees the group tweaked the boundary lines of District 6 (represented by Board President Jeff Brorman) to increase its minority

voting-age population. District 6 is centered by Howard College in the east-central portion of Big Spring.

Marquez said the final version approved by the committee was the fifth such map considered by the group.

"The first two maps the demographers drew up were just something to look at. They were never seriously considered

as a finished product," Marquez said. "From there, the lawyers and demographers made a third map that was better, but still wasn't good enough."

Marquez said board members Irene Galan and Maria Padilla were the driving forces behind efforts that resulted in the final map.

"The got together with the lawyers ... and came

up with (a fourth map)," Marquez said. "It was better, but we decided to refine it further."

Marquez said he and the committee were pleased with the recommended plan.

"We're very satisfied with the results," he said. "When you consider the time everybody put in and the number of maps we had to consider, I think everybody

did a great job."

The next step will be for the district to hold a public hearing on the new map, then forward it within the next few months to the U.S. Department of Justice for federal approval, said Debbie Green, BSISD business manager.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-

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if they took a little more time to visit with these farmers, they would see calluses on their hands, maybe some sweat on their brow and a great pride in their voice."

While researching for the book, Borgstedt and Hudson decided to use the Texas High Plains as their example because of the diverse production systems, business strategies and the roles of supporting industries.

A native of Tarzan, Borgstedt grew up on a farm and has seen the impact of farming on families and communities and wanted to help people understand the agricultural way of life.

"When I started writing this book I thought I was a farmgirl and cowgirl who knew quite a bit when it came to agriculture. It did not take me long to see I learn something new about this industry every day and will never grow tired of it," Borg-

stedt said. "I have been around farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses all my life, but even now I have a greater respect for them. I have met the most genuine and intelligent individuals with hard-working and never-tiring hearts, hands and minds."

For two years, the authors met with farmers, ranchers and those involved in agribusiness. They discussed the different business strategies put into practice and took a look at organic and conventional ways of farming. They discovered a broad array of business structures and conservation techniques.

The research not only led them to statistics, techniques and business structures, but to finding a new outlook that could only be described through pictures. Through the combination of images and information, Borgstedt and Hudson compiled a book providing insight to West Texas agriculture.

"Howard County is a

very agriculturally tied community, and you will see in this book it takes all in the community to keep American agriculture competitive," Borgstedt said. "From the lenders at the bank, mechanics at the tractor house, seed and fertilizer distributors, tractor drivers, gins, warehouses, merchants, they are all key components to keep the farm and ranch successful, which leads to food on our plates and clothing on our backs."

Many of the photos and stories used in the book come from the West Texas region, including the cover, which pictures the hands of Borgstedt's 93-year-old grandmother, Jack Glaze, holding a cotton boll from her own field.

"Not only is she very special to me, but her hands — like those of all the agriculture farmers — tell a story no words ever could," Borgstedt said.

According to the authors, "Agriculture on the High Plains" is not only for those unaware

of the agriculture way of life, but for those already involved in the industry.

"It will give you a glimpse of how others do business and show how everyone must run their operation the best way suited for them," she said.

While researching the different techniques and shadowing farmers and ranchers, it was clear to see all had the same goal — to produce the best crop or animals possible while continuously conserving land and water — there was not just one way to accomplish that goal.

"We hope readers of this book will gain a better knowledge and respect for those involved in the agriculture industry and they will see that while agriculture is now done on a larger scale requiring more input costs and advanced technology, it is still family oriented," Borgstedt said. "Most of the farms in this area, including Howard County, are still run by families who work hard

and work together to make it successful."

To order a copy of "Agriculture on the High Plains" or to find out more about the authors or book go to agricultureonthehighplainsoftexas.com.

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Howard County Volunteer Firefighters for continuing to answer the calls and protecting the residents in our community. Despite the long hours, they still keep a positive attitude and continue to go above and beyond.

- Big Spring Film Society for bringing a family friendly way to spend a Friday night and drawing attention to the downtown area.

- All those who took part in putting West Fest together and bringing a venue for live music to be played and exposed to the community and to all those who supported the event through volunteering time or attending.

- Sandy Stewart for stepping in and taking on the executive director position for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

- Jeanie Coor for her two years of service with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and support of all their agencies.

- To all residents who are adhering to the burn ban and doing their part to ensure wildfires are not started.

- To all those who are adhering to the water restrictions and doing their part to conserve water during this tough time.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we create a spark of friendship, Lord, with You and ignite our heavenly future. Amen

A crisis that never happened

For weeks, the signs were flashing on every freeway in Los Angeles: 405 closed between 10 and 110/July 16-17. EXPECT BIG DELAYS.

For those who don't speak "freeway," it meant that one of the region's busiest freeways, the San Diego freeway, would be closed from Friday night until Monday morning in the usually jammed corridor between the Valley (the 101) and West Los Angeles (the 10). Don't go out, we were warned. Don't plan on seeing friends on the other side of the great divide.

Carmageddon it was called. It didn't happen. Oh, yes, the freeway did close — but only for 53 hours. And the traffic during that time was so light that the mayor took to the radio on Saturday warning people not to take the absence of traffic as a sign that they should go out. Visit with your neighbors, he advised (this in a city where many people only meet their neighbors when an earthquake forces them out of their house). Take public transportation, he advised (this in a city where there are no subways that run to or from the Westside). Ride your bike (this in a city where riding a bike is perilous, to say the least, given the absence of almost any bike lanes). Walk. (How far?)



SUSAN ESTRICH

While Washington fretted about the debt ceiling, people here fretted about the weekend.

The weekend worked out better than the debt ceiling. It was like living in a better version of Los Angeles — a Los Angeles with fewer cars. Imagine how nice this city would be with less traffic, we all told each other. The traffic was back on Monday. Already planners are worried that when we have to do this again in 11 months, no one will listen to their warnings, remembering how easy it was this time and thinking they'll be the only ones who remember. And we'll be in gridlock.

This is not the first time fear of terrible traffic has led to no traffic at all.

It happened in 1984, I am told, when the Olympic traffic scare resulted in no traffic. It happened in 2000, when the Democratic Convention left streets and freeways all but empty.

There is a lesson in this, but I'm not sure it's one the planners want to hear.

If we can manage to live without everyone climbing into their cars 24/7, why do we only do it on designated disaster days? Imagine a city where there really were fewer cars on the road. It would be, in a word, great.

But that is not the city being built, not the reason the freeway closed. The project is to expand the freeway, and not to create a new trolley or subway or even a bus lane that would make for less traffic. To be fair, the idea of the expansion, in addition to creating jobs (Where are all

those jobs, by the way? I see the workers; there seem to be a lot of them. But the job numbers certainly don't reflect that.), is to add more carpool lanes. Carpool lanes are as far as we are going in trying to get people out of their cars.

I have friends who have bought banged-up Priuses with carpool lane stickers as second (or third) cars so they can move faster on their commutes. I am not sure that is the solution to the region's future. The supposed "subway to the sea," which everyone has been talking about for years, is not, after all, going anywhere near the sea. It will stop miles away, either because it's too expensive, or because people and schools and others closer to the sea don't want a subway bringing others there, or both. You take your pick. And on its way to a few miles from the sea, it won't be going through downtown Beverly Hills, a mecca for shoppers and tourists, for all the same reasons.

The short answer is simply this: We got out of our cars for two days so we could get right back in them on Monday, with an extra lane in the future.

Is this really the future we should be building?

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A long and overdue museum

Editor's Note: This is the 24th part of an ongoing series, "America's Hidden Hispanic Heritage." To read previous columns in the series, go to <http://www.MiguelPerez.com>.

Imagine a place where you could retrace 500 years of Latino-American history, view the most impressive Latino works of art and embrace the rich culture of your fellow Hispanic Americans.

Envision a huge multimedia complex where all Americans could learn about the great contributions Latinos have made to the creation, foundation, defense and economic success of this great nation. Picture a place where people would be awed by the sheer volume of Latino achievers in sports, business, music, entertainment and every other facet of American culture and society.

Imagine a place where everyone could see the beautiful colors Latinos have contributed to the even more beautiful American mosaic!

From the very beginning, the idea of building a national museum to recognize the art, history and culture of U.S. Latinos was a huge hit — not only with Hispanic Americans but also with politicians on both sides of the aisle.

After all, in a 1994 report titled "Willful Neglect," the Smithsonian Institution recognized that U.S. Latinos were the only major contributors to American civilization not permanently recognized by that institution's many galleries.

That admission was so blatant that finally, in 2008, Congress passed and then-President George W. Bush signed legislation establishing a 23-member commission to study the feasibility of building an American Latino museum, and President Barack Obama, along with congressional leaders, appointed a commission that came up with a series of recommendations in a report submitted to Congress and the White House only two months ago.

After conducting a series of public forums around the country for the past two years, the commission concluded that a "National Museum of the American Latino" should be established within the Smithsonian Institution and built on the National Mall at a terrific site near the Capitol. It would join other such ethnic museums as the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and its planned National Museum of African American History and Culture, on which construction is slated to begin next year and be completed by 2015 on the National Mall near the Washington Monument.

"The Mall, more than any other public space in our country does indeed tell the story of America, and yet that story is not complete," wrote Chairman Henry R. Munoz III in a letter introducing the commission's report. "There must also be a living monument that recognizes that Latinos were here well before 1776 and that in this new century, the future is increasingly Latino, more than fifty million people and growing."

Unfortunately, this is a great idea with terrible timing.

The report came at a time when many Americans don't even want to repay the money our government already spent. Asking for taxpayer funds for this project at a time when the government is nearly bankrupt is not going to be easy.

Thus, the commission wisely recommended that half of the \$600 million required to realize this goal should come from private donations. It set a private fundraising goal of \$300 million over a 10-year period and told Congress in its final report that "no federal appropriation would be necessary for the first six years upon establishment of the museum" because "private donations could sufficiently fund the initial years of planning and organization that are required in the pre-design, pre-construction phase of such a project."

The commission proposed legislation that would "allow for immediate authorization with deferred appropriation" of the remaining \$300 million.

"Some might ask in these very difficult economic times how we can afford such an endeavor,"

Munoz wrote. "The real question is how can we afford not to."

The commission reported that during its public outreach efforts around the country, it found that American Latinos feel they are "an integral part of the fabric of the nation," that "there is an urgency, desire, and need for an American Latino museum on the National Mall in Washington" and that "a greater understanding of the long history and significant contributions of Latinos in America benefits all Americans."

Some commission members are so committed to this idea that they have formed a support group, "Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino," complete with its own website, <http://AmericanLatinoMuseum.org>, featuring an introductory video narrated by actress Eva Longoria and encouraging all Americans to support the legislation that would establish the museum.

Of course, for Latino-American history buffs, including me, the idea of a national museum is an invitation to envision so many wonderful exhibits that have been so sorely overdue. It's an opportunity to fill the gaps in American history and correct the historical distortions and injustices that have hidden America's proud Hispanic heritage.

I relish the thought of having a place in Washington where American tourists would be reminded that Spanish St. Augustine, Fla., came almost 42 years before British Jamestown, Va., and that the "American journey" did not begin with the Mayflower — as they are told by a robotic Benjamin Franklin at Disney World — but with the discovery of North America by Juan Ponce de Leon and his Spanish conquistadors in 1513.

Latino-American history began in that year, and perhaps within the next decade, more than 500 years later, it finally will have its own rightful place on the National Mall.

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Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

The dates for 2011 Vacation Bible School are Aug. 1-3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is for age groups kindergarten through sixth grade. There will also be an adult class each evening. The topics of the study will be Heroes of the Faith. Training Super Heroes of God and The Battle Belong to the Lord.

Monday evening we will study events from the life of God's servant Gideon, "Fearless or God." Tuesday evening, we will study events in the life of Deborah, Jude of Israel, "Doing what's right."

Wednesday evening we will look at Joshua, God's leader. A study about "Battle of Jericho." There will also be an awards presentation for all who attended VBS this year. Parents can see their child's classroom, meet their teachers and enjoy ice cream and cookies.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Saturday at 9 a.m. in the dining room, there will be a disaster relief orientation at First Baptist. If you are interested in being a part of a group, who is willing to respond to disaster relief around the world, come and learn about this program. Attending does not obligate you in any way.

Our first through fourth grade children involved in RAs and GAs leave for Mission Camp on Monday and will return Thursday.

We are located at 705 W. FM 700. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Sunday evening our Sunday school classes will meet for fellowship. There are other activities during the week for all ages. Call the church office at 267-8223, for more information.

First Methodist Church

Sunday services at First Methodist Church are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will preach on "Finding Strength for Hard Times," based on Matthew 13:24-30,36-43. The ROTC group composed of 15 junior high and high school students, plus three adult leaders will be bringing reports on their mission trip to Pampa, building wheelchair ramps and witnessing to the Gospel of Christ.

Family fun night and snack supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and Youth Bring Friends in Christ meets at 7 p.m. followed by "AfterGlow."

Senior adult ministry will be holding their annual air conditioned picnic and bingo night at 6 p.m. Tuesday, in Garrett Hall.

Bible study and lunch is Wednesdays at noon. This week's meal will be catered by Just Peachy. Pastor Ivins will conduct our study, "Praying Up An Earthquake" from Acts 15:16-40.

Methodist Moments is a short, devotional time heard each morning on KBST following the 8 o'clock news.

In order to keep our lists of service personnel and those with special needs on our active prayer list, contact Muffett Bomar for any additions or changes. Contact her at rodneybomar@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at the church office.

"Back In the Saddle Sunday" will be Aug. 21. There will be a special meal served following the 10:50 a.m. service. The meat will be furnished and the congregation is asked to bring sal-

ads, veggies or desserts.

Our services are broadcast Sundays. The 8:30 a.m. service is broadcast over KBYG 1400 while the 10:50 a.m. service is available on KBST FM, 97.5.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's 125th Anniversary "Family Reunion Celebration" will take place Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7. If you are interested in sharing this special time with us at the evening buffet and music Saturday, Aug. 6, RSVP by calling 432-267-8201. There will be a charge for the meal.

Photography for our church directory/family album will be taken by Bruce Schooler of the Red Barn Studio this weekend. To sign-up for sitting sessions call 432-267-8201. Sunday, Aug. 7, during our 10:30 a.m. service we will re-dedicate our parish and property.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Coahoma First United Methodist Church

Our church is located at 401 N. Main. For more information contact the church office at 432-394-4432. If you are unable to reach someone at the office, call 432-270-1602 or leave a message. You can also contact us by email at coahomaumc@gmail.com or visit the website at coahomaumc.blogspot.com.

Coahoma First United Methodist Church meets for worship Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. for all ages. Our youth meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. under the direction of Kristen Powell for students sixth to 12th grade. Game and fellowship night is held Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The youth traveled to Six Flags July 21 to attend a Christian rock concert and will return July 23. United Methodist Women meet the first Tuesday of each month and all women are invited. A meal is provided followed by a business meeting and Bible study. Contact the church office for information. Our church wide work day will be Saturday, Aug. 13. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.

Our Bucket List Committee, chaired by Ashley Niblett, is hard at work. The committee has been busy planning, informing and working to let everyone know what projects have been completed around the church and what projects are on "The List" that are being worked on. As projects are completed they are marked off the list and new projects/goals are being added. The committee has monthly meeting and will be working on their mission statement at the August meetings. All church members are invited to attend and bring their thoughts and or suggestions to the meeting. Round up will be held in Lubbock at First United Methodist Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Our Outreach Ministry accepts school supply donations as well as donations to the state Hospital.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive.

Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2c-texas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday; his sermon topic is "Deeper Understanding."

Church begins Sunday at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Dolline Budke will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Psalm 125, Romans 8:28-39 and Matthew 13:44-52.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Our elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Phillip Reid.

The flowers this week are given by Charles Lusk to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of the ministry and life of the Rev. Carroll Kohl and family.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Tomorrow at Alive in Christ, Pastor Pace from Grace Lutheran will be presenting a Stewardship Convocation entitled "Faith Filled Response". It will begin at 8 a.m. and finish by noon.

Sunday, the adult Sunday school will continue the study "The Bible According to Andy Griffith" while the youth will continue the audio series "Adventures in Odyssey".

Wednesdays, we are continuing studying the video series, "That the World May Know", being hosted by Pastor Carroll Kohl. There will be no meals served prior to the study, but snacks and goodies will be available during the study. Please join us at the church by 7 pm for this very interesting series.

The lesson for this week is Lesson 24: "The Weight of the World" - Capernaum/Gethsemane

Last Saturday our VBS was a wonderful and exciting experience for our youth and everyone involved. "Planet Zoom where Bold Believers Zip, Zap, and Zoom for Jesus" focused on the miracle: "Jesus Fed a Big Crowd". The Board of Education would like to thank everyone who brought their youth as well as many individuals who helped make this VBS a great success.

The members of Mariachi San Pablo were very involved the entire weekend.

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a great time meeting and interacting with our members and guests, especially the Mariachi San Paulo before they continued their journey to Arkansas and Nebraska.

July 31, our 8th Annual Lutheran Night at the Ballpark is scheduled at 5:15 p.m. with the picnic and the game at 6 p.m. The Rockhounds and Corpus Christi will be playing.

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sept. 11, after the noon pot luck.

"Wall Builders," scheduled for Sept. 24, has been cancelled.

Neither the LWML nor the Board of Assimilation will meet during the summer.

Scheduled meetings for August include: Aug. 8, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Meet at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting Aug. 11. Bring a dish at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

There will be no choir practice until the last week in July.

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CHURCH

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The joint Vacation Bible School with Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Christian churches this week was successful.

Nancy Hale is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Mike Robinson is liturgist.

The Service Committee is asking all of us to donate water, sunscreen, wipes, aspirin and chapsticks for the volunteer firemen of Big Spring and Howard County. A box will be placed in the Narthex Sunday to receive these donations to show appreciation for the tireless service these people have rendered during this hot, dry summer.

The lectionary is Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. For a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fcbs.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 o'clock Sunday morning to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary is Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Camp Creekbed" is registering for Vacation Bible School Extravaganza. VBS is Saturday, Aug. 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Our phone number is 432-714-4584.

All children from age 4 and going into Kindergarten in the fall through those that finished 5th grade in May are invited to attend. A hot dog lunch will be served. Pick up registration forms from the church office at 702 Johnson in the Max Green Building. The office entrance is at the rear of the building. Office hours are Monday-Thursday between 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org to print a copy of the registration form.

Pre-Register by noon Monday, July 25 and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 in groceries. Parent/guardian must be present at drawing to win. Registration is also available the day of event. All children must be registered on or

before the day of the event. No "drop-offs". All children must be accompanied into the building at registration and out of the building at the end of the day by a parent/guardian. Registration forms are required for all children attending. Parents/guardians are invited to attend the closing session at 4:30 p.m. to see what their children have learned throughout the day.

A "love offering" will be collected with proceeds to be donated to benefit local volunteer firefighters.

Volunteer opportunities are available in all of our children and youth programs including Vacation Bible School.

Fellowship begins each Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 pm. Children's Activities, Youth Worship and Adult Bible Study start at 6:15 pm. The Choir will resume rehearsals August 10, 2011.

Youth "Connection Groups" meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times and locations. Contact the church office for more information.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday worship at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school is after the service and is led by Pastor Don Rosentreter in the parish hall.

Wednesday noon Bible study will continue our study of the book, "Held in High Esteem." Bring your "brown bag" lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission. A complete list can be found at the church.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad St. Sundays start with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The worship service is at 10:50 a.m. July 24 Pastor Ken McIntosh will bring the message "The Lopsided Steal" from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

The board will meet July 24 at noon. Eighters Camp is July 24-30. The Christian education committee will meet July 27 at 10 a.m. The choir will resume Wednesday night rehearsals Aug. 3. Rock the Desert will be Aug. 1-7 in Midland.

Isaiah 58 is in need of volunteers to help unload the truck Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. — 6 p.m. and Tuesdays 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels.

For questions or further information, call the church office at

432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates bringing the message.

Sunday school meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion "Let God Rule" taken from Judges 7:2-4 and 13-15 will be led by Bill Lovelace.

The United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 503 E. 16th and continue the study of Proverbs.

Adult Sunday school class donated five new fans to the Salvation Army and bought 20 cases of bottled water for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

July 31 after morning worship will be the Fifth Sunday Fellowship Potluck Luncheon followed by a regular administrative board meeting.

Plans are being made for a fall chicken and spaghetti dinner with a book sale and a "Treasure Sale."

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203. If no answer leave a message.

East Side Baptist Church

We will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of being a Local New Testament Baptist Church, Sunday, July 31.

Our special guest will be Don and Judy Earley, "Earley Praise." They will be singing at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for all age four and younger.

East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth. For more information, call 267-1915.

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John-Deere green is one of my favorite colors. It's not that I am fond of bright green, but I have cherished memories of an old green tractor and the farmer who owned it.



BONNIE WHEAT

As a little girl, I would stand outside in the summer until dusk, listening for the poppin' Johnny. When I heard that distinctive sound, I would run down the dirt road to meet my daddy and get a ride on the tractor. He always stopped in the middle of the road and waited for me to climb aboard. Sometimes I got to stand between his knees and "drive" the tractor the rest of the way home.

While my John-Deere memories span several decades, the story started long before my time. In 1836 an Illinois' blacksmith named John Deere invented a plow made of steel that eventually became known as "the plow that broke the plains." Before Deere's invention, the cast-iron or wooden plows used by farmers in the Midwest stuck to the soil and had to be cleaned often. The steel plow solved the problem.

A clever businessman, Deere also introduced the practice of making plows before they were ordered and advertising them for sale. His customers seemed to like the idea of being able to see the finished product before they paid for it.

Deere, the founder of Deere and Company, a world leader in the manufacture of agriculture equipment, was a man of integrity. He once said, "I will never put my name on a product that does not have the best that is in me."

The Bible speaks of another man of integrity. When King David was instructed by God to build an altar on the site of a threshing floor that belonged to a man named Ornan, he approached the owner about purchasing the site. But Ornan offered to give the king the site for the altar, the oxen for the burnt offering, the wood for the fire, and wheat for a grain offering. However, David replied, "No but I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the Lord, or offer a burnt offering which cost me nothing" (1 Chronicles 21:24 NASB).

Perhaps we should all be more concerned about putting our names on only the best that is within us, the things that cost us full price to give.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

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Reflections

Nightfall

Under the glaring light of day we may fool ourselves into thinking we are center stage, that everything revolves around us, but the night gently tells us we are, in fact, a small spec in the galaxies of creation. The wind, whipped into a hot fury during the day, loses its strength, grows silent and lies down for the night. Darkness dissipates the day's heat. Tires that whine on pavement grow silent along with the roar of the engines that drive them. Crickets tune their instruments and fireflies flit about in the dark. The world sleeps. As the sun fades in the west, the lesser lights gradually take their place in the night sky.

Perhaps previous generations were more in tune with the realities of their existence because they spent more time under the night sky.

Too often, we crawl into our houses and fill the evening hours with noise from our televisions without witnessing the nighttime reminders that were designed to renew the spirit and place each day's work in perspective.

Genesis describes night in God's creation: "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the

greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning."

A shepherd who grew up under the stars guarding his father's flocks, David wrote, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than God and you crown him with glory and majesty. ... How majestic is your name in all the earth." ... "Give thanks to Him ... who made the moon and stars to rule by night, for his loving kindness is everlasting." (Psalm 36:9)

"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light! Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created." (Psalm 148).

When the night falls, know that He is near.

Bill Tinsley's column reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His book, Finding God's Vision: Missions and the New Realities is now available as an Amazon e-book. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



BILL TINSLEY

News in brief

Debt talks still aim for elusive 'grand bargain'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is moving to cast away a budget cutting plan passed by the Republican-controlled House, clearing the way for increasingly urgent government talks over raising the nation's debt ceiling. President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner searched once more for an ambitious \$4 trillion grand bargain, but officials said wide differences remained.

Less than two weeks from an Aug. 2 deadline that could precipitate a first-ever government default, the continuing Obama-Boehner talks kept alive the possibility of substantial deficit reduction that would combine cuts in spending on major benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid and revenue increases through a broad overhaul of the tax code.

"We have the opportunity to do something big and meaningful," Obama declared in a newspaper opinion piece. And from the Capitol, Boehner said House Republicans were prepared to compromise and prodded Obama: "The ball continues to be in the president's court."

Talk of a deal prompted a spasm of distress among Senate Democrats worried that Obama would agree to immediate cuts but put off tax revenues that the president has said are key to any agreement. The White House immediately sought to tamp down talk of an impending deal. Democratic officials familiar with the talks said both the cuts to benefit programs such as Medicare and a tax overhaul are too complicated to undertake quickly and would have to wait up to a year to negotiate. The officials, however, said any agreement would have to have strict requirements that would guarantee Congress had to act.

First, however, the Democratic-controlled Senate on Friday planned to dispense with a House-passed measure that would raise the debt limit by \$2.4 trillion on the condition that Congress sends a constitutional balanced budget amendment to the states for ratification and approves trillions in long-term spending cuts.

British lawmaker asks police for investigation into disputed James Murdoch claim

LONDON (AP) — A British lawmaker says he will ask police to investigate a claim that James Murdoch gave inaccurate testimony to a parliamentary committee investigating phone hacking.

Two former employees of Murdoch's News International challenge his contention that he hadn't seen evidence suggesting eavesdropping at one of his newspapers went beyond a jailed rogue reporter.

Murdoch's former legal adviser and an ex-editor say they told media mogul Rupert Murdoch's son years ago about an email that suggested the rot at the News of the World was more widespread than previously claimed.

Tom Watson, a lawmaker in the opposition Labour Party, told the BBC Friday he would ask "formally" for police to investigate the development.

Ex-fugitive set to leave Serbia for Hague tribunal

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — A convoy of jeeps and police cars left the detention unit of the Serbian war crimes court on Friday, reportedly taking the last Balkan war-crimes suspect to visit his sick mother before he is extradited to the U.N. tribunal.

There was no immediate official confirmation that former Croatian Serb leader Goran Hadzic was in the convoy. Hadzic's lawyer Toma Fila told the Associated Press that his client likely will be sent to the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Friday.

The official Tanjug news agency reported the convoy stopped in the northern city of Novi Sad and that there was a heavy police presence blocking the streets near the family home.

Other relatives visited Hadzic in his prison cell earlier Friday.

Serbian special police have deployed along the highway leading north of Belgrade, in an indication that the extradition process is imminent.

Heat spreads into Northeast

NEW YORK (AP) — When the sun goes down during a heat wave, there's more to worry about than finding the cool spot on the pillow. Real danger may be just beginning.

For folks without air conditioning, a nighttime respite from the worst of the heat gives the body a vital chance to recover from the stresses of the day. But as searing heat moved into the Northeast and its big cities on Thursday, experts cautioned that those stresses can actually rise when nighttime air doesn't cool to levels that provide relief.

"Everybody kind of gets fixated on how hot it gets: 'Did we break 100?'" observed Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel. "But the nighttime temperatures can be just as important."

Those trying to find ways to beat the nighttime heat have to get creative.

"I jump in the pool or take a shower and go to bed with wet hair," said Joan Pelletier, of Toledo, Ohio, where temperatures soared past 100 on Thursday and the heat index around 10 p.m. was still 95 degrees.

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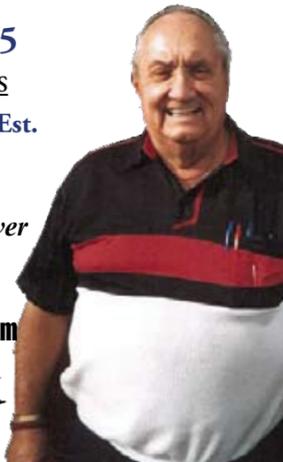
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Champions

Rangers lose 2nd straight to Angels



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Big Spring's 12-U all-star softball team, Blew-By-U, recently returned to the Crossroads with a first place trophy from the West Texas All-Star Tournament. This was the team's seventh trip to the tournament and their first championship.

Pictured left to right: Chayo Munoz, Tony Sarmiento (Coach), Ashley Gonzales, Mary Gomez, Mariah Sarmiento, Keelee White, Destiny Mata, Kaylee Kemper, Shane Kemper (Coach). Bottom row left to right: Hunter Seymore, Leah Burton, Annie Chandler, Kendall Phillips, Ysabel Soliz.

ANAHEIM (AP) — Texas manager Ron Washington had Jered Weaver in his clubhouse less than two weeks ago when the major leagues' ERA leader was his starter in the All-Star game. He never should have let him go.

The Los Angeles Angels' ace pitched like one again Thursday against the Rangers, winning a riveting duel with All-Star teammate C.J. Wilson and capitalizing on a rare error by center fielder Endy Chavez for a 1-0 victory.

"When you see him, he looks flaky," Washington said of Weaver, a lanky 6-foot-7 righthander with the flowing blond locks. "You think he's one of those surfer guys that hangs out at the beach. But he's a pro. He's into his craft, and he's a quality pitcher."

Weaver (13-4) scattered seven hits over seven-plus innings and struck out six to win his seventh straight decision and reduce his ERA to 1.81 — the lowest ever by an Angels pitcher through his first 21 starts of a season.

"He does a good job of pitch-

ing to hitters' weaknesses," Washington said. "He seems to know exactly what they're opposite stuff. He's grown as a pitcher in the years that we've seen him. To me, the biggest improvement he's made is that he's always ahead in the count. When he first came up, I think he tried to get a lot of his outs out of the strike zone. But now his command is so much better. He lives on the edges and he comes in when he has to."

Wilson (10-4) held the Angels to two hits over eight innings, struck out eight and walked one. The 30-year-old left-hander, who was pushed up day ahead of homer-prone Colby Lewis so that he could face the Angels, allowed a leadoff single by rookie Mark Trumbo in the fifth and a two-out double by Macier Izturis in the eighth.

Weaver retired the first two batters in six of the first seven innings. Elvis Andrus doubled with one out in the first and was thrown out at third by Jeff Mathis on the front end

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NFL owners approve new deal, but players refuse

COLLEGE PARK, Ga. (AP) — NFL owners chatted much of the day, polished off a couple of meals, then overwhelmingly approved a deal to end the lockout.

Only one problem: The players aren't ready to join them at the table just yet.

So America's most popular sport remains in labor limbo a bit longer.

The owners voted 31-0 Thursday for a decade-long deal to settle the impasse, but any giddiness among fans was quickly snuffed out. The players declined to vote on the proposal, at least right away, and a rash of Twitter messages left little doubt that plenty of work remains before there's any blocking and tackling.

"NFL players! Stay strong! We are still fighting for past, present and

future players. We will vote when they give us something to vote on!" wrote Ryan Clark of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Added Robert Johnson of the Tennessee Titans: "Owners tried to pull a fast 1 on us making the fans believe it's because of US the players....Not this time buddy."

Commissioner Roger Goodell and the owners expressed hope that their vote would lead to a speedy resolution to the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987. They called it an equitable deal that improves player safety and allows the sport to prosper even more.

"It is time to get back to football," a weary Goodell said during an evening news conference at an Atlanta-area hotel.

The players said they won't be rushed into a

deal, even with the owners insisting that time is running out to get in a full slate of four pre-season games and 16 regular-season contests.

Already, one game is sure to be lost: The league called off the Hall of Fame exhibition opener, set for Aug. 7 between Chicago and St. Louis.

"The time was just too short," Goodell said.

The owners pored over details of the proposed settlement for some nine hours, first breaking for lunch, then sending for dinner before a vote finally was taken. Every team approved it except the Oakland Raiders, who abstained.

Afterward, no one seemed in a celebratory mood. It sounded more like relief.

"These things, by their very nature, aren't supposed to make you nec-

essarily happy when you walk out the door. It was a negotiation," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I don't mean to sound negative, but it isn't exactly like Christmas has come along here."

Instead, Jones and his fellow owners called for a fair process involving plenty of give-and-take on both sides.

"It's been long and at times has been very, very difficult," said Jerry Richardson, owner of the Carolina Panthers. "We're confident that the players and the teams have arrived at a good place. We think we have a fair, balanced agreement."

But George Wilson, the player representative for the Buffalo Bills, called the owners' vote and subsequent news conference "an attempt to break the spirits of our men and to fracture

the solidarity that we've exemplified thus far."

He said the deal approved by the owners included provisions the players haven't even seen, which is why no vote was taken during a conference call Thursday night.

"Ultimately, the guys felt like this thing is being force-fed to us, that it's being shoved down our throats," Wilson told The Associated Press. "And the way everything transpired this evening, in a sense, was trying to add more pressure to the situation and force us to accept this deal without really being able to see all the details of what they voted on."

Clearly, the basic outline of the proposed agreement — much of which was agreed upon a week ago — can still produce a deal accept-

able to both owners and players. Maybe, given all the enmity displayed during the four-month work stoppage, it was farfetched to think everything would go smoothly at the end.

"I don't think this deal is blown up," Wilson said. "We can definitely work through these issues."

The fans are tired of all the labor talk. They're just ready for some football.

"Finally," said Dave Gower of Knoxville, Tenn., who just happened to be staying at the hotel where the owners met. "I don't understand why it took so long. I hope the players take it and run with it."

Packers president Mark Murphy said no one was trying to pull a fast one on the players,

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Briefs

Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for more information.

Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Those previously holding season tickets can purchase tickets for the 2011-2012 season July 18-Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The ticket books are \$25 and include all five home games. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 432-264-3662.

Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups will begin Saturday, July 16. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday from July 16 through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18

between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Flag football workers needed

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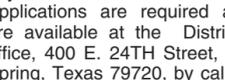
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Welcome to the first day of the Leo sun in 2011. Since Leo is ruled by the sun, when our favorite star enters that section of the sky, he is coming home — the place where he feels most comfortable to express himself.



HOLIDAY MATHS

Leo's motto is "I will." It should be easier to connect with your desire and put action behind it in the weeks to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What someone else thinks of as a step forward, you think of as

taking two steps back. It may be a sign that you're not going to get anywhere fast with this person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Decisions will seem more important than they really are. Almost anything you decide can be later rescinded if necessary. Know that you are free to change your mind, and you'll taste more of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are willing to devote a few minutes to solving the unexpected problems presented to you by family and friends. But if it looks like the issue cannot be licked in under 20 minutes, you'll let it ride another day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll set aside a

certain time for a project, and life will get in the way. This is not a test of your resolve. It's more likely an opportunity to recognize what's more important and tend to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The same is true of lunches and parachutes — you're better off packing your own today. The more self-reliant you are the better equipped you'll be to create a happy outcome.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Another person is thinking intently about you. It feels nice to know you are being considered. But you should also know that the other person sees you not how you are, but how he or she expects you to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your calm satisfaction lives outside the boundaries of ticking minutes. While you focus on what you are doing without worry about the amount of time it is taking, you remain in a state of grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You get busy without complaint or explanation. Your concentration is strong, and you ride this day like an expert surfer riding the ultimate wave. Hang loose!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be a beautiful continuity to this day, as though things are picking up where they left off and progressing to interesting places. All you have to do is enjoy the

scenery.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Here's something to do before you invite a task into your life: Find out how much effort it will take. Ask questions about the timeframe. This will prevent later disappointment or resentment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The idea of being late is, in some realms of thought, ridiculous. You are where you are when you are there. If you believe that everything in the universe is working perfectly, there is no such thing as "late."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you make a wrong choice doesn't mean you owe yourself a punishment.

Try to bring more understanding to the scene instead. You'll do better next time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). Dedicating yourself to loved ones helps you grow in athletic, mechanical, technical and artistic ability. You'll hold a position of leadership in August. You'll use physical energy to build and generate wealth through the fall, but in 2012, you'll earn by making intelligent decisions. A romantic getaway happens in Taurus, and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 5, 39 and 18.

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Dear Margo

A word about the me, me, me people

Dear Margo: I think you or your readers may not understand what it's like to live with someone who is a narcissist. The word is so often thrown around. Just one example: My own mother (diagnosed with narcissism and borderline personality) tried to pick



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a fight with everyone at my lovely mother-in-law's memorial service because she needed to be the center of attention.

I would suggest to anyone dealing with this reality to look objectively at whatever the situation is and figure out what will give such a person the least "juice" and/or opportunity to become the center of attention. I would also recommend enlisting the help of people who are aware of the situation to take shifts monitoring such a person at any public affair. — *Been There*

Dear Been: Let me put it this way: I've not lived with someone who's a narcissist, but I certainly did know one rather well. And you are right about that word being thrown around. It is an actual mental health diagnosis, and a woman who primps in front of a mirror does not qualify.

People develop all kinds of mechanisms for coping with the narcissists in their lives — and, to be realistic, some people are not even aware that such behavior is what they're dealing with. Your suggestions for managing aggressive and obvious egoists are good ones — and about the only ones.

Fascination with oneself, of course, comes from insecurities and early family situations that are skewed in one way or another. For whatever reason, narcissists resist therapy because, like some alcoholics, they do not recognize that there's a problem. A famous, though certainly

appealing, narcissist was Mohammed Ali. Once, before a plane he was on took off, the flight attendant told him to fasten his seatbelt. His answer was, "Superman don't need no seat belt." The wonderful response was: "Superman don't need no airplane, either." He laughed and did as he was told. — *Margo, managerially*

There are times when no response is appropriate

Dear Margo: A few years ago, my partner was outside gardening when a neighbor stopped to talk to him. Later on, when my partner came inside, he told me Mr. Neighbor had told him about his

married life, children, etc., and how he'd always wanted to have something done to him by a guy. My partner suggested to our neighbor that he try a "facsimile," but he didn't like that idea.

My partner has no problem screaming at me, but when he should correctly tell someone off, he's all polite. I found the neighbor's request disgusting because 1) it's common knowledge in the neighborhood who we are and that we're a couple, and 2) (and yes, this is shallow and meaningless) the neighbor is old, fat, and ugly. Yes, you can scold me for writing that.

There is a block party once a year, and when this man has been there, I simply avoid or ignore him. On a rare occasion,

he might be out walking his dog, and I ignore him. My partner will speak to him as if nothing happened, which makes me want to scream. Should I send him a note telling him I know what he asked and to keep his distance? — *Don't Go to Strangers*

Dear Don't: Calm yourself. The unfortunate-looking neighbor propositioned your partner — I would guess more out of curiosity than desire — a couple of years ago! You need to stop obsessing about this. And there is definitely no need for a note. From what you

say, he is seldom seen anyway, so he is, in effect, already keeping his distance. Here's a lesson I learned from my mother. There is no need to cut someone off at the knees simply because a proposition is proffered. Your partner basically laughed it off, and I suggest you do the same. It's fine to ignore him, if that makes you feel better, and just keep on showering him with indifference. — *Margo, maturely*

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Legals

NOTICE OF SALE
J&K Storage, at 3609 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, TX is selling the following property to satisfy a landlord's lien according to Chapter 59. The following tenant's property will be sold: #23 Steven Michael Berdejas, #25 Keisha Jones Shelton, #42 Abby Helm, #69 Perry Greathouse, #109 William Hernandez, #125 Brenda Tubbs, and #H12 Vanessa Laureles.

The sale will be held at 4001 Ave R, Snyder, TX on July 30, 2011 at 10:01 AM. Any and all units can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of J&K Storage.
#7059 July 22 & 24, 2011

Legals

AMENDMENT- 7/21/11
City of Big Spring
Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
BJ Kilpatrick, LT 3 BK 78 of Parkhill addition, Located at 704 W. 17th St., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.
#7061 July 22 & 24, 2011

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

| North | East | South | West |
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| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3 | Pass |

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠KQ983 ♥KJ82 ♦7 ♣A106
2. ♠K8753 ♥KQ54 ♦— ♣Q762
3. ♠AQ982 ♥AJ95 ♦Q17 ♣10
4. ♠AKJ82 ♥KQ73 ♦6 ♣A73

1. **Four spades.** The moment your partner opens the bidding, you know there's a game in the combined hands. The only problem is to find the best contract. Your first two responses were directed toward locating a major-suit fit, and now you've found one.

Partner's preference bid of two spades should indicate three-card support, although on a rare occasion it might be made with a doubleton honor. Given the very probable 5-3 fit in spades, that game rates to be safer than three notrump, especially in view of your singleton diamond, which might make it difficult to establish partner's suit.

2. **Pass.** Game prospects are very poor, considering partner's minimum rebid of two diamonds and his belated spade preference. You should therefore settle for a partscore.

3. **Four diamonds.** Despite your partner's discouraging rebids of two

diamonds and two spades, there is still a reasonable chance for a slam. You should therefore do everything possible to try to reach it.

Your leap to four diamonds implies a singleton (or void) in clubs as well as good diamond support. If partner holds ♠J63 ♥6 ♦AK9852 ♣A43, he should have no compunctions about bidding six diamonds even with his minimum opening values. But if his hand consists of ♠1063 ♥7 ♦AK10964 ♣KQ2, he should sign off at four spades because his club honors are virtually worthless opposite a singleton or void.

4. **Three clubs.** There is a good chance for a slam here also — this time in spades — but again you should not make the final decision yourself. Partner might have values where you don't need them and lack values where you do need them, in which case a slam could work out badly. You therefore consult partner by cuebidding your ace of clubs.

How far you go depends on what partner does next. He will know from your cuebid that you are angling for a spade slam, and he will presumably react accordingly. If he shows a lack of interest by bidding either three diamonds or three notrump, you will have to settle for game in spades. But if he cooperates by making a constructive bid (such as three hearts or four spades) over three clubs, you should head directly for slam.

Tomorrow: Cutting the Gordian Knot.
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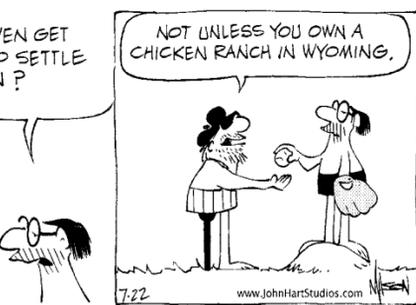
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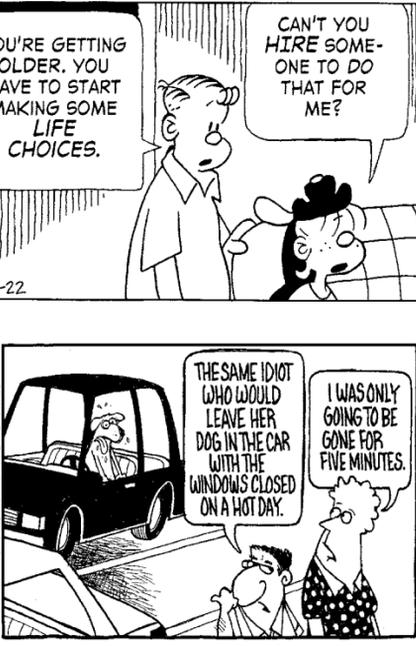
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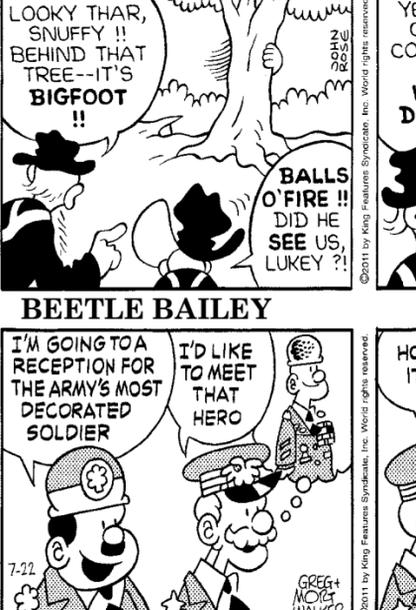
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2011. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1861, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution declaring the Civil War was being waged to preserve the Union rather than to end slavery, a stance that would shift as the conflict continued. (The Senate passed a similar resolution three days later.)

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleaveland (correct).

In 1893, Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates visited the summit of Pikes Peak, where she was inspired to write the original version of her poem "America the Beautiful."

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 23 Piece of the action
 - 24 Jargon ending
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 - 26 Small explosion
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 - 33 Antiquated announcement
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 - 42 Electrified particles
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 - 46 Reach a maximum
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 - 52 Large quantity
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 - 5 British diarist
 - 6 Types of daisies
 - 7 Three-sided blade
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 - 10 From the beginning
 - 11 South American capital
 - 12 Just not done
 - 13 Honorarium
 - 21 Like some dumbbells: Abbr.
 - 22 Some races
 - 27 Gone by
 - 29 Performs
 - 31 Agreement details
 - 34 Extent
 - 36 Make goo-goo eyes at
 - 37 Lack of objectivity
 - 38 Part of a living-room suite
 - 39 Awkward
 - 40 Sourdough, quite possibly
 - 41 Well-pitched
 - 46 Audio accessory
 - 47 Rat out
 - 49 "Can it!"
 - 50 Cry of discovery
 - 51 Contrarians' opposites
 - 55 OK Corral name
 - 58 "Away in a Manger," e.g.
 - 59 Fashion mag
 - 60 Matisse worked with them
 - 61 Car renter's option

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