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Sexual charge leads to lockup

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring teen was arrested and charged with indecency with a child – sexual contact Saturday evening after law enforcement officers discovered a female victim under the age of 17 at his home, according to arrest records.



Perches Andres Reyes Perches III, 17, was arrested Saturday night by the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a charge of indecency with a child – sexual contact after law enforcement officers discovered Perches "in contact" with the female at his home.

According to Sheriff Stan Parker, Perches was taken into custody at the scene and shortly after booked into the Howard County Jail.

"The Sheriff's Office received a call from the north part of the county," Parker said. "We found him (Perches) in contact with the victim – a female under the age of 17 years – at a location that was later determined to be Perches' home."

"Perches was taken into custody and booked into the Howard County jail on a charge of indecency with a child – sexual contact, and the victim was turned over to her parents."

Parker said a runaway report had not been filed on the female victim and declined to comment further on the relationship between the girl and Perches.

Perches was still in the custody of the Howard County Jail this morning with bond having been set at \$7,500, according to jail officials.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

The Big Spring Herald hosted a community wide garage sale to benefit area volunteer fire departments Saturday morning. The garage sale took place from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. with 11 vendors taking part. Many residents took advantage of the cooler morning temperatures and came out to support the cause, which raised more than \$700.

Alon trial continues in 118th District Court

Lawsuit alleges company was negligent

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The defense is expected to pick up where it left off Friday when the legal battle between oil giant Alon USA – owner of the Big Spring Refinery – and local residents claiming damages caused by the Feb. 18, 2008, explosion once again gets under way Monday morning.

According to court officials, the plaintiffs in the case – which represents more than 150 local residents, including David and Janet Higgins, the two plaintiffs being represented

in this leg of the legal action – rested Thursday afternoon, with the defense beginning its presentations shortly after.

The lawsuit alleges the explosion, which shook Big Spring and destroyed much of the refinery, was caused by negligence on the part of Alon USA and its subsidiaries.

"The defendants (Alon USA and several subsidiaries) acted with malice and such conduct was the proximate cause of plaintiff's injuries," reads the lawsuit, submitted on

behalf of more than 150 Crossroads residents by Pinkerton Law Firm, based out of Webster, Texas.

The explosion ripped through the refinery during the early morning hours with at least one Big Spring business shut down due to structural concerns caused by the blast. Several others were reported to have suffered damages, including blown-out windows and doors.

According to witness accounts, the cause of the February explosion

Attorney's trial moved to Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Winkler County Attorney Scott Tidwell – charged with two counts each of retaliation and misuse of official information in connection with a recent whistleblower case involving a pair of nurses – will go to trial Sept. 26 in Howard County's 118th District Court.



Tidwell

The change of venue was granted by retired 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III, who presided over the motion Thursday. However, neither the prosecution, headed

up by Texas Assistant Attorney General David Glickler, or Odessa defense attorney David Zavoda got the venue they were hoping for.

In previous pre-trial motions, Zavoda had pressed the court to hold the trial in Winkler County.

"Mr. Tidwell has a right to be charged by a jury of his peers," he said, according to an article published by the Odessa American. "If the state is concerned that Mr. Tidwell cannot get a fair trial in Winkler County, we relieve them of that burden."

Glickler had pushed to have the trial

Debt and spending deal gains support

ANDREW TAYLOR
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON – A crisis-conquering deficit-reduction agreement struck by the White House and congressional leaders after months of partisan rancor picked up momentum in the Senate Monday, as a member of the Republican leadership predicted at least 30 GOP votes.

"Maybe 35 will support it in the end. There will be some who will pull back," Sen. Mike Crapo, the deputy Republican whip, told reporters, as climactic votes approached in both the House and Senate on the long-sought spending plan.

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Rock the Desert begins Thursday

Annual Christian rock event celebrating its 12th anniversary

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer

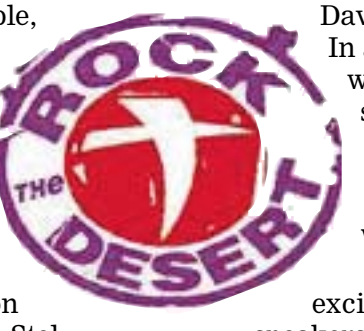
MIDLAND – The desert will be rocking for the 12th year at Rock the Desert 2011, Spirit in the Sky.

Rock the Desert 2011 has been scheduled Thursday through Saturday.

According to Rock the Desert officials, this year's lineup is the "most thrilling" yet. Bands will include Sent

by Ravens, Disciple, The Afters, Underoath, Stars Go Dim, Sevenglory, Remedy Drive, Superchick, Decemberradio, Mike Fararis, Skillet, Aaron Gillespie, Revive, Stellar Kart, Transform DJ's, Switchfoot, Ben Rector and

David Crowder. In addition, there will be several speakers – Matt Pitt, Canton Jones and Brian "Head" Welch. "We are really excited about the speakers for this year," said Amory Snelson, office manager for Rock the Desert.



"We have heard them before and they are all really great speakers."

The ongoing partnership with Shoes for Hungry Souls/Buckner International will continue. Shoe drives have been taking place throughout the community of Midland and thousands of shoes have been collected. Rock the

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Rodney Peterson



Rodney Peterson, 80, of Big Spring went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 29, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born July 1, 1931, in Nacogdoches, Texas, and married Mary Ruth Niblett on Feb. 13, 1954, in Lovington, N.M.

Rodney was raised in Jefferson, Texas. He joined the United States Army in 1948 and served with C Company, 73rd Tank Battalion in Korea. He was discharged in 1954. He worked for Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Lamesa for many years and was currently working for West Texas Gas in Big Spring.

Rodney enjoyed hunting and fishing, was an avid wrestling fan and loved doting on his daughters and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ruth Peterson of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Mike McGrievy and Jill and Johnny Reed, all of Big Spring, and Kim and Rusty Merket of Hermleigh; two sisters, Dorothy Adams of Rusk and Earlene Haddad of Jefferson; three grandchildren, Stacia Coleman and husband Chad of Big Spring, Jarrod Reed and girlfriend Jessica Riddle of Blanket and Kendra Merket of Hermleigh; two great-grandchildren, Mia Coleman and Trenten Merket; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Karl and Lula Peterson; three sisters, Louise Peterson, Lillian Sisson and Mamie Parsons; and one brother, Frederick Peterson.

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

Paid obituary

Cindy Bingham Payne



Cindy Bingham Payne, 51, of Big Spring died Friday, July 29, 2011, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Oct. 17, 1959, in Hobbs, N.M., to Ruby and Wesley Bingham. She came to Big Spring more than 20 years ago from Hobbs. She had worked at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation since

2006. She is survived by a son, Jayton Hal Bingham and wife Crystal Gale of Hobbs, N.M.; three granddaughters; mother, Ruby Bingham of Hobbs, N.M.; four brothers, Kirby Bingham, Randy Bingham and Jim Bingham, all of Hobbs, N.M., and Buck Bingham of Ravenna, Texas; one sister, Janna Jones of Hobbs, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father, husband and father-in-law. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas 79761.

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Obituaries

Ruth Opfer Nieman



Ruth Opfer Nieman went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 28, 2011. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the 1st Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Craig Wascom officiating. Burial will be at the Gilstrap Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 4, 1945, to Margaret and Robert Opfer in Parma, Idaho. She married Gary Nieman of Omaha, Neb. She graduated from McMurray University in 1973, majoring in music. She taught in Abilene public schools for many years as a music teacher and was also active in business as an advertising executive. Her very positive and cheerful personality will be sorely missed by all of us who loved her. However, she now abides with her Father God, earthly father and other dear family members.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Gary J. Nieman Sr. of Big Spring; three children, Gary Jon Nieman Jr. and wife Nedra of Seymour, Tenn., Michelle Joy Shokoui of Rickman, Tenn., and Marc Todd Nieman of Walland, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Shokoui, Jonathan Hunter Nieman, Jonathon Daniel Requejo, Cherise Sells, Cody Shokoui, Kailey Cheyenne Nieman and Jon Dakota Nieman; three great-grandchildren, Ezra Leong, Jacob Shokoui and Gabbie Sells; mother, Margaret Opfer of El Cajon, Calif.; two brothers, Dr. Stephen Opfer of La Habra, Calif., and Robert Warren Opfer of Tacoma, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Opfer.

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Paid obituary

William Theodore 'John' Brewer



William Theodore "John" Brewer, 84, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 30, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at the funeral home.

John was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Cherokee, Ala., and married Lillian Brewer on Nov. 8, 1946, in Huntsville, Ala.

He served with the U.S. Army 167th Infantry, 31st Division, Company L, during World War II in the South Pacific. He moved to Big Spring in 1952 and soon began working at Webb Air Force Base.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Brewer of Big Spring; three sons, William David Brewer and wife Sharon of Plattsburg, N.Y., Tom Brewer and wife Lawanda of Big Spring and Tim Brewer and wife Connie of Inez, Ken.; one daughter, Sheliah Brewer of Big Spring; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Joe Douglas Brewer of Brady; and one sister, Edith Hughes of Huntsville, Ala.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Grady Sr. and Elizabeth Potts Brewer; one brother, Thomas Grady Brewer Jr.; one sister, Willene Peppers; and one granddaughter, Alisha Brewer.

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Billy Joe 'Papa K' Kilpatrick



Billy Joe "Papa K" Kilpatrick, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 30, 2011, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Don Avant officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, at the funeral home.

Billy Joe was born Oct. 15, 1930, in Littlefield, Texas, to Arlin and Delear (Walker) Kilpatrick. He married Delma Clark on Aug. 31, 1954, in Onida, S.D.

"Papa K" was born in Littlefield and then moved to Alabama. He served in the United States Navy. After he was honorably discharged, he moved to South Dakota to help his father farm. Billy Joe then moved to Big Spring, where he spent most of his life. He loved rebuilding old T-models, restoring his favorite old '49 Ford truck, and spending time fishing in Del Rio. He was a loving husband, daddy, granddad and friend.

Survivors include his wife, Delma Kilpatrick of Big Spring; two sons, Mike Kilpatrick of Arab, Ala., and Craig Kilpatrick and wife Teresa of Coahoma; two daughters, Shiela Fuqua and Denise Currie, both of Big Spring; a son-in-law, Glenn Fuqua of Big Spring; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Linda Rogerson of Albertville, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Marvarene Brodecker and Rogene Kilpatrick.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas 75284-1125.

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Paid obituary

Consuelo Hernandez



Consuelo Hernandez, 68, of La Marque, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Joe Monje officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 24, 1942, in Ojinaga, Mexico, Chihuahua, to Guillerma and Valente Hernandez.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel Hernandez and wife Anita of Dickinson and Daniel Hernandez of Texas City; four brothers; three sisters; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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TRIAL

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moved to Midland, saying Odessa would serve to separate Winkler County and provide enough insulation from media coverage and knowledge of the case, which has gained statewide coverage. Neither attorney had suggested Howard County as a site for the trial.

According to indictments filed against Tidwell — along with former Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts and Dr. Rolando Arafiles — the trio were charged in connection with the whistle-blowing scandal of two Winkler County Hospital nurses who reported “questionable practices” by Arafiles to the Texas Medical Board.

Anne Mitchell and Vicki Galle were both charged with misuse of official information.

Mitchell was later acquitted in a trial prosecuted by Tidwell in Andrews County, where the proceedings were moved in an effort to avoid publicity. Shortly after Mitchell's acquittal, charges against Galle were dropped.

Since Mitchell's acquittal, Arafiles has been accused of aggravated perjury for testimony he gave during the trial. An Andrews County grand jury indicted Arafiles on June 30 on a single count, alleging Arafiles lied while under oath when he denied knowing how Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts, a friend, obtained names and contact information of patients for questioning about who complained about the physician.

Roberts was the first of the trio to go to trial and was convicted of misuse of official information and retaliation, both third-degree felonies,

and official oppression, a Class A misdemeanor. After waiving jury punishment — part of a deal between the prosecution and defense — Roberts was given four years probation for each of the felony charges and 100 days in county jail for the misdemeanor offenses, all of which will be served concurrently. The sentencing plea deal for Roberts “was not contingent” on him testifying in the trials of Arafiles and Tidwell, according to defense attorney Woody Leverett, but he would not elaborate on whether the former sheriff will testify in those trials.

Former hospital administrator Stan Wiley pleaded guilty in March to a misdemeanor charge of abuse of official capacity in exchange for his testimony.

Investigators allege Arafiles approached his close friend, Roberts, who was also a patient,

after the Texas Medical Board contacted the doctor about the complaint. Arafiles asked his friend to help him find out who filed the complaint and Roberts used his authority to get a copy, investigators said.

Arafiles and other officials were then able to determine the identities of those who filed the complaint — names that would have been protected from disclosure if law enforcement officials had not misused their position to obtain confidential information, the Texas attorney general's office said.

Among the nurses' complaints in their unsigned April 2009 letter to the medical board were that Arafiles improperly encouraged patients to buy herbal medicines from him and had wanted to use hospital supplies to perform a procedure at a patient's home.

Arafiles, licensed in

Texas since 1998, has said the nurses' letter to the board was intended to harm him personally.

Mitchell and Galle — who were fired from the hospital, indicted and arrested in June 2009 — have since sued the county and accepted a \$750,000 settlement after they were cleared of wrongdoing.

The medical board technically suspended Arafiles in February but said he could continue to practice medicine while on probation for four years if he completed additional training. According to media reports, he is now practicing medicine at Cozy-Germany Hospital in the East Texas town of Grand Saline.

Moore set aside Sept. 13 — also in Howard County — to hear any pre-trial motions in the case.

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Cindy Bingham Payne, 51, of Big Spring, died Friday. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rafael C. Lopez, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

DEAL

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The Idaho Republican's assessment came as Vice President Joe Biden, who played an instrumental role in successful weekend efforts to hammer out an accord, went to Capitol Hill to sell the plan in separate meetings with House and Senate Democrats.

Relief around the world was indisputable, with Asian shares on Monday enjoying one of the best sessions in

weeks. The advance continued in Europe. Wall Street opened higher, but faltered on a report that a key manufacturing index had dropped sharply in July.

Whatever momentum could be claimed for the deficit-reduction plan, Congress still has precious little time to avert a potentially devastating default on U.S. obligations. And there was little dispute that the endgame product contained plenty to offend lawmakers of both parties, and tea party sympathizers as well.

Sen. John McCain con-

ceded as much, saying he'd have to “swallow hard” to vote for it because of cuts in defense spending. But the Arizona Republican said lawmakers had little choice in the face of the specter of default.

Said Crapo: “It is always dangerous to crawl out on a limb and make a prediction about how the vote will go on something as controversial as this. But I believe in the end we will see pretentious support in the Senate on both sides.”

“I am probably a no,” freshman Rep. Joe Walsh, R-Ohio, a tea

party favorite, told Fox News. “... We need a bold solution and this isn't it.”

The compromise plan agreed to late Sunday would mix a record increase in the government's borrowing cap with the promise of more than \$2 trillion in spending cuts.

After a tense weekend of bargaining, President Barack Obama and top congressional figures jointly announced the agreement late Sunday. It provided an instant boost to Asian financial markets and a huge dose of relief to

an administration and Congress frazzled by months of partisan warfare and the chance that a default could send the still-fragile economy into recession.

Top Obama aide David Plouffe said Monday the deal was worthy of passage despite the no-holds-barred battle that amounted to a “three-ring circus.”

The Senate seems likely to vote first on the measure while House GOP leaders work to assemble support for it.

ALON

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was a propylene tank leak that caused a mist-like vapor to gather in the refinery, eventually making its way into a cat cracker heater and an alkaline unit, causing both to explode simultaneously.

A similar trial held in December 2010 yielded more than \$350,000 for property repair and

medical expenses for a pair of plaintiffs named in the cause, finding that Alon had been negligent in assisting the plaintiffs and awarded damages for one plaintiff in the amount of \$236,605 for property damage and \$8,400 for medical expenses.

Court officials said the defense is expected to once again begin calling witnesses this morning. According to the court schedule, at least today

and Tuesday have been set aside for the case, with testimony expected to begin at approximately 9 a.m. both days.

The jury was seated and testimony began last Monday, with the trial reaching into the evening hours several

times during the week, according to court officials.

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ROCK

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Desert will also include a shoe drive and hopes to collect thousands more. All shoes collected will be distributed to orphans living in Texas and all around the world.

“We will have a drop-off bin set up throughout the weekend and we are asking for people to donate new shoes,” Snelson said.

“Rock the Desert remains committed to helping the Permian Basin reach beyond its borders and impacting the world,” a press release from representatives of Rock the Desert states.

Tickets for the weekend event are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. Purchases can be made online or by calling the office.

“Everyone should

come out and enjoy the bands, speakers, food and events,” Snelson said. “It's going to be a great time.”

Gates open 2 p.m. Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.


Rock the Desert will once again take place at 2000 N. FM 1788. For more information, go to www.rockthedesert.com or call the office at 432-686-2904.

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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:

• JAY CLANTON BLACK, 36, of Whitney, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- ROBERT WILLIAM BARTON, 32, of 501 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Saturday on two warrants from another agency.
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 27, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Saturday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant from another agency.
- MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 25, of 2010 Loop Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., 24, of 2813 Coronado Ave., was arrested Saturday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1900 block of Hale. In the 1200 block of Elm Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th Street.

Ruth Salazar



Ruth Salazar, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 30, 2011. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 4, 1935, in Tom Green County, Texas. She came to Big Spring in 1960. She married Frank Salazar on May 31, 1964, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2010. She worked at the V.A. Medical Center for more than 40 years and was a very active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Lisa Williams and husband Mark of Midland; two sons, Tony Salazar and wife Michelle and John Salazar, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; three sisters; and two brothers.

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

Clayton Jay Lee

Clayton Jay Lee, 64, of Midland died Sunday, July 31, 2011, at his daughter's home in Big Spring. No services are planned at this time.

He was born May 27, 1947, in Arizona. Survivors include his wife, Paula of Big Spring; two daughters, Tonya Wright and Denise Smith, both of Big Spring; two sons, Daniel Lee of Big Spring and Stanley Friday of Houston; one sister, Carmon Ellis of Midland; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Georgia Lee; three brothers, Carson, Calvin and Clifton Lee; and one sister, Cleta Lee.

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

Reva Susanne Daniels

Reva Susanne Daniels, 59, of Coahoma died Sunday, July 31, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lenna Gay McPeak

Lenna Gay McPeak, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, July 29, 2011, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Billy Light

Billy Light, 71, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 30, 2011, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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.

		5	2	4	6			
	4	7	6				9	
6				1			8	5
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5	7			4				8
	6				2	3	5	
		8	5		1	7		

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Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 38, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MANUEL DE JESUS, 62, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- CHRISTOPHER JAMES DUFORAT, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- STEVEN ANTHONY ROBLES, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- SILBERIO M. GUTIERREZ, 75, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 43, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, over registered weight and no log book.

• JAY CLANTON BLACK, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ROBERT WILLIAM BARTON, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• ANDRES REYES PERCHES III, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child – sexual contact.

• DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – more than two ounces and less than four ounces, failure to identify as a fugitive, giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia and an Austin parole warrant.

• MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 5 2
♥ J 2
♦ J 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 3

WEST
♠ J 6 4 3
♥ 10 8 6
♦ K
♣ K Q 9 8 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 7
♥ Q 9 4 3
♦ 10 6
♣ A J 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 8
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A Q 9 4 3 2
♣ 10

The bidding:
East South West North

Pass	1 ♣	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Dble	6 ♦		

Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal was played in the U.S.-Italy world championship match in 1951. It was Board No. 185 of the 320-board match, and the Italians were very far behind at the time.

Paolo Baroni was South for Italy, and Mario Franco was North. Baroni started with an artificial one-club bid and wound up in six diamonds after a somewhat mystifying series of bids by both sides.

Tomorrow: Unfriendly defense.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M., August 11, 2011, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.1195 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.3200 / \$100 (Proposed rate to bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	6.91%	decrease
Debt Service	.01%	increase
Total Expenditures	.05%	decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value * of all property	\$ 1,203,846,582	\$ 1,397,483,904
Total appraised value * of new property **	\$ 10,692,655	\$ 4,152,661
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 1,010,682,576	\$ 1,211,328,363
Total taxable value *** of new property **	\$ 10,413,500	\$ 3,890,479

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness * \$ 64,485,000.

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.11950	\$ 0.33000 *	\$ 1.44950	\$ 3,940	\$ 5,100
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11380	\$ 0.32000 *	\$ 1.43384	\$ 4,562	\$ 5,100
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.11950	\$ 0.32000 *	\$ 1.43950	\$ 4,580	\$ 4,685

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 42,933	\$ 43,180
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 19,346	\$ 19,544
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.44950	\$ 1.43950
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 280.42	\$ 281.34
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$.92

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4395. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.4395.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 9,031,796
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 174,905

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The Big Spring Steers began two-a-day practices today at the ATC. The players are seen stretching out their legs as the day began.

Steers begin workouts for 2011 campaign

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers began two-a-day practices today at the ATC. Steers Head Coach Phillip Ritchey and his coaching staff began the day by running the players through basic warm-up routines, before breaking them down into individual skill stations.

The large group of football players took the field in a run and never slowed down during the practice, even when the sun started to get high in the sky and the temperatures got even higher. Each drill was finished with the players yaw-

ing, "Win!"

The Steers' first game will be a scrimmage game against Andrews Aug. 13. That game will be played at 10 a.m. in Andrews. The Steers will host a scrimmage game against Lubbock Estacado Aug. 19. The starting time for that game has not yet been determined.

The regular season will open with the Steers at home, as they face the Fort Stockton Panthers Aug. 26.

Big Spring's coming game will be against Greenwood Sept. 30, with district action starting the following week in an Oct. 7 clash with Brownwood.

Briefs

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 through Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-17 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 youth football and cheerleading will be held Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 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.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

Big Spring QB Club will hold its next meeting Monday, Aug. 1. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the ATC. All parents of football players (grades 7-12) are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

The QB Club is also selling ads for its annual football program. The deadline for the ads is Monday, Aug. 8.

Chicano Golf Association posts meeting date

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will be having a meeting for all its members Thursday, Aug. 4. The meeting will be held at Comanche Trail Golf Course at 6 p.m.

Newman unrattled by Dallas' attempt to sign Asomugha

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Had Jerry Jones gotten his wish, Terence Newman almost certainly would not be getting ready for his ninth season with the Dallas Cowboys.

It's not that Jones specifically wanted to get rid of Newman. It's just that the top cornerback in the NFL, Nnamdi Asomugha, was a free agent and Jones wanted to sign him. Badly.

And if Jones had succeeded, Newman would've been the obvious choice to be dumped to make room for Asomugha in the starting lineup and under the salary cap.

Jones didn't get his prize, though. So Dallas is sticking with Newman.

Uh, no hard feelings, right Terence?

"It's a business, you know?" Newman said Sunday in his first interview since Asomugha jilted the Cowboys for the division rival Eagles. "I'm here, he's in Philly. That's what I'm focused on right now, moving forward."

It sure beats looking back.

Like everyone else on the Dallas defense, Newman struggled last season. He and Mike Jenkins each went

from Pro Bowler in 2009 to among the most-burned cornerbacks in the NFL, according to STATS, Inc.

Newman gave up 58 receptions for 871 yards and three touchdowns. Only five cornerbacks allowed more yards, nine more catches. Jenkins was among those giving up more yards, 935, the second-most in the league.

Because teams were successful throwing against either cornerback, quarterbacks felt comfortable throwing to anywhere on the field. That doesn't happen in a secondary manned by Asomugha. He was so feared that only 33 passes came his way all season; only 13 were caught. So it's easy to see why Jones coveted Asomugha.

Newman likely would've been the odd man out because he turns 31 a week before the opener and counts \$10 million against the salary cap this season. He was considered a possible cut long before the courting of Asomugha simply because of the \$8 million in cap room the Cowboys could've created by dropping him. Perhaps the fact they didn't helps make

up for the slight of the Asomugha negotiations.

The Cowboys also are trying to make Newman feel wanted with their words.

Secondary coach Dave Campo said Saturday that the front office never should've tried to sign Asomugha and new defensive coordinator Rob Ryan tried to downplay seriously the Cowboys negotiated. Jones added that Newman knows "you can't have enough corners, enough outstanding corners." Coach Jason Garrett joined the chorus on Sunday, calling Newman "a very talented guy."

"He doesn't seem to me that he's a guy who is slowing down at all," Garrett said. "He still runs well, he's very quick, he has good awareness in the game and he will continue to grow."

His job safe for the time being, Newman knows the best way to keep it that way is by cutting down the number of receptions he allows.

"We didn't play very well in the secondary last year, and the No. 1 focus we have right now is to try to get better — as a team, as a secondary, as a defense," he said.

Rangers fall despite last minute trades

TORONTO (AP) — A pair of deadline deals left the Texas Rangers with one of the AL's best bullpens. But no amount of relief could make up for the hole starter C.J. Wilson dug himself Sunday.

Brandon Morrow struck out a season-high 11 to win for the third time in four starts, Edwin Encarnacion homered and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Wilson and the Rangers 7-3.

Wilson (10-5) lost his second straight decision, allowing seven runs, five earned, and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings. The left-hander was also hit hard in his last outing, giving up six runs, five earned, in four innings of a no-decision against Minnesota last Tuesday.

"When you're not able to throw the ball where you want to, it's just an unsettling feeling," Wilson said. "It's kind of frustrating."

With plenty of time to himself in the clubhouse after being chased, Wilson watched video of his outing, trying to come up with some "constructive analysis."

"My mechanics are off, for sure, but I'm not really able to isolate one particular thing," Wilson said. "I threw 80-something pitches



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Big Spring freshman Karina Alvareda begins training with the high school's cross country team this morning.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

In the same way that a corn growing in a field of rose would be called a weed, a stroke of excellent fortune that happens at an inopportune time could be considered a terrible inconvenience. The sun forms a tense angle to lucky Jupiter, challenging our concept of good fortune. It may help to favor the long view of things.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your role in a group will shift. Your age might play a factor in this change — perhaps you are no longer the youngest or the oldest,

and you'll move into the role that now fits you best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone wronged you in the past, and you're starting to let it go. It's likely you've already told everyone who needs to know about this, and talking any more about it will only slow down the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be quite impressed with the one who puts your needs before his or her own. The generous gesture will be emotionally stirring, if not now then in retrospect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to know someone well to feel comfortable around him or her. This is because you are so worldly. Your experiences have taught you what to expect from people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A person who ignores signs is either asleep, in denial or illiterate. You are none of those things. You will read and heed the signs — not because you are superstitious, but because you know it's wise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When people ask your opinion, you tell the truth. However, you know better than to offer up an honest report when no one has asked for it. You'll steer the conversation to safe, pleasant and positive topics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone is a bit touchy now, so it's not the best time to get into a debate. If you do argue or disagree, be sure to dispute words and ideas — not the person who is generating them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most pain comes from resisting change or trying to control the uncontrollable. Knowing this, you will choose a pain-free route. You will stay within your boundaries and exert your will judiciously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like a cowboy breaking in a new horse, once thrown, you get right back in the saddle. Both horse and rider will be positively changed by the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will witness the undoing of a situation. Though the action goes by quickly, you are so observant that

you won't miss a thing. This knowledge is power that you'll later use to solve a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your loved ones may be tense and cranky. Their attitude doesn't make your life any easier. If you call them out on their behavior, things only get worse. Lead by example.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dealing with forces that are nearly impossible to mold and opinions that were formed so long ago that it would take a miracle to change them. You just might be that miracle.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 1). You have a knack for putting yourself in situations where you can grow your talents. This month, you'll do what you ordinarily wouldn't, to favorable effect on your personal life. September shows you working with new tools. Windfalls come in January and June, and you'll be promoted. Scorpio and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 11, 20, 25 and 39.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "This is going to sound horrible, but here goes. I'm a

working person with a family, and I get 10 days of vacation time a year. My wife and I live 3,000 miles from family. We spend our vacations spreading ourselves among relatives with back-to-back visits. It is exhausting. But if we don't do it, my children will never know their grandparents and cousins. By the end of our trip, I usually feel like my vacation was trying to kill me. How can I get some time to myself to actually relax?" — *Selfish Aquarius*

As a basically social person, connecting with family usually rejuvenates Aquarius, though it sounds like the intensity and pacing of your efforts is working against you. You don't have to do it the same way every year. Consider planning a family reunion for four days and inviting everyone to attend, and then spending the rest of your vacation days on yourself. It certainly isn't selfish to want a break — a real break, where you go somewhere pretty and do practically nothing. Relaxation is a necessary

part of the work cycle, and time off will ultimately improve your overall performance.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Guitarist and singer Robert Cray is considered one of the most expressive and soulful musicians in contemporary rhythm and blues, and he has the Grammys to prove it. With his natal sun, Mars and Pluto in Leo, Cray feels alive in the spotlight, and he's taken that feeling, and his band, on tour for more than two decades. An earthy, sensual Taurus moon signifies a grounded, rootsy musical approach.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ESTHER DAPHNE BURDETTE, Deceased, were issued on July 19, 2011, in Cause No. P-13987, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: KERRY RODRIGUEZ.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: KERRY RODRIGUEZ
2728 E. 24th St.

Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 27th day of July, 2011.
KERRY RODRIGUEZ
#7069 August 1, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Cambrian Management Ltd., P.O. Box 272 Midland, TX, 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Canyon Lime Formation, Satterwhite, W.R., Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 6.5 miles Northeast of Big Spring, Texas in the Big Spring, (Canyon Lime) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8480 to 8970 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#7068 August 1, 2011

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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SHED BIG SPRING, TEXAS HOWARD COUNTY ABILENE DISTRICT
DETAIL #08-77-470401111
CBC4704-01-1111
CONTRACT #6232-07-001
ESTIMATED COST \$50,000.00
BID GUARANTY \$1000.00
PRE-BID CONFERENCE - N/A
BID DATE- AUGUST 23, 2011

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Location Abilene District Headquarters/ Abilene Texas. Contract #6232-07-001 (CBC4704-01-1111) for Construction of Equipment Shed Truck Bay in Big Spring, Texas Maintenance Facility in the Abilene District.

BID DATE: Tuesday August 23, 2011- 2:00 PM. Bids will be received at TXDOT Abilene District Headquarters- Facility Coordinator Dept.- Attention Richard Garza, 4250 North Clack St. Abilene, Texas 79603. Estimated cost for project \$50,000.00.

Plans and Specifications will be furnished without charge to the prime Contractor.

For mailed plans and specs, request by Fax on your Company letterhead to: TXDOT 4250 North Clack St.- Facility Coordinator Fax 325-676-6906. Plans and Specs are available in Abilene at 4250 North Clack St. Abilene, Texas 79603: Attention Richard Garza 325-676-6870 or 325-439-6000. Proposal Guaranty \$1000.00 or Bid Bond of same amount.

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Dear Ann Landers: I am a 42-year-old man, married with two children. Things are just fine within my immediate family. The problem is my mother. She wants me to buy her an automobile. Not just any automobile. She wants one exactly like mine. Mother has a comfortable lifestyle and can certainly afford to buy any car she wants on her own.



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However, for some reason, she thinks I should give her one. And, of course, she doesn't want anything as

moderately priced as the neighbor's car.

She feels entitled to a car just like mine — the expensive variety. No other car will do.

Ann, I have worked hard for everything I have, including my car.

I paid my own way through college and am reasonably successful in business.

I do not feel that I should deprive my children of the money we are saving for their college education in order to satisfy my mother's expensive taste in automobiles.

I have told her that money is tight at the moment, but this hasn't stopped her from nagging.

My relationship with my mother has never been terribly close, and now, her pressuring me to buy a car is straining it to the breaking point.

I don't want to destroy the good will that I have slowly and carefully built up over the years. I need some advice. — No Name,

No City, Please

Dear N.N.N.C.: Does your mother have a hearing problem? Tell her, in a voice slightly louder than normal, that you cannot afford to buy her a car, and you would appreciate it if she would quit asking. Let her know it pains you that you cannot give her everything her heart desires, but that your children's education comes first. Repeat as often as necessary.

Dear Ann Landers: I was flattered to see an excerpt from my book, "Really Important Stuff My Kids Have Taught Me" (Workman Publishing, 1994), quoted in a recent column. I am glad so many people have read and enjoyed the book.

Wouldn't we all be a little wiser if we spent more time listening to what our kids are telling us? Thanks, Ann. — Cynthia Copeland Lewis, Keene, N.H.

Dear Cynthia Copeland Lewis: I am happy to give you credit for your delightful list of lessons learned through a child's eyes. The one I liked best was, "If you're going to draw on the wall, do it behind the couch." It took me back to my childhood, because my sister and I used to do a lot of that sort of thing.

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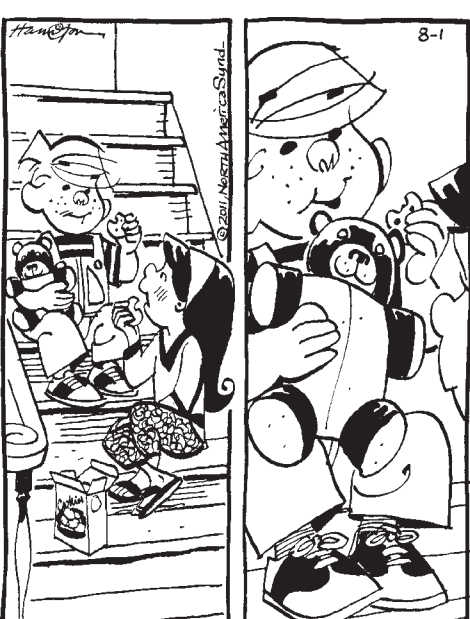
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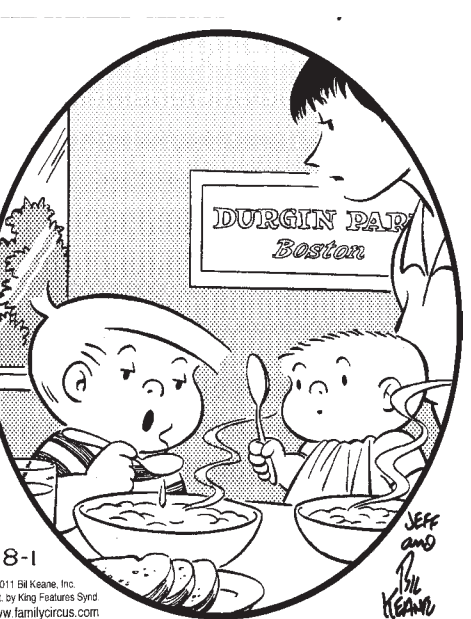
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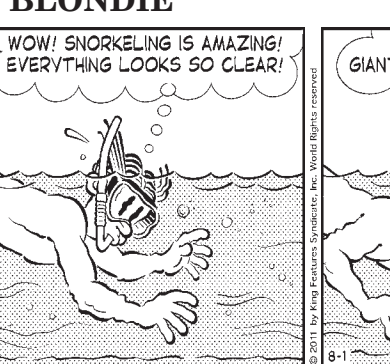


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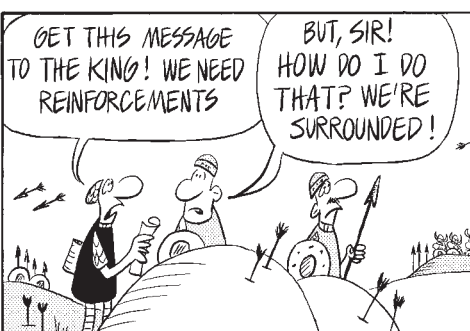
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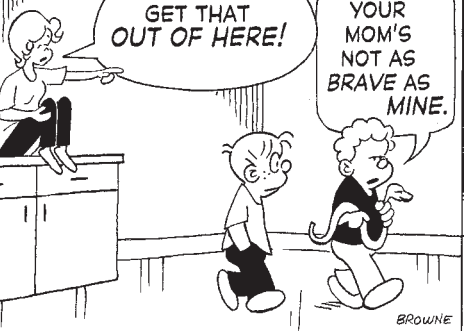
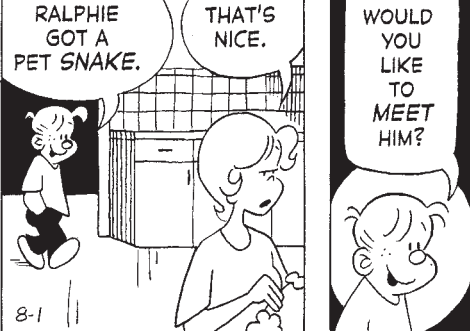
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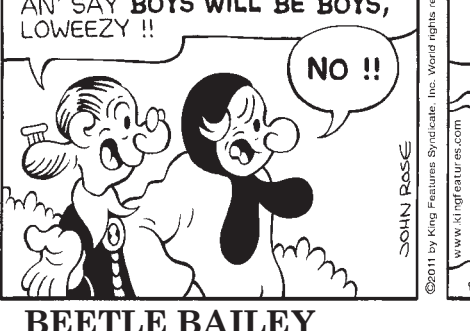
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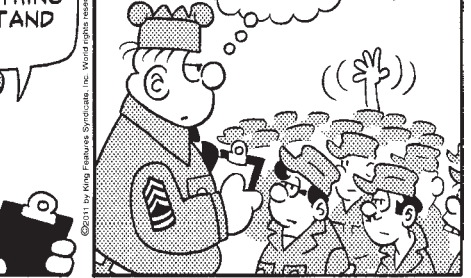
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2011. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1911, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to receive a U.S. pilot's certificate from the Aero Club of America. (Quimby's accomplishments included being the first woman to fly across the English Channel; she was killed in an accident in July 1912 at age 37.)

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1936, the Summer Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over

by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law. The Atomic Energy Commission was established.

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas in Austin, killing 14 people. Whitman, who had also murdered his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police.

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut. Mohammed Oudeh, a mastermind of the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre of Israeli athletes, survived an attempt on his life in Warsaw, Poland. Oscar-winning screenwriter and playwright Paddy Chayefsky died in New York at age 58.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Something easy to do
 - the hour (honoree)
 - Invoice
 - Long sandwich
 - Compassionate words
 - China's continent
 - GI offense
 - Twangy, as speech
 - Scarlet and crimson
 - Social event with costumes
 - Bird's dwelling
 - Incredible bargains
 - Auctioneer's last word
 - Quick-witted
 - Lots of money
 - Fill-in worker
 - Golfers' pegs
 - Sleeper's sound
 - Small stream
 - Once around a track
 - Really scrub
 - Use as a chair
 - Male deer
 - out a living (just manages)
 - Took the rind off
 - Cream-filled cookie
 - Chick's sound
 - Pasta-sauce ingredient
 - Brit's farewell
 - Social event for a mom-to-be
 - More than
- DOWN**
- Unfriendly
 - Hungry feeling
 - "Nanny" beast
 - Beauty-pageant crown
 - Major (Big Dipper)
 - Out of whack
 - Go inside
 - End of a hammer
 - Cape Canaveral org.
 - Verbal exams
 - Guy
 - Rural social event
 - Phrase of understanding
 - Shoebox tops
 - At the very end
 - Antlered animal
 - Not as much
 - Snakelike swimmers
 - "Cool!"
 - Take a glance
 - Factual
 - His and
 - Recipe amt.
 - A Great Lake
 - Speck of dust
 - Summer social event
 - Prepare for a boxing match
 - Leg joint
 - Is successful
 - Candidates' face-off
 - and aah
 - McCain's 2008 running mate
 - Clean, as a floor spill
 - In the know
 - High-strung
 - Church instrument
 - Ancient Roman garment
 - Declare openly
 - Rip
 - Fishing vessel
 - Olden days

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RANGERS

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and it looked like I threw with 40 different deliveries. It wasn't really consistent at all."

During the game, the AL West-leading Rangers obtained more help for their bullpen when they acquired right-hander Mike Adams from San Diego for minor league pitchers Robbie Erlin and Joe Wieland.

The night before, Texas acquired Baltimore setup man Koji Uehara for right-hander Tommy Hunter and infielder Chris Davis.

"We certainly helped ourselves tremendously by getting (Adams) and Koji," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We certainly tightened up our bullpen."

Uehara made his Rangers debut in the seventh and pitched one scoreless inning, striking out two. The righty has thrown 16 scoreless innings over his past 14 games.

Toronto held a pregame ceremony to retire the jersey of Hall of Fame second baseman Roberto Alomar, the first Blue Jays player inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"I think (the ceremony) took everybody back to a time when things were really rolling here," Toronto manager John Farrell said. "It was a great environment today."

Alomar's parents, former manager Cito Gaston and former teammates including Carlos Baerga, Candy Maldonado and Devon White joined the 12-time All-Star and 10-time Gold Glove winner on a stage behind second base. Alomar is the first player to have his number retired in the Blue Jays' 35-year history.

After allowing six runs in 3 1-3 innings in Tuesday's loss to Baltimore, Morrow (8-5) looked sharp against the Rangers, giving up two runs and six hits in seven innings while walking two.

"His slider is pretty dirty when he keeps it down," Rangers first baseman Mitch Moreland said.

"I felt that was probably what made him so effective today is when he got ahead, he could use that slider."

Trever Miller got one out in the eighth, Casey Janssen recorded two outs and Frank Francisco finished for the Blue Jays, who have won four of five.

Encarnacion got the Blue Jays roll-

ing with a two-out homer into the second deck in left in the first, his ninth.

Jose Molina reached on a throwing error by shortstop Andres Blanco to start the second and scored on a one-out single by John McDonald.

Blue Jays outfielder Colby Rasmus came in 0 for 12 with five strikeouts since being acquired from St. Louis on Wednesday and fanned again in his first at-bat before snapping his skid with a bloop single to left in the third that skipped under the glove of Josh Hamilton for an error, sending Rasmus to second.

He took third on a wild pitch and scored on Encarnacion's double-play grounder.

"We made (Wilson's) day a little tougher in the second and the third when we didn't make some plays that should have been made," Washington said.

Rasmus was involved again as the Blue Jays padded their lead in the fourth.

Aaron Hill reached on an infield single and went to second on a grounder before scoring on J.P. Arencibia's base hit.

Rajai Davis doubled down the left-field line before Rasmus drove in two

more with a booming double to center.

Morrow had set down 13 of 14 before the Rangers broke through with two in the sixth, stringing together a trio of two-out hits.

Hamilton singled, Michael Young hit an RBI double to right and Mike Napoli followed with an RBI single up the middle.

Napoli hit an RBI double off Janssen in the eighth, but the Rangers couldn't get any closer.

NOTES: Attendance was 45,629, Toronto's second-biggest crowd of the season. ... Texas has lost four of six. ... Rangers catcher Yorvit Torrealba was scratched from the starting lineup with a stiff back and replaced by Taylor Teagarden. ... Texas SS Elvis Andrus and 2B Ian Kinsler were held out of the lineup, while OF Nelson Cruz, who left Friday's game with a tight left quadriceps, missed his second straight start. ... Texas activated Blanco from the 15-day DL. ... Rangers OF Craig Gentry (concussion) will rejoin the team Tuesday in Detroit and should be ready to play Thursday. Texas is off Monday. ... Blue Jays 1B Adam Lind was held out of the starting lineup.

Astros return home, but without big names

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Houston Astros finally get to go home after a season-long 10-game road trip. They'll be without two of their biggest stars.

The Astros traded center

fielder Michael Bourn early Sunday morning and Jason Bourgeois hit a three-run home run while playing in Bourn's old spot, but Houston was swept by the Milwaukee Brewers after a 5-4 loss on Sunday.

It was an ugly end to a long stretch away from Minute Maid Park when they finished 2-8 and saw Bourn as well as All-Star Hunter Pence dealt in the span of less than 48 hours.

"I think everybody understands what's going on. It's just kind of the way it is," Astros right fielder Jason Michaels said. "It's tough to lose a teammate. Again, that's just part of the business, and the way things go on."

year, but failed to work out one final deal to move Wandy Rodriguez.

In this one, there was no goodbye for Bourn in the middle of the game as when Pence was removed Friday night to head to Philadelphia.

Bourn, a two-time Gold Glove winner, never came to Miller Park after he was traded four hours before the final game of this series.

Houston (35-73) is well on its way to its first 100-loss season in franchise history. After dealing away Roy Oswalt and Lance Berkman last year, they've sent Bourn, Pence and second baseman Jeff Keppinger packing in the past 13 days to acquire Braves outfielder Jordan Schafer, eight minor leaguers and a player to be named.

Houston remained busy retooling its team for the second straight

ried about a carry-over effect when the Astros return home to begin playing out the final two months of the season. "They were attached to Bourn and Pence, there's no doubt. You see how they played. They went after it and played hard and came up short. They also see the opportunities right in front of them as well."

Bourgeois hit his first home run in almost two years with a three-run shot in the fourth to give Houston a 3-2 lead, but Milwaukee tied it in the bottom of the inning on Jonathan Lucroy's double and went ahead in the sixth on Yuniesky Betancourt's fielder's choice.

Brewers reliever Francisco Rodriguez (4-2) failed to protect the lead in the eighth after he threw a wild pitch with runners on second and third with two outs that allowed Bourgeois to score and tie the game at 4, costing starter Chris Narveson the chance at the victory.

plate and the Astros failed to get a base runner against John Axford in the ninth.

While the future looks bright for the Astros if general manager Ed Wade's moves pan out, the present isn't so pretty.

"Obviously Bourn was a great teammate and so was Hunter. We'll definitely miss them, but we've just got to keep our head down and keep working hard, just focus on what we have in here and keep going," first baseman Brett Wallace said. "We just acquired a lot, and they have an opportunity to keep working hard and get up here. You're not going to trade Mike, you're not going to trade Hunter unless you believe in the people you're getting back for the long haul."

NOTES: The Astros are expected to call up OF Luis Durango on Monday to fill Bourn's spot on the roster.

Schafer is on the 15-day DL with a fractured finger, but the Astros believe he'll be ready to be inserted in the starting lineup by mid-August.

Schafer is hitting .240 with a homer, seven RBIs and 15 steals in 52 games for the Braves.

Bourgeois has two career home runs. Both were hit at Miller Park. His other was as a member of the Brewers on Aug. 29, 2009.

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