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## Strain on power grid increasing

*As temperatures continue to climb, so does chance for rolling blackouts*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Water's not the only thing that could be in short supply this summer.

The record-breaking string of triple-digit-temperature days this summer has put an increasing strain on the state's electricity grid. And that strain is getting close

to the breaking point.

Officials with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which oversees the state's power grid, came close to ordering rolling blackouts because of low electricity reserves Thursday.



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And that action is still very possible if demand remains at such high levels.

"What they're telling us ... is the ERCOT grid is at a stage where (electricity) reserves are below 17,000 megawatts," said Jim Clements, area manager for Oncor. "We're pretty much at a critical stage until we can find a way to get the load down."

The problem, Clements said, isn't with the grid's transmission capability as it is with the power generating end of the equation. And those generators have become extremely taxed because of high demand during these extremely hot days.

Thursday, ERCOT instituted Level 2 restrictions, meaning it essentially paid some

large commercial consumers to shut off their power and asked residential consumers to voluntarily cut back on electrical usage.

If things continue as they have for the past few days, however, ERCOT may institute rolling blackouts to both commercial and residential

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Howard College held a mini-cheer camp this past week. The week was concluded with a short program and award ceremony Thursday morning. The camp was open to girls pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

## Searchers clinging to hope of finding Dunn

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Missing for more than seven months now, Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn has not been forgotten.

That's the message Kristy Lloyd — one of several West Texas residents who have helped organize search parties which have scoured the Permian Basin for clues in the missing person case — is trying to get out to residents who may or may not have given up hope in finding the 13-year old girl.

"It's all about getting her face and her story out in front of people right now," Lloyd said recently. "We don't want people to forget this little girl is still missing. She is still out there somewhere and we need to bring her home."

Hailey Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother reported her missing to the Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28.

More than 100 billboards featuring her picture, information about the case and a law enforcement phone number were set up along interstates in West Texas and other states. Candlelight vigils have been held and fliers with Hailey's photo have been set up throughout Colorado

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Kristy Lloyd

City and neighboring cities, including Big Spring.

And while many of the posters — plastered anywhere Lloyd and her group of volunteers can think to hang them to get people's attention — have since faded or been destroyed by the weather, those concerned with the fate of the teen say their resolve to find her has not.

"The longer this goes on, the harder it is to keep her photo in the public eye. However, we haven't given up. We won't stop until Hailey is brought home," Lloyd said in a prior interview with the *Herald*.

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## Thursday standoff ends with arrest

*Police say 18-year-old threatened trash collector with handgun*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Thursday after law enforcement officials say he allegedly pointed a handgun at an officer during an alcohol-fueled altercation in the 700 block of N.W. Eighth Street.

Julian Jay Torres, 18, of 500.5 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Thursday on charges of deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, officers were called to the scene of the incident to find Torres allegedly

**"The arrest went smoothly. It could have been a lot uglier."**

Sgt. Tony Everett  
 Big Spring Police Department

waving a gun around.

"It's one of those situations where the end-result could have been much worse," Everett said. "The officer arrived on the scene to find Torres, who was intoxicated, waving a gun around. Just as the officer drove up and began getting out of his vehicle, Torres pointed the gun at a trash collector who was working through the neighborhood."

Everett said it was pointing the gun — which was later discovered to be unloaded

— at the trash collector that earned the Big Spring man the charge of deadly conduct.

"The arresting officer established Torres was a convicted felon, which is why he was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon," he said. "And, as you can imagine, he wasn't too pleased with the idea of being arrested and resisted, earning him the third charge."

Everett said no injuries were reported as a result of the altercation, which was

diffused in a matter of minutes.

"The arrest went smoothly," Everett said. "It could have been a lot uglier."

As for Torres' reason for pointing the vehicle at the trash collector, Everett said it was most likely a case of just being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"The suspect was intoxicated and just waving the gun around," Everett said. "Whether or not the gun was loaded, that's deadly conduct."

Torres was booked into the Howard County Jail at 4:10 p.m. Thursday.

He remained in custody this morning awaiting arraignment.

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# Obituaries

## Angelita Alvarez



Angelita Gulietta Heredia Alvarez, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2011, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial

Park. She was born July 30, 1945, in Knott, Texas, to Margarita and Ildefonso Heredia. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and a home-maker.

She is survived by sons and daughters, Susanno Alvarez, Enrique Alvarez and Steve Alvarez, all Big Spring, Joel Alvarez of Springdale, Ark., Mickey Alvarez and wife Martina of Pampa, Peppi Alvarez of San Angelo, Lolita Salazar and Gloria Alvarez, both of Big Spring, and Manuela Mier and husband Jesus of San Angelo; 24 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; nine sisters, Augustina Robles and Cathy Boyles, both of Odessa, Maria Castillo of Lamesa, Paula Heredia and Rosa Nieto of Big Spring, Margie Gonzales and Mary Ann Bradley of San Antonio and La Sara Heredia Renteria and Gloria Garza of Big Spring; two brothers, Daniel Heredia of Big Spring and Enrique Heredia of Lovington, N.M.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Enrique Alvarez, in 1996; one sister, Emma Perez; and a brother, John Heredia.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Lynda F. Sliger

Lynda F. Sliger, 72, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Take Note

• Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday. All junior high and high school band parents need to attend. For more information, call Patsy Sanchez at 267-7841.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• 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](mailto: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.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• LEROY COLEMAN JR., 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for revocation of probation for criminal mischief – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• SCOTTY RAYBLAND, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of making a terroristic threat.

• JIMMY RAY MELCHOR, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• JULIAN JAY TORRES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, deadly conduct and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• ERIC DON JUAREZ, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on Midland warrants for exploitation of a disabled individual and theft by repetition.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 31, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of theft (two counts).

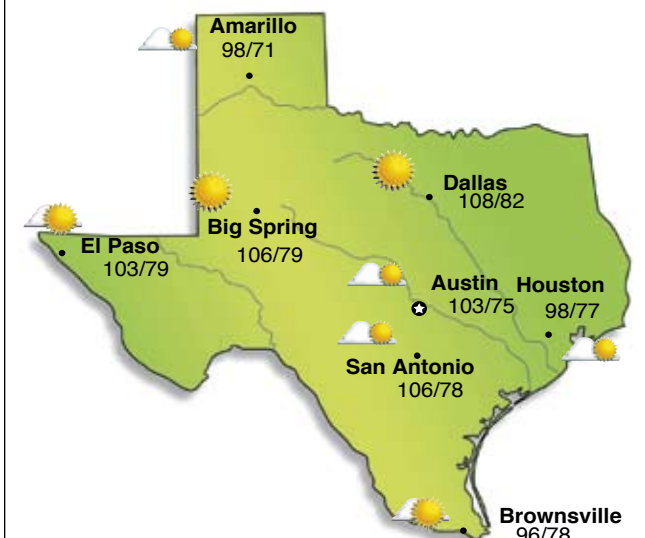
• JONATHAN DOUGLAS, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8	Tue 8/9	Wed 8/10
<b>106/79</b> A mainly sunny sky. Near record high temperatures. High 106F.	<b>107/79</b> Sunshine. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.	<b>108/79</b> Mainly sunny. Highs 106 to 110F and lows in the upper 70s.	<b>108/79</b> Sunshine. Highs 106 to 110F and lows in the upper 70s.	<b>106/79</b> Sunshine. Highs 104 to 108F and lows in the upper 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:39 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:38 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	107	81	sunny	Kingsville	101	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	98	71	pt sunny	Livingston	102	75	pt sunny
Austin	103	75	pt sunny	Longview	105	80	mst sunny
Beaumont	94	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	103	76	sunny
Brownsville	96	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	103	76	pt sunny
Brownwood	108	78	sunny	Midland	106	80	sunny
Corpus Christi	98	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	100	77	mst sunny
Corsicana	106	80	mst sunny	Rosenberg	98	76	pt sunny
Dallas	108	82	sunny	San Antonio	106	78	pt sunny
Del Rio	104	81	sunny	San Marcos	104	75	pt sunny
El Paso	103	79	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	107	82	sunny
Fort Stockton	104	76	sunny	Sweetwater	106	78	sunny
Gainesville	107	81	sunny	Tyler	105	78	mst sunny
Greenville	106	80	sunny	Weatherford	108	80	sunny
Houston	98	77	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	111	83	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	74	t-storm	Minneapolis	87	68	t-storm
Boston	80	69	cloudy	New York	83	75	pt sunny
Chicago	85	71	t-storm	Phoenix	106	81	sunny
Dallas	108	82	sunny	San Francisco	60	54	pt sunny
Denver	90	60	mst sunny	Seattle	77	57	pt sunny
Houston	98	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	79	t-storm
Los Angeles	78	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	78	t-storm
Miami	91	79	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8	Tue 8/9	Wed 8/10
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

# Police blotter

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

• JOHNNY REX DAVIS, 41, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on charges of aggravated assault and criminal mischief – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• GILBERT RECIO JR., 38, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JULIAN JAY TORRES, 18, of 500.5 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Thursday on charges of deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of N. Highway 350.

• THEFT was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1600 block of Settles.

# 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.

• RUSTY WAYNE GRESSETT, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• RICKY RAY WINTERS JR., 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for revocation of probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

**Notice: The jury called for Monday in 118th District Court has been cancelled.**

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# Texas news in brief

## UP derailment in East Texas, heat could be factor

MINEOLA (AP) — A freight train derailment in rural East Texas has left 18 grain-hauling cars off the tracks as Union Pacific officials review whether heat was a factor.

UP spokeswoman Raquel (ruh-KEL') Espinoza says crews are working to clear the tracks, several miles east of Mineola (min-ee-OH'-luh), but it would likely be Saturday before the line reopens.

She says nobody was hurt Thursday afternoon in the derailment of a train made up of four locomotives and 99 cars, traveling from Kingfisher, Okla., to Westwego, La.

Espinoza says the cause of the derailment is sought, but heat will be considered. The National Weather Service says the temperature in the area reached 109 degrees.

Some hopper cars overturned, spilling

grain. Espinoza didn't immediately have a damage estimate.

Mineola is 75 miles east of Dallas.

## 2 face fed charges over fake cash in Austin area

AUSTIN (AP) — A fake currency scam in Central Texas has led to the arrest of two men on federal counterfeiting charges.

Austin police on Friday announced the arrests in an investigation related to the sale of iPhones and iPads that were advertised online. Police say fake cash was being used to buy the electronic items from victims in the Austin area.

Police say 23-year-old Carlos Escobar and 22-year-old Anthony Gardner were arrested Wednesday.

Further details on the men, including whether they have attorneys, were not immediately provided. Austin police

did not immediately return messages Friday from The Associated Press.

## Small lakes go dry, being mowed for weeds

LUBBOCK (AP) — Some park workers in West Texas have taken advantage of the drought by mowing dry lakebeds.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (<http://bit.ly/qgMpEN>) reported Friday that the drought had expanded the duties of park workers to include getting rid of unwanted vegetation.

Operation manager Stewart Gerhart says crews have been mowing down giant, flammable cattails.

Gerhart says workers have been trying to clean out what they can "while the getting's good."

Crews have also spent some hot afternoons picking up dead fish lining the city's playa

lakes. Experts say high temperatures have sapped the lake levels and limited oxygen for the catfish, stocked bluegills and sunfish.

## San Antonio man chased, subdued with Taser, dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a man driving the wrong way on a busy highway has died after a struggle with officers in which he was subdued with a Taser.

Police Chief William McManus says three officers were hurt Thursday trying to arrest 30-year-old Pierre Abernathy.

McManus says Abernathy was handcuffed and in a patrol car when he stopped breathing and couldn't be resuscitated. An autopsy has been ordered.

McManus says six officers tried to detain Abernathy but he turned violent. One officer has a dislocated hand. Two others suffered cuts and

bruises. All six have been put on administrative duty.

## Supt. accused of fraud put on unpaid leave

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas school superintendent accused of fraud in an alleged scheme to steer a \$450,000 contract to a friend has been put on unpaid administrative leave.

El Paso Independent School District trustees on Thursday night suspended Lorenzo Garcia.

Garcia, who's led the district since 2006, faces two conspiracy counts, one mail fraud count and one count of theft of federal funds. He pleaded not guilty Tuesday and is free on bond.

An indictment unsealed Monday alleges Garcia falsely presented the unindicted co-conspirator as the only provider of certain goods and services in order to secure a contract with the district.

## AG: Ex-agent has history of misconduct

BASTROP (AP) — A former liquor control agent accused of sexually assaulting a teenager recruited for an underage drinking sting had a history of sexual misconduct with teens, and he was hired despite being fired from a police department for drunkenness.

Joe Chavez, 42, is scheduled to go on trial Monday in Bastrop, about 30 miles southeast of Austin, on two counts of sexual assault of a child stemming from a 2009 incident.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Angelita G. Alvarez, 66, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Kenneth W. Heflin, 84, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Memorial services with Military Honors will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at Forsan Baptist Church.

Dennis F. Sullivan, 63, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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structures — led mostly by volunteer groups and most recently including U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Hood in Killeen — have been conducted in Colorado City, as well as numerous nearby communities, including Abilene, Odessa and Big Spring.

Since her daughter's disappearance,

Billie Dunn has been sentenced to one year probation for lying to police regarding the whereabouts of her former live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, who is the only person to have been named a "person of interest" in the case.

Dunn entered the guilty plea in return for the prosecution dropping the other charges stemming from her March 17 arrest, including hindering apprehen-

sion and prosecution and possession of dangerous drugs. Dunn was initially sentenced to 90 days in jail, with jail-time suspended in favor of probation, set to be served in Travis County, where the woman is believed to have moved.

The girl's father, Clint Dunn, has traveled all over the West Texas area, handing out flyers and trying to keep Hailey's disappearance in the public eye.

Hailey Dunn has light brown hair, green eyes, stands 5 feet and weighs approximately 115 pounds.

According to information provided by Hope for Hailey, a non-profit group currently assisting in the search, the girl has a scar on the right side of her forehead and right side of her lip. She was last seen wearing dark blue sweat pants, a light-colored T-shirt and flip-flops.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161.

A reward of \$15,000 is now being offered for information in the case.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@big-springherald.com](mailto:citydesk@big-springherald.com)

## POWER

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customers, Clements said.

The rolling blackouts, which will last between 15 and 30 minutes, could come with little or no warning, Clements said.

"Basically, everything you've got on will be shut off," he said. "The blackouts would be scattered across the (ERCOT) system, wherever they're overloaded."

As bad as the specter of unannounced blackouts may seem, Clements was adamant that there were worse scenarios to consider.

"Rolling blackouts would be bad, but they're better than the alternative," he said. "If we lose the transmission grid, we'd be in the dark for six or seven days."

Something similar to that worst-case scenario occurred a few years ago, when a portion of the nation's electrical grid which stretched from the Texas Panhandle to Nebraska went down, leaving customers in the dark for three days.

But Clements said officials will do everything they can to avoid that from happening again, even if it means temporarily shutting off power to certain areas.

"We will shed load as needed to keep the system up and running," he said. "We are asking our customers to shut off all non-essential items and to keep their air conditioners

at a minimum of 80 degrees."

Barring a break in the hot weather (which is not in the immediate forecast), the only thing that will help at this point is for consumers to be very energy-conscious, Clements said.

"Everybody's got to try to do their part," he said. "With every little bit we can save in the afternoon, the better off we'll be ... It may not seem like much to shut off your computer if you're not using it, but if 10,000 people all shut

off their computers, that would save us a lot."

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*This week we salute:*

- The 11 vendors who took part in the community wide yard sale at the Big Spring Herald parking lot Saturday morning and to all those who came out and supported the cause. Over \$700 was donated to the volunteer fire department thanks to the generous donations of the community.

- All Howard County Volunteer Firefighters for their quick response and diligent work this past week on the fire calls.

- Big Spring High School football coaches for recognizing the increased dangers associated with this year's high temperatures and taking extra precautions during their practices.

- Melanie Gambrell at All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue for donating her time to saving animals and doing her part to find them good homes and ensure they are receiving proper care.

- Forsan ISD for receiving a recognized T.E.A. rating for the district, a recognized rating for the high school and junior high and an exemplary rating in the elementary.

- Coahoma ISD for receiving an academically acceptable T.E.A. rating all the way across the board, including district, high school, junior high and elementary.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be sympathetic to others, Lord, and show Your heavenly love.

Amen

# The disappointed Democrats

The power of the president, Richard Neustadt wrote half a century ago, is the power to persuade — sometimes with a carrot, sometimes with a stick, sometimes (as President Reagan did so well) by getting the country behind him, sometimes (as President Johnson did) just by wearing his opponents down.

I have no doubt that the president tried all of those things. Tried, but did not succeed.

What Democrats are saying privately bears almost no relationship to what is being said publicly. Publicly, most people are biting their tongues, falling in line, swallowing their disappointment. Privately, it's a different thing entirely. From labor leaders to old-fashioned organizers, from bundlers of big money to people in the line at the market, there is anger and bewilderment and, most of all, disappointment.

How did we end up with such a bad deal? How did we end up with a plan that appeases Wall Street (by averting a default) and Republican stalwarts (by cutting into the safety net and those who provide that safety net), but fails to provide any balance in terms of increased revenue, not even loophole-closing, much less asking the rich to share in the sacrifice?

Vice President Biden is comparing the tea party to terror-

ists, complaining that the White House was forced to negotiate with a gun held to its head. Help me on that one. I thought we weren't supposed to negotiate with terrorists. I thought that once you did, you would be forever vulnerable. What am I missing?

I have no doubt that at the end of the day, the president tried in good faith and failed in good faith; came to the conclusion that even a bad deal was better than no deal at all, and that the only thing worse than antagonizing his base was antagonizing everyone.

That's why there are no revenue changes (read: closed loopholes and cuts in corporate welfare) in this package. That's why its defenders are claiming that Medicare services aren't being cut, ignoring the fact that cutting reimbursements to doctors will mean that even fewer will treat Medicare patients and that access to services will, in fact, be reduced.

What I don't understand is how we managed to get from Jan. 20, 2009, to this point; how the president lost the ability to persuade, cajole, use both the carrot and the stick. How did he manage to push health care through and now find himself unable to get a balanced deal? How did he end up being the one who had to say "chicken" to a lousy deal?

Oh, I know. Count the beans. There are fewer Democratic votes in the House. He needed Republicans to win. But last time I checked, the tea party didn't command a majority in the House or in the country. So

why, bottom line, did they win?

Every president moves to the middle before an election. That's textbook. If you own the middle — and the center is not fixed, by any means — you win. But before you can move to the middle, you need to cement your base. Right now, liberals are restless.

Those Democrats who are willing to write off the next election — and make no mistake, there are more than whispers — are unduly pessimistic. In order to win the nomination, the Republicans will all be moving rightward, and they will do so in a way that cannot be shaded. If the Democrats have to negotiate with the "terrorists" of the tea party, the Republicans have to do more: They have to join ranks, leaving them further from the middle than the president is.

For Democrats right now, the biggest thing we have to fear is our own despair. The worst thing that could happen to an incumbent president is a primary challenge. The more serious the challenge the more likely he is to lose. And yes, the weaker he is the more likely he is to be challenged. Vicious circles are like that. The best hope is to break them.

This is just one of those times. Hopefully, there won't be too many more. There is, after all, only so much disappointment folks can swallow before they lose the hope that brought us together.

To find out more about Susan Estrich visit [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

## The great minority depression

Some of my friends are unemployed. Some are making less money than they used to. Some full-timers are now part-timers. Some are having to lay off their employees. Some have lost their homes to foreclosure. Some have seen their nest eggs vanish. I didn't need a study to tell me that blacks and Latinos were the hardest hit by the Great Recession. I saw it and felt it all around me.

Yet now there are some very hard figures to illustrate just how and why the minority community has been in more than a recession; we've been through a depression.

While the median wealth of white American households fell by 16 percent between 2005 and 2009, the decline was an alarming 53 percent for African-American households and 66 percent for Hispanic households.

According to the Pew Research Center, which came up with these figures based on Census Bureau data, the disparity in wealth between whites and blacks and Latinos has widened to its largest gap since the government began collecting this kind of information 25 years ago.

Pew doesn't outright call it a Latino depression, but if the median level of home equity of all American homeowners were cut in half, wouldn't we be in a depression? Yet the Pew study found that this is exactly what happened to Latinos. The median level of home equity held by Hispanic homeowners was cut in half — from \$99,983 to \$49,145.

While most Americans were negatively affected by the 2006-09 recession and housing market collapse, blacks and Latinos — the nation's two largest minority groups — were decimated.

That's mostly because when the housing bubble burst in 2006, minorities were standing too close to the bubble. Blacks and Latinos were most adversely affected because they happened to live in the areas hardest hit by the crash of the housing market and because minorities are much likelier to depend on home equity as a primary source of their wealth. According to the Pew study, when their home equity was thrashed, so was most of their wealth.

Because of the Great Recession, the median wealth of white households was at \$113,149 in 2009 (down from \$134,992 in 2005), but it was at \$6,325 for Latinos (down from \$18,359 in 2005) and \$5,677 for blacks (down from \$12,124 four years earlier).

That means that as of 2009, the wealth of the average white family in the United States was 20 times larger than that of the average black family and 18 times larger than that of the average Hispanic family.

These stunning findings should be the subject of great concern and ample discussion in Washington. But unfortunately, a group of conservative clowns has been allowed to turn Congress into a three-ring circus lately. The Washington-manufactured debt ceiling crisis not only sucked all the air out of all other important issues our legislators should be discussing but also illustrated how difficult it will be for government to spend money — even on our own national recovery.

The disparities illustrated by the Pew study are obscene, too grotesque to contemplate, but nevertheless they should be a call to action.

In another time, civil rights activists and responsible politicians would be reacting to such a distressing report by proposing emergency measures to deal with these blatant disparities and to help minorities work their way out of their steep economic decline.

But we live in strange times, amigos, times when the poor are likely to get poorer because the politicians have other priorities.

Unfortunately, the Pew report has been released at a time when Republicans are axing government assistance programs and Democrats are caving in to almost all their demands.

It's a time when minority leaders are realizing that the final agreement to raise the debt ceiling and cut government spending is a very bad deal for their people. They are realizing that Democratic leaders and the president have been coerced into accepting spending cuts that are likely to make minorities suffer even greater economic hardships and realizing that the people who are going to be stung most severely are ones who already are struggling.

While the nation's unemployment rate hovered at 9.2 percent in June, it was 11.6 percent for

Latinos and 16.2 percent for African-Americans.

Unfortunately, bringing blacks and Latinos out of their depression is not a priority at a time when almost everyone in Washington seems to be catering to the tea party and its efforts to reduce the federal deficit by squeezing it out of the poor and the elderly while protecting outrageous tax breaks for the rich.

We all saw it during the debt ceiling crisis. The tea party, standing on ignorance-based principles, is willing to let the country fall over a cliff. But tea partiers use that reckless attitude to manipulate not only their fellow Republicans but also the Democrats, including President Barack Obama.

Imagine what the right-wing extremists would say if our black president were to propose a special program to help the black and Hispanic communities come out of their depression. Even though the figures clearly show these record-breaking economic gaps among Americans of different race and ethnic backgrounds, I can already hear them claiming that any kind of affirmative action is reverse discrimination and that nothing special should be done to help Latinos and African-Americans.

Let's face it; any effort to help blacks and Latinos recover from the Great Minority Depression is likely to encounter strong opposition from right-wing, cutspending ideologues, especially because they are not necessarily known as the champions of compassion, diversity or minorities.

Let's not ever forget that many of them were willing to wreck the economy and trigger a worldwide depression in order to stick to their radically warped ideology of protecting tax breaks for billionaires.

But helping blacks and Latinos recover from an economic tsunami?

You can expect tea party leaders to rant, Republicans to oppose it and the manipulated Democrats to cave in, again.

And the Great Minority Depression will continue until our so-called Democratic "leaders" find the cojones to fight for our best interests.

To find out more about Miguel Perez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).



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**Church News**

**First United Methodist Church**

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

Sunday services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Bill Ivins will be bringing the message, "Prevailing Faith," based on Matthew 14:22-33 at both services.

Sunday the Chancel Choir will practice at 3 p.m. The praise team "Crown of Thorns" will follow with practice at 4:30 p.m. while the bell choir will meet for their practice at 6 p.m.

Family Fun Night and snack supper is at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. The youth group, BFIC (Bring Friends In Christ) will meet at 7 p.m. followed by their "After Glow."

The mission and outreach ministry will meet in the Pathmaker's Class on Monday. The entire administration council is scheduled to meet Aug. 15. "Back In The Saddle" Sunday is scheduled for Aug. 21 and will include a church-wide meal following the 10:50 a.m. service.

Wednesday Pastor Ivins will launch "Revelation for Dummies" at the noon Bible study. The meal will be served at 11:50 a.m. and catered by Al's Barbeque.

Congratulations to Brenna Hoff and her teaching staff for completing the summer session of our Children's Day Out.

There are still a few openings on the Flower Calendar for the remainder of the year. If you would like to order flowers in honor or memory of someone special, contact the church office.

The single candle on the altar table burns during each service to remind us of those serving in the armed forces away from loved ones to protect our freedoms. Continue to pray for their safe return and don't forget to pray daily for our area to receive much needed rain.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. we are on KBYG and at 10:50 a.m. we broadcast over KBST-FM. Methodist Moment devo-

tional on KBST follow the news on weekday mornings.

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

"Kick-Off" Sunday is scheduled for Aug. 21. Many changes are coming in the fall just in time for Back-to-School including more Sunday School classes.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this year. Volunteer opportunities are available in all areas of the church including our children, youth and music programs. There are six positions open in our children and youth areas. For more information, contact Donna Wennick.

Fellowship is Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The music team meets at 7 p.m.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

"Boz and Friends" for preschoolers meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is also available.

"Pink" Prayer Night is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Aug. 7 Pastor Ken McIntoosh will bring the message "How to heal hate" from Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28.

The World Outreach committee will meet at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 7. The Isaiah 58 board will meet Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m. The choir resumed practice Wednesday and will continue to practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com.

**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/

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Abel preached last Sunday. Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday. His sermon topic is "Keeping Our Focus."

Tuesday will mark the 30th anniversary of Pastor Boyce's ordination. After church we will have a reception.

Richard Knocke will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Job 38:4-18, Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16), Romans 10:5-17 and Matthew 14:22-33. Anyone interested in reading, contact Doline Budke. Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be MaKayla Overton. Elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Phillip Reid. We need door greeters for the next two Sundays. The flowers this week are given in honor of Bobby Roever's birthday Aug. 7 by Judy Roever. Happy Birthday, Bobby. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Monday the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education has been postponed until Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Wednesdays we are studying the video series, "That the World May Know," being hosted by Pastor Carroll Kohl. Snacks and goodies will be available during the study, which starts at 7 p.m. The lesson is Lesson 26: "Power to the People" - Southern Steps.

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sept. 11, directly after the noon pot luck. "Wall Builders" scheduled for Sept. 24 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Neither the LWML nor the Board of Assimilation will meet during the summer.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings for August at the church include: The Elders meet Aug. 18. The Board of Assimilation will meet Aug. 23. The Board of Education will meet Aug. 30.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Sunday morning services are at 11 o'clock. Cal Westerhof will bring the message.

Calvary Baptist Church is dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a member of the Crossroads Baptist Association.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

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

St. Mary's Church will re-dedicate

our parish and property Sunday during our 10:30 a.m. service.

The vestry will hold a meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

The kids, youth and families will have a pool party Friday at the city park. Call Mrs. Jensen to RSVP for the event.

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

**First Baptist Church, Big Spring**

Thanks to the generosity of a family in our church, our sanctuary, chapel and bride's room have had the carpet replaced. This week, the pews in the sanctuary and chapel, the podium benches and choir chairs are being taken to Kansas to be recovered.

Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, has begun a series of sermons Sunday mornings concerning faithfulness. Last Sunday, we were reminded about God's faithfulness to us. Sunday the Rev. Lindsey's sermon title is "Faithfulness in Prayer." Morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday evening will be spent at our Mission Center where we will gather for a meal and distribute the backpacks filled with school supplies the members of our church have been collecting. These children have had a relationship with our church through either AWANA, Vacation Bible School or our Mission Center. The children will also select new clothes to begin their school year from the Clothes Closet located at the mission center.

The Mother's Day Out summer program came to an end last Thursday as did Summerama which was for the older children. The MDO program is taking a three week vacation, but will begin the fall session Aug. 23. MDO meets Tuesdays and Thursdays for children who are four years of age or younger. If you have further questions about MDO, call the church office at 267-8223.

Meals, Bible Study for youth and adults and children's activities continue throughout the summer Wednesday evenings. The meal is at 5 p.m. and the remainder of the activities begin at 6 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma**

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom and the Rev. Craig Holdstedt lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

The Session met Thursday, Aug. 4, at 5:17 p.m. in the church social hall for our monthly business meeting.

The lectionary is Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

**First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at the church library.

Al Aton, longtime member of our See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

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From replicas of famous paintings to Barbie doll look-a-likes, our world has been inundated with imitations. We save hundreds of dollars each year by purchasing generic drugs as substitutes for original medications. We buy food products that are loaded with additives and mysterious ingredients instead of buying whole foods. The shoes we wear are often crafted from man-made materials designed to look like leather and the cars we drive are trimmed with plastic that resembles metal.



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In the spiritual realm, impostors can also be found. People of limited faith or no faith play the game of pretending to believe in God. They sometimes adopt a feel-good faith that thrives on praise and emotion when things are going well and disintegrates when adversity strikes.

They stop believing in God because He didn't answer their prayers in the way they expected Him to answer. He didn't heal their sickness, or their loved one died even though they prayed. They faced a financial crisis and God didn't bail them out, or God didn't live up to their expectations in some other way.

In a classic statement about faith, Christian writer Oswald Chambers said, "Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

If faith depends on our being able to understand why God allows things to happen in our lives, then our faith will crumble when it is tested. Real faith means trusting God when there is no visible evidence to indicate we should rely on Him.

In the scripture, the apostle Paul gives us a reason to trust God unconditionally: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Even when we don't understand what God is doing, we can trust Him to make something positive from our negative situations. Real faith is being accountable to God, not trying to hold God accountable to our expectations.

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Church Briefs

Jamaica benefits St. Michael's

ANSON (AP) — You may say "Jamaica," but at St. Michael's Catholic Church they say "hahmy-ca."

And while no one at Saturday's annual Jamaica celebration, St. Michael's largest fundraiser of the year, could recall why the event is called a Jamaica or pronounced that way, it was evident that it still meant fun in the sun.

The celebration carried on from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on church grounds with live music, a cake walk and a water slide among the activities.

One of the church's oldest members, 82-year-old Simona Seballos, said she's been celebrating the St. Michael's Jamaica for more than 30 years.

"It's changed a little bit," she said. "It's a little more modern, but not

much." Traditionally, Jamaica activities only took place inside the church. However, the annual event has expended over the years, the most lively events taking place outside on the church lawn.

Lisa Ramos, the director of religious education at the church, has helped organize the event for 13 years. She said seeing the parish come together to organize the event is as much fun as the day itself.

The parish comes together every January to start planning the summer event.

Even the Rev. Michael Melcher could be found celebrating Saturday.

Throwing water balloons and getting out his Super Soaker are two of his favorite things about Jamaica, he said. He's

been at St. Michael's for five years and seen the tremendous financial effect the event has on the parish.

He said he expects to make between \$4,000 and \$5,000 during Saturday's event.

Ramos said the money will be put into a savings account, eventually to go toward building a new church, replacing the current building, which was built in 1961.

Money is made by church members volunteering to operate booths that sell a variety of things.

Festival-goers played basketball, ring toss and bought a variety of food, from hamburgers to menu.

"It's really a fun thing to see," she said.

"Everyone comes together; we just have a fun time."

Rick Perry may have a prayer problem

AUSTIN (AP)— Openly and deeply religious, Texas Gov. Rick Perry organized what seemed like a slam-dunk event for a politician in a state where religion and politics walk hand in hand: He would fill Houston's Reliant Stadium with fellow believers in a seven-hour session of Christian atonement by some of the nation's most conservative preachers, exhorting believers to pray for the nation's moral decline. Since he set up the event

scheduled for Saturday, however, Perry has become the most talked-about, almost-presidential candidate in the 2012 Republican field. With only 8,000 RSVPs for a stadium that seats 71,500 people, virtually no politicians planning

to attend, and a slate of organizers who hold out-of-mainstream views on religious freedom, gay rights and even Adolf Hitler, the event has become a potentially risky gamble if Perry is serious about running for the White House

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish changes mass service times

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is changing mass times.

Saturday mass will remain at 5 p.m. Sunday mass times will now be 8 a.m. for a bilingual mass service and 11 a.m. for the English mass service.

CHURCH

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congregation, is to be honored as Veteran of the Month at Hangar 25 on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Christine Boling is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Mike Robinson is liturgist.

Elementary Sunday school classes are meeting in the computer room to use "Gallilee Flyer" software to study The Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Beatitudes and to watch "The Prince of Egypt," the story of Joseph. The youth resume regular classes Aug. 28 with Christine and Don Boling leading a DVD study "In the Dust of the Rabbi." The covenant class begins a unit "A Case Study in Community" from the book of Ruth during the month. The theater room class will hear mission stories from Marj Carpen-

ter on Sunday, followed by a six-session DVD series, "Start Becoming a Good Samaritan."

The service committee appreciates all of the items donated for the volunteer firefighters of Big Spring and Howard County. They are now asking for volunteers to read with children at the North Side Center on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. Anyone willing to donate time is asked to sign up at the church or call Lucy Odom at 267-8842.

The lectionary is Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several

recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets the second Thursday every month at 501 N. Birdwell Lane. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and worship is at 7 p.m. Next meeting is Aug. 11. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m.

For more information go to Signal-Emmaus.org

REFLECTIONS

Debt inside our nation

The nation and the world watched with shock, horror and disgust as the United States congress argued and bantered till the last minute to raise the debt ceiling, adopt a budget and avert the United States' first ever default. As best I can understand it, the irreconcilable conflict had at least three positions: the Democrats who wanted to raise the debt ceiling so the U.S. can continue borrowing and pay its debts until after the 2012 presidential elections, the Republicans who wanted a short term increase in the debt ceiling that will require another round of negotiations within the year and the Tea Party Republicans who wanted no increase in the debt ceiling forcing the government to immediately reign in its spending to current levels of income. (I am sure that this is an overly simplistic appraisal of the situation.)



BILL TINSLEY

Regardless of political positions or opinions, the underlying issue to our current crisis is debt. We simply owe more than we can pay. Everyone, Democrats and Republicans alike seem to recognize this cannot continue. We cannot continue as a nation sinking further and further into debt.

Perhaps debt and credit will be the defining issues of the 21st century. We have watched Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland wrestle with debt issues that totter the European markets. We are still struggling to recover from the debt and credit crisis of 2008 that sent our economy spiraling into a recession that rivaled the Great Depression.

The generation who grew up in the Great Depression and fought the second World War learned early in life the value of saving and of avoiding unnecessary debt, but they are quickly passing from the scene. Those of us who grew up in the second half of the 20th century and the early years of the 21st are having to relearn those lessons the hard way.

For decades we have lived under the illusion budgets could be based on credit. We ran up credit card debt adopt-

ing life styles and standards of living beyond our income. We even coined a phrase to describe it: the "standard of living bubble," defined by Investopedia as "The concept of consumers living beyond their means for an extended period of time. ... the use of consumer credit and spending increases in order to provide the illusion of increases in standard of living."

Prior to the "Great Recession" of 2008 the average savings rate for Americans was negative. We were, on average, spending more than we earned. Fortunately, we are making progress. Americans are reducing personal debt and increasing personal savings. Now we are painfully watching our government wrestle with the same debt issues we each must address. The way forward will not be easy and will not be rectified overnight. But, if we as a people and a nation learn to live within our means we will establish a firm footing for prosperity and health.

Writing in 1757 as Poor Richard, Benjamin Franklin warned, "when you run in debt, you give another power over your liberty," and "the borrower is a slave to the lender and the debtor to the creditor."

The scripture says "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another." (Romans 13:8).

Bill Tinsley reflects on life experience and current events from a faith perspective. His books are available at [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).

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Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Diamonds, and North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

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 ♥ —  
 ♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 7  
 ♣ A K 10 8
- EAST  
 ♠ K Q 10 9 8  
 ♥ A Q 8 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ J 9 4 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the three of spades. How would you play the hand?

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

1. Win the heart with the ace and discard the ace of spades on it! Then play the K-Q of spades, discarding two clubs. There is a 93 percent chance of the opposing spades dividing either 4-3 or 5-2, which is all you need for this line of play to succeed.

It would be wrong to play the ace of hearts at trick one and discard a club, leaving you to rely on either a successful club finesse or the hope that cashing the A-K of clubs at some later stage would drop the

queen. At best this would give you about a 50 percent chance for the contract.

2. It would be a mistake to win the spade lead with the ace, cash the king of diamonds, then cross to dummy's king of spades in the hope of finding the missing diamonds divided 3-2. This would amount to staking the outcome solely on a favorable diamond division. While it is true that the diamonds are likely to be divided 3-2, there is no need to put all your eggs in this one basket.

A better method of play is to win with the ace of spades, lead the king of diamonds and overtake it with dummy's ace! Then cash the queen of diamonds to see whether both defenders follow suit. If they do, you can play a third diamond, thereby assuring 10 tricks (two spades, a heart, six diamonds and a club).

If the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1, lead a club from dummy at trick four, planning to finesse if South follows low. This gives you a chance to establish your club suit and make four notrump if South has any of the following club holdings: the singleton king or queen; the doubleton K-Q, K-x or Q-x; the tripleton K-Q-x; or all four low clubs.

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# News in brief

## Global stock markets tumble after Wall Street slide; Japan down 3.7 pct, London down 3.5 pct

BEIJING (AP) — Global stock markets tumbled Friday amid fears the U.S. may be heading back into recession and Europe's debt crisis is worsening. The sell-off follows the biggest one-day points decline on Wall Street since the 2008 financial crisis.

Oil extended sharp losses to fall below \$85 a barrel amid expectations a slowing global economy will undermine demand for crude.

In Europe, major markets fell, adding to losses Thursday. London's FTSE 100 declined 3.5 percent to 5,393.14 and Germany's DAX shed 3.8 percent to 6,172.00. France's CAC-40 lost 2.5 percent to 3,238.80.

Wall Street was set for a lower open with Dow futures down 0.8 percent at 11,280 after Thursday's 512.76-point fall, the steepest point decline since Dec. 1, 2008. S&P 500 futures fell 0.6 percent to 1,191.7.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average slid 3.7 percent to 9,299.88 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng dived 4.3 percent to 20,946.14. China's Shanghai Composite Index lost 2.2 percent to 2,626.42.

## A weak July jobs report could heighten jitters on Wall Street

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investors seeking reason for optimism after the worst stock-market sell-off since the 2008 financial crisis probably won't find it in Friday's July jobs report.

Economists forecast that employers added only 90,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.2 percent, according to a survey by FactSet.

That would mark an improvement over the 18,000 net jobs created in June — the fewest in nine months — and the 25,000 in May. But over time, 90,000 new

jobs a month wouldn't even be enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising. Nor would it erase fears on Wall Street that the U.S. may be on the verge of another recession.

At least 125,000 jobs a month are needed to keep up with population growth. Twice as many are generally associated with significant declines in the unemployment rate, which has risen for three straight months.

Economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch estimate there is a 35 percent chance of another recession within the next year.

## Libyan rebel spokesman: Unconfirmed reports have Ghadafi's son Khamis killed in NATO airstrike

BENGAZI, Libya (AP) — A Libyan rebel spokesman says his side has unconfirmed reports that Moammar Gadhafi's youngest son has been killed in a NATO airstrike on the western town of Zlitan.

Mohammad al-Rajali says rebel reports have Khamis Gadhafi as being among 33 troops killed in a NATO strike early Friday on a government operations center in Zlitan.

Officials in the Libyan capital Tripoli could not be reached for comment.

NATO says there has been bombing around Zlitan on Thursday. An alliance spokesman in Brussels said Friday that NATO could not verify the report.

Zlitan is 90 miles (140 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli.

## Senate poised to approve legislation ending partial shutdown and returning workers to jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is poised to pass legislation ending a two-week partial shutdown of the Federal Aviation Administration that has cost the government about \$400 million in uncollected airline ticket taxes and idled thousands of workers.

A bipartisan compromise reached Thursday cleared the way for the Senate to approve a House bill extending the FAA's operating authority through mid-September, including a provision that eliminates \$16.5 million in air service subsidies to 13 rural communities. Senators have scattered for their August recess, but the measure can be approved Friday if leaders from both parties agree to adopt it by "unanimous consent."

FAA employees could return to work and payments for airport construction projects could resume as soon as Monday if President Barack Obama signs the bill over the weekend, transportation officials said.

Republicans had insisted on the subsidy cuts as their price for restoring the FAA to full operation. But bill also includes language that gives Trans-

portation Secretary Ray LaHood the authority to continue subsidized service to the 13 communities if he decides it's necessary. Democrats said they expect the administration to effectively waive or negate the cuts.

The shutdown began when much of Washington was transfixed by the stalemate over raising the government's debt ceiling. During that time, the FAA furloughed 4,000 workers but kept air traffic controllers and most safety inspectors on the job. Forty airport safety inspectors worked without pay, picking up their own travel expenses. Some 70,000 workers on construction-related jobs on airport projects from Palm Springs, Calif., to New York City were idled as the FAA couldn't pay for the work.

## Obama calling for credits, training to help out-of-work veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is asking Congress to approve new initiatives to help some of America's 1 million unemployed military veterans find work, including tax credits for companies that hire out-of-work vets.

The proposal Obama is to outline Friday is part of the president's efforts to return to a focus on jobs after spending weeks mired in the contentious debt-limit debate that consumed the White House for much of the summer.

His announcement was to come shortly after the Labor Department releases a new round of nationwide unemployment data.

Last month's jobs report was dismal, with the country's unemployment rate ticking up to 9.2 percent and job growth slowing nearly to a halt.

## In Mexican border city, hundreds of migrants deported from U.S. struggle to survive

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — After 15 years of installing marble in homes in Escondido, California, Porfirio Perez was caught without a driver's license during a February traffic stop and deported.

Now the 42-year-old just tries to survive in this sprawling industrial border city, 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) from his birthplace of Puebla in central Mexico.

He is among hundreds of deportees who are stuck in Tijuana, which sits across from San Diego, California, because they don't have the Mexican documents required and need permanent addresses to get them. He and about 350 others live in and around the Rio Tijuana canal that separates the two cities.

"I'm looking for work here but I can't get any because I don't have papers or a voter ID," Perez said. "It's a real awful change, you know. There, when I was hungry I'd go to a restaurant. Here, you eat if you can get it."

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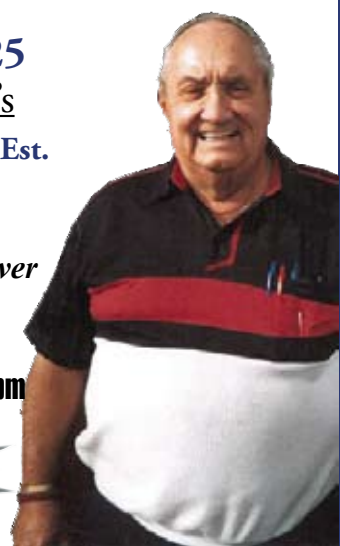
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**Steers Head Coach Phillip Ritchey watches, as players go through a tackling this morning as part of their two-a-day practice sessions. The team dressed out in full pads today for the first time.**

## A-Rod dealt legal issues in poker game

TAMPA (AP) — Alex Rodriguez refused to discuss a Major League Baseball investigation into his involvement in illegal poker games, ending an interview Thursday with a one-word answer.

The New York Yankees had said the injured star would stop his post-workout media session at the team's minor league training complex if any reporter posed an non-baseball question.

Rodriguez spoke for several minutes about his recovery from knee surgery. But when asked if he would not discuss the poker games, he said "yep" and walked to his car.

Rodriguez's publicist, See **A-ROD**, Page 2B

however, said the slugging third baseman was looking forward to cooperating with MLB in its poker probe.

Star Magazine reported last month that several people saw A-Rod playing in games hosted at Hollywood hotels and residences.

Richard Rubenstein, Rodriguez's publicist, said in a statement Thursday morning that the Star's story contained "numerous factual inaccuracies."

Rodriguez said it will take a few days to get a timeframe for rejoining the Yankees.

"I think I'll have a much better indication over the

## Briefs

### Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. 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.

### Fall tennis practice begins

Big Spring begins tennis practices Monday for their fall schedule. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. through noon on weekdays at the courts at Comanche Trail.

### Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's 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.big-springbowlarama.com](http://www.big-springbowlarama.com).

## Rangers end skid, beat Tigers 5-2

DETROIT (AP) — The Texas Rangers had the perfect matchup to end a three-game losing streak on Thursday.

They had Alexi Ogando facing the Detroit Tigers. Ogando came through again, pitching well into the seventh inning as the Rangers beat Detroit 5-2 in a matchup of AL division leaders.

Ogando is 3-0 against Detroit this season while the rest of the Rangers' staff went 0-6.

"That was a very well-pitched game just when we needed it," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "That's a pretty good lineup that he held down again."

Ogando (11-5) allowed two runs in 6 1-3 innings, walking none and striking out seven. He became the first pitcher to defeat the Tigers three times this season — he has al-

lowed three earned runs in 21 innings against Detroit for a 1.29 ERA.

"We played a good game, we pitched a good game, but Ogando was just too good for us," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "He wasn't in the All-Star game by accident."

Four Texas relievers finished, with Neftali Feliz pitching the ninth for his 22nd save in 27 tries. More importantly, Mike Adams pitched a scoreless eighth after taking the loss in his Rangers' debut Tuesday.

"My blood pressure was way down today," said Adams, acquired from San Diego on Sunday. "The other night, I was all over the place, but today felt more comfortable."

The Rangers had lost four of five and seen their AL West lead shrink to one game.

"This was a big game

for us," Mike Napoli said. "We dropped the first two here and we had to close this out with a win."

Brad Penny (7-9) took the loss, giving up five runs on 11 hits — 10 singles and Michael Young's triple — in 6 2-3 innings.

"I felt great out there — that's as strong as I've felt since I got hurt last year," he said. "Everything just went against us — every ball they hit stalled a hole."

The Rangers nearly hit into a triple play in the second inning, but instead turned it into a run.

With runners on first and second, Mitch Moreland hit a grounder to first baseman Don Kelly, who stepped on the bag. Kelly then threw to second and Napoli was tagged out after a brief rundown.

Nelson Cruz tried to score from second on the play, and Kelly's throw

beat him, but catcher Victor Martinez dropped the ball for an error.

"I thought we had it — I really thought we had it," Leyland said. "That would have been a unique triple play, but we would have loved to have it."

Texas added three more runs in the fourth on RBI singles by Napoli and Ian Kinsler and a sacrifice fly by Endy Chavez.

With Detroit still unable to solve Ogando, the Rangers added a fifth run in the seventh. Josh Hamilton singled with two outs and scored when right fielder Ryan Raburn lost Young's flyball into the corner, turning it into a triple.

"Penny had great stuff," Young said. "We were lucky to get the runs we did."

Detroit got two runners on for the first time in the seventh.

## Cowboys Free-up the offensive line

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo finally had two of his primary protectors in front of him again Thursday night.

Re-signed offensive linemen Doug Free and Kyle Kosier took part in the team's rescheduled practice only hours after NFL players ratified the collective bargaining agreement. All players with new contracts since July 26 were able to practice for the first time.

In anticipation of the ratification, coach Jason Garrett had pushed back the start of Thursday's second session from the usual mid-afternoon start. He got what he hoped for, a full squad for the first time since the team started practice at the Alamodome a week earlier.

"We wanted to practice at night down here at least once, so it kind of fit together," Garrett said.

Keeping left tackle Free was the top priority for the Cowboys once most of the deal to end the NFL's 4½-month lockout was agreed to last week and free agency began. Free got a \$32 million, four-year contract with \$17 million guaranteed.

"It's always fun to play football," Free said, walking off the field without stopping after the nearly three-hour session. "Yeah, doing good."

Free, going into his fifth season, became the starter on the left side protecting Romo's blind side last season.

Kosier got a \$9 million, three-year contract. He is going into his 10th season, the sixth in Dallas.

"It was a little strange. I felt like I was missing something, missing being sore or something," Kosier said. "I'm just knocking the rust off a little bit. ... You can't be at home hitting your head against the wall all year long. It's going to take a little while to get used to."

The Cowboys last week released both right-side starters from last season, guard Leonard Davis and tackle Marc Colombo.

Unrestricted free agent Abram Elam, who has agreed to one-year deal to reunite with new Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, didn't make it in time for Thursday night's practice and wasn't officially put on the roster.

Elam began his career in Dallas in 2006 and has started 31 of 32 games in Cleveland the past two seasons playing for Ryan's defense.

Other Cowboys who practiced for the first time were defensive ends Marcus Spears, Jason Hatcher and Kenyon Coleman, safety Gerald Sensabaugh, receiver Jesse Holley and cornerbacks Alan Ball and Bryan McCann.

Spears missed the final eight games last season after being put on injured reserve because of a calf injury. He got hurt in a loss at Green Bay, the day before former coach Wade Phillips got fired, so he had never been part of a practice under coach Jason Garrett.

"It's sort of like a game situation. You're moving from period to period and you're moving pretty fast," Spears said. "To get into the swing of things is tough when you're coming off of eight months of no

football. ... I hadn't missed that much football ever. It was tough to be injured and having to sit out at the beginning of training camp. So to be back is phenomenal."

Sensabaugh signed a \$2.5 million, one-year contract Wednesday to remain in Dallas for the third consecutive season. Like Spears and other defenders, he is having to learn the new scheme being installed by Ryan.

"(My head) is spinning quite a bit. It's the first day learning the system," Sensabaugh said. "They've been around the system for eight, nine days and I've had just 24 hours to look over it. I'm just in there trying to make plays."

Also back on the field Thursday was receivers coach Jimmy Robinson, who was knocked unconscious and sustained a concussion after being run over during a punt return drill Saturday when the team was in pads for the first time.

"He's about as tough as they come. He took quite a shot the other day," Garrett said. "He's still not 100 percent, but he's tried to work his way back into meetings and he's been back on the field a little bit now."

The 58-year-old Robinson, also the team's assistant head coach, is in his first season with the Cowboys after coming from the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

"It's a little frustrating when you can't be out here doing your job, but getting a little better each day," Robinson said. "Still some headaches, a little bit of double vision. It kind of comes and goes. ... I'm just trying to move slowly."

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next 48 hours," he said. "I'm curious to see how my body reacts, responds tomorrow. Tomorrow and the next day will be a good indication."

The 36-year-old Rodriguez arrived at the Yankees' minor league complex just before noon, pulling up in his Mercedes and waving to a group of 25 or so fans before entering the building.

This was his first on-field activity since having right knee surgery July 14. He worked out for a half-hour, doing light running, playing catch, taking grounders and hitting in the batting cage off a tee and against a soft toss. He wore a light brace

on the knee and showed no signs of difficulty moving. Rodriguez then went inside to ice the knee and run in the pool.

"I feel good. A good day today. Encouraging first day out there on the field and felt pretty good," said Rodriguez, who signed autographs before talking to the media outside the complex.

Rodriguez said the intensity of the workouts will be increased each day.

"Hopefully 5, 10 percent more every day and see over the next four, five days (how it goes)," Rodriguez said. "It will be a big key to see when I can actually get back on the field for real."

Rodriguez is hitting .295 with 13 home runs and 52 RBIs.

## Thome nears 600 homers

ANAHEIM (AP) — Facing Dan Haren wasn't the best way for the Minnesota Twins to keep the momentum going after hitting a season-high five home runs the night before.

They only got one this time — Jim Thome's 598th — after the Angels' right-hander held Minnesota to one hit over the first seven innings in a 7-1 victory Thursday night.

"It's always fun to see Thomes walk to the plate and hit a home run. That's always a big moment, because we're all rooting for him," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "But it was a tough night for us. Their guy got a lead

and knew what to do with it. He pretty much dominated us and shut us down."

Francisco Liriano (7-9) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in five innings and struck out five. The left-hander faced a lineup made up of right-handed batters — including switch-hitters Maicer Izturis, Alberto Callaspo and Erick Aybar.

Liriano is 5-5 with a 4.37 ERA in 14 starts since his no-hitter against the White Sox on May 3 at Chicago.

Liriano gave up a season-high seven runs for the third time.

It was the fourth time in his last eight starts that he failed

to reach the sixth inning, and only the fourth time this season the Angels scored more than four runs in support of Haren while he was still in the game.

"I don't know how to rate Frankie's performance because we missed so many plays defensively and opportunities to get outs that we didn't get," Gardenhire said. "They put the ball in play and tapped it all over the place and scored five runs after two double plays should have been turned. It was just one of those nights. There wasn't an error up on the board for us, but that's very deceptive in a game like this."

## Marshall Faulk inducted into NFL Hall of Fame

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kurt Warner understood what made the Greatest Show on Turf work.

It wasn't his strong, accurate arm or those speedy receivers who stretched defenses to the limit. No, the Rams' secret weapon was Marshall Faulk's uncanny mind.

"He was designing plays and coming up with thoughts that would make our team better, not just make him better," Warner said of the newest Rams inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Mike Martz allowed all of us to have some input in what was happening, and Marshall

always had ideas about how certain things could be better, how to run routes, how to do this or that. You never knew where it came from, but I knew he was a big part of helping develop that offense."

Faulk always saw things differently -- on and off the field.

He left the tough streets of New Orleans' ninth ward for the sunny skies of San Diego because he was determined to play running back in college. Still, he never forgot about his roots in the impoverished Desire housing project where he grew up.

And while others touted his incredible skills,

Faulk never thought the NFL was a real possibility until his freshman season at San Diego State. Even the thought of becoming a part of football's greatest shrine was, well, incomprehensible.

That's how Faulk viewed football, as a small part of life.

"There is a celebration aspect to it," he said of Saturday's induction ceremony in Canton, Ohio. "But going in is really more of an acknowledgment that kids in poverty, in their situations, can get out of it, and it doesn't always come from sports."

Football was Faulk's escape, but it was the lessons he learned in New Orleans that propelled him to stardom.

He believed in himself. He wanted to prove the doubters wrong. He had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, learning the high school playbook through every position on the field.

So when the big schools questioned whether the kid from George Washington Carver High School could play running back in college, Faulk followed his heart to the one the school that would give him a chance. It didn't take long to prove himself.

In his second college game, Faulk ran for a mind-blowing 386 yards and seven touchdowns

against the University of Pacific. He finished his freshman season with 1,429 yards, 21 touchdowns and an average of 7.1 yards per carry. He was ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

It was no fluke. As a sophomore, Faulk produced 1,758 yards from scrimmage, 15 total touchdowns and was the Heisman runner-up. A year later, he ran for 1,530 yards and 21 TDs and caught 47 passes. He finished with 2,174 yards from scrimmage that season and was fourth in the Heisman voting.

By then, Faulk realized he would earn millions in the NFL. He also started contemplating the bigger picture, like how he wanted to play in the NFL and how he would be perceived in the real world.

Current Colts owner Jim Irsay loved what he saw in Faulk, who changed the game with his nifty cuts, sheer quickness and ability to catch the ball out of the backfield.

"He was such a smart football player," said Irsay, who insists he will always consider Faulk a Colt even though he's more widely associated with the Rams. "We really looked at him as a coach on the field. He knows the game so well, it's incredible."

Indianapolis liked Faulk so much it used the No. 2 overall pick on Faulk, who brought immediate star power to a team in need of a new image. But it was his brain that allowed him to excel.

He won the 1994 Offensive Rookie of the Year Award, topped 1,000 yards four times, made three Pro Bowls and led the Colts to back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time in nearly two decades. Then, in 1998, he started mentoring another New Orleans native, rookie quarterback Peyton Manning.

Pairing the mind of Marshall with the mind of Manning seemed like

a perfect match.

Though Faulk played pranks on the rookie, they were all business when it mattered. Faulk said he taught Manning how to deal with the media, how to adapt to the NFL game and, together, they read defenses. In fact, Faulk lined up deeper in the backfield just to see the defenses better.

"Marshall's ability to read defenses was as good as any quarterback," Manning said. "He was a tremendous presence for me, and I always will be grateful to him for helping me that year. I loved watching him play, and it is only right that he is taking his place in Canton among the greatest players who have played the game. There will never be another like him."

But after that one season with Manning and a second straight 3-13 record, a frustrated Faulk worried the Colts' rebuilding project didn't include him.

When he asked for a new contract, with two years still left on his rookie deal, the Colts refused and traded him to the Rams. Bill Polian still calls it one of the toughest decisions he's ever made.

At first, his new Rams teammates weren't sure what Faulk would bring to the team.

"I think originally before we even knew much of Marshall, I think everybody got the take that he wasn't really happy in Indy and wasn't getting the ball enough. So that was our initial response, 'We've got this superstar, how do we keep him happy?'" Warner said. "It didn't take long to realize whatever happened in Indianapolis stayed in Indianapolis because he was the ultimate team player. All he wanted was our team to be good."

While teammates were busy trying to keep Faulk happy, the coaching staff devised a whole new way to play the game that suited Faulk's dual-threat abilities per-

fectly. Martz, the offensive coordinator, told Faulk they didn't want to wear him down with 300 carries a year. So the Rams were going to create mismatches with Faulk in the passing game and let him use his running skills to break free.

When defenses tried to adapt, Faulk simply adjusted on the fly.

The results were incredible: An NFL record three straight seasons with 500-plus points, two Super Bowl appearances in three seasons and an improbable Super Bowl title in Faulk's first season in St. Louis. Warner won the league's MVP award twice during that stretch. Faulk won it once.

But the team MVP all three years was Faulk in a landslide.

"Guys would change their defense completely to deal with Marshall and, obviously, he was able to take advantage of that," said Martz, now the offensive coordinator for the Bears. "Once you found out what the matchups were, you could make an adjustment on the sideline with Marshall and he could take care of that immediately. In fact, he'd come to the sideline and understand it and say, 'Hey, here's what they're doing. How about this?' Pretty unusual."

Off the field, Faulk became more than just a football icon in St. Louis.

He was a fan favorite with a special affinity for the city and area. He's donated more than \$500,000 to help St. Louis' youth programs still has a home in the city and says he's still a Rams fan.

Faulk's newest effort is assisting with an animal rescue and disaster relief effort to help the tornado victims from Joplin, Mo.

"It's really his kind heart and his desire to give back," said Arthur Benjamin, a philanthropist and founder of American Dog Rescue.

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Garage Sales

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There will be a reprieve from the lighthearted, playful influence of Leo as the Scorpio moon adds a strain of seriousness to the action. Also, Venus and Jupiter are in a bit of a tiff, so the road to love isn't quite as smooth as it was earlier in the week. Channel the tension in the air into a passionate, creative and interesting endeavor.



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your dilemma seems serious to you, and yet to another person, it's just another day at work. Make notes about what you are going through

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

now so that you may avoid the same situation later.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll prepare for an upcoming presentation. It seems that every time you practice your pitch, it gets better. There is a point of diminishing returns, but you haven't reached it yet.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You read the body language of those around you. When they want to talk, you're a listening ear. And when they want to be alone, you give them space. Your appropriate response makes others trust you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Sometimes those who have known you all of your life will miss the most basic things about you. That's why you love a person who gets you from the beginning. Such a person comes along this week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's difficult to take another person's wishes very seriously when your own remain unfulfilled. So don't wait a moment longer. Do what you want to do. Later, you'll be truly happy to help.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those younger and less experienced may nonetheless have just the information or point of view that you most need to hear. You'll be impressed by the wisdom that comes from an unlikely source.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Walk one way, and you'll have the experiences that come with that path. If you turn in another direction, your fate will be completely different. Much depends on your ability to put yourself in the way of opportunity.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Children are more impressionable than they seem. They may not seem to pay attention to you now, but you never know. Many decades from now, they could finally register

what you said today. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an accurate accounting of what happened in a certain relationship, and yet the other person wouldn't account for it in quite the same way. Your willingness to listen will help things.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no need to worry about your public perception. You are seen in many different ways by many different people, and you have little control over it now. The happier you are the more effective you will be.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You rarely mention your good deeds and remarkable achievements to others. Though your modesty is lovely, you could use a confidence boost. Privately remind yourself of all you've accomplished.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It may be the case that you want much more than the other person feels like giving you. You're not the first person to be in this position, and you may find help from others who've learned from the experience.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (August 5). Your popularity soars this year as you reach in new directions to make friends. In September, those who are older and wiser will help you earn money. You'll attract more romance and fun into your world in November. A longtime fantasy of yours will become a reality in January. Invest in new business in June. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 3, 15 and 38.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You have not made many mistakes in love, but there is one to remember now so you'll do things differently this time. TAURUS: You will take

pleasure in practicing to master the art of getting to know someone. GEMINI: When you get frustrated, it appears someone else is to blame. Calm down, and you'll see all is well. CANCER: It may be an inconvenient time for a relationship, but you'll make room for it anyhow. LEO: You get more and more attractive as the days go on. VIRGO: You have a wide range of talents. LIBRA: It may not be easy, but it is clear what should happen next in your love life. SCORPIO: You are ready to make a stronger, longer commitment to someone you love. SAGITTARIUS: You will capture someone's heart with your dancing eyes. CAPRICORN: Your love will be measured in laughter. AQUARIUS: You will feel enthusiastic enough about a relationship to take it to the next level. PISCES: It's not who you know but how well you know a person that counts.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Scorpio make a magical pairing. These signs are not very much alike, and that's what makes them so compelling to watch as a couple. Like a great comedy duo, their differences keep the audience wondering how they will clash and how they will mesh. The tension is exciting, and it keeps them attracted to each other for the long term. This weekend, however, these signs are mostly in perfect agreement.

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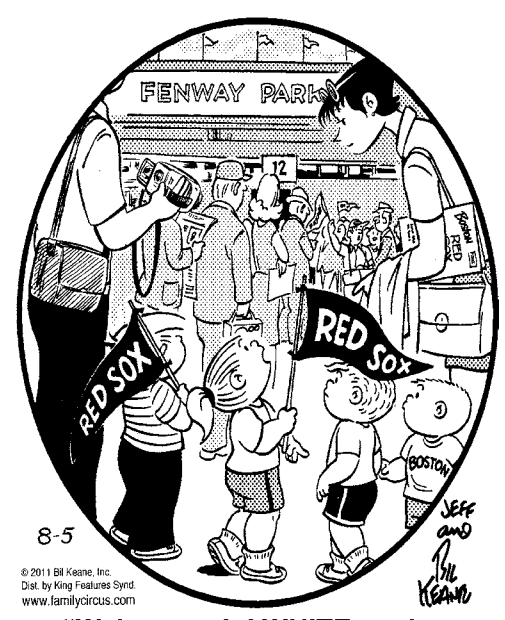
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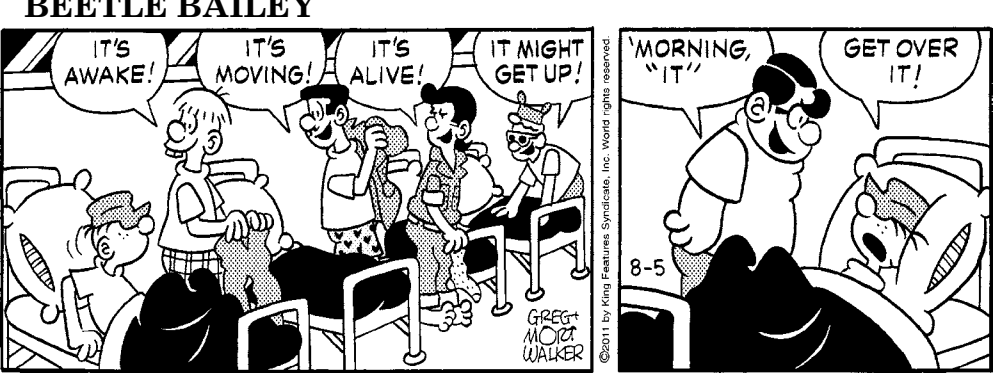
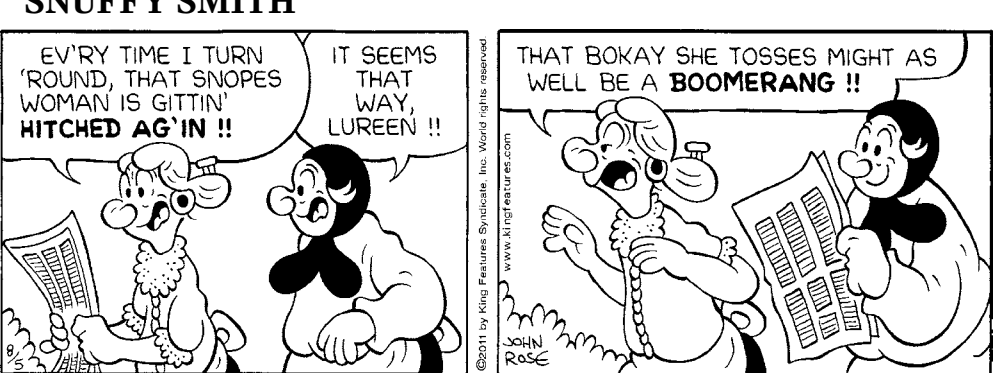
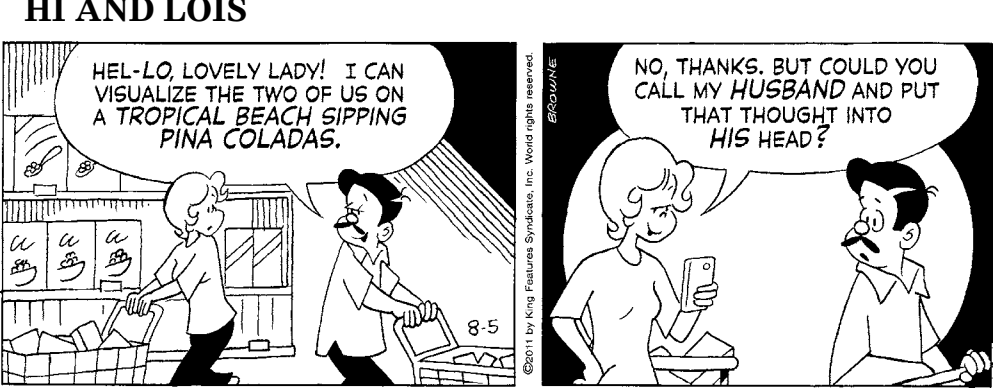
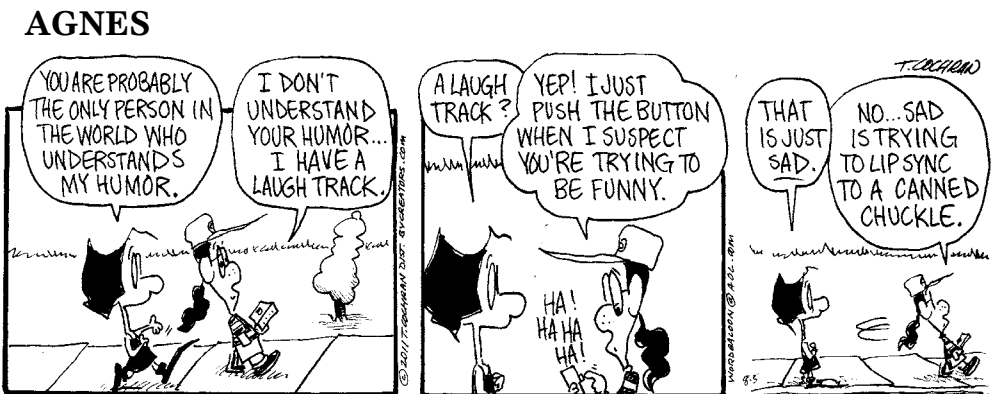
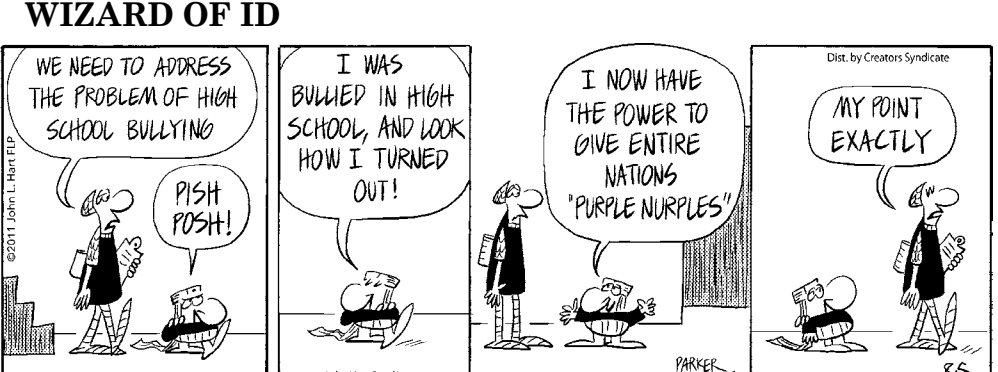
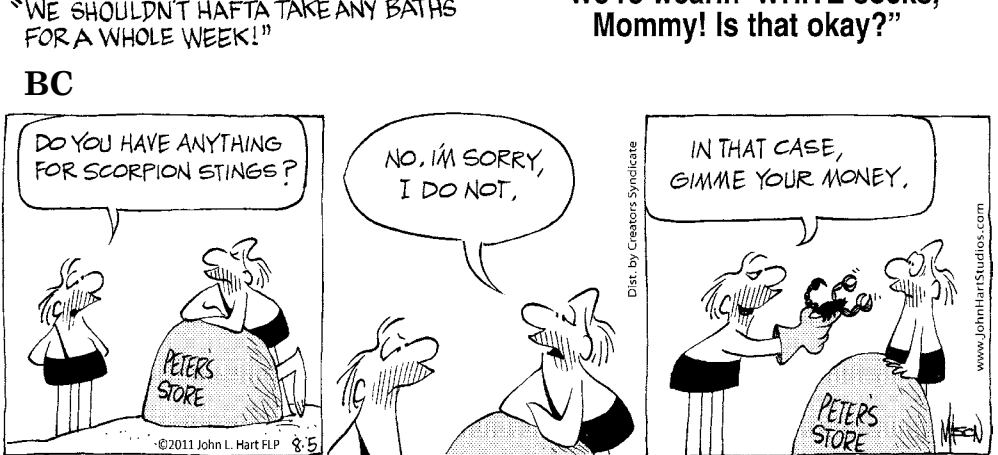
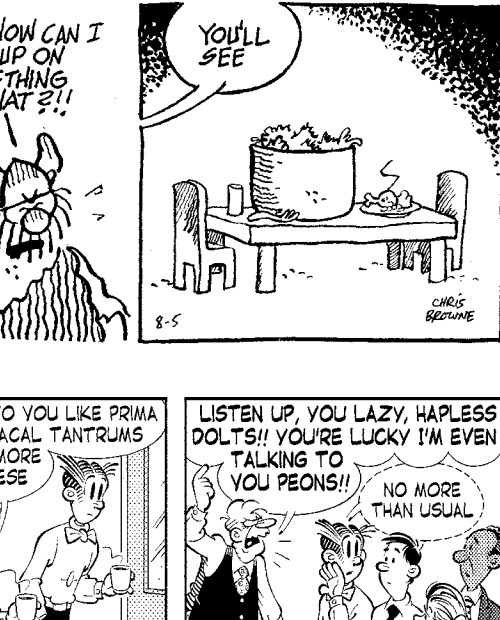
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2011. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 5, 1921, a baseball game was broadcast for the first time as KDKA radio announcer Harold Arlin described the action between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies from Forbes Field. (The Pirates won, 8-5.)

On this date:

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Revenue Act of 1861, which included the first-ever federal personal income tax, a 3-percent levy on incomes above \$800 (however, no income tax ended up actually being collected under this law).

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Admiral David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1924, the comic strip

"Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1961, the amusement park Six Flags Over Texas had its official grand opening day in Arlington.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

In 1969, the U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

In 1981, the federal government began firing air traffic controllers who had gone out on strike.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is

81. Actor John Saxon is 75. College Football Hall of Famer Roman Gabriel is 71. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 71. Rock musician Rick Huxley (The Dave Clark Five) is 71. Actress Loni Anderson is 66. Actress Erika Slezak is 65. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 64. Actress Holly Palance is 61. Singer Samantha Sang is 58. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 55. Rock musician Pat Smear is 52. Actress Tawney Kitaen is 50. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 50. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Patrick Ewing is 49. Rapper MCA (The Beastie Boys) is 47. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 45. Country singer Terri Clark is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 RSVP recipient
  - 5 Exasperates
  - 9 Actor Keach
  - 14 A while ago
  - 15 Choice list
  - 16 Ruined
  - 17 Skier's conveyance
  - 18 Stratford's river
  - 19 Increased
  - 20 61 Down's chairs, whips, etc.?
  - 23 Occult ability
  - 24 Symbol of slipperiness
  - 25 Symbol of strength
  - 26 Cash source
  - 28 Ancient storyteller
  - 30 Letter addressees
  - 32 Vigor, in music
  - 33 Something to check
  - 35 Calendar abbr.
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  - 42 As recently as
  - 43 Teachers' org.
  - 44 UK fliers
  - 45 Source of steam
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  - 48 Note next to F
  - 52 Unfamiliar
  - 53 Just like
  - 54 Exploitation
  - 56 Start of a JFK quote
  - 57 61 Down's acrobatic asset?
  - 61 Sapphire unit
  - 62 Lounge

- DOWN**
- 1 Beverage order
  - 2 In scoring position, perhaps
  - 3 Rogues
  - 4 Lois on 'Lois & Clark'
  - 5 Something seen
  - 6 Has a hearty party
  - 63 Queen's subjects
  - 64 Slice
  - 65 Send forth
  - 66 Ruination
  - 67 Venomous snake
  - 68 Head of an Executive dept.
  - 69 "Liberal" group
  - 7 Fort once visited by 007
  - 8 Room that's more window than wall
  - 9 Black-and-white beast
  - 10 Bugle call
  - 11 Be seen by, in a vision
  - 12 Pool prop
  - 13 Since 1/1
  - 21 High land
  - 22 Spring celebration
  - 27 Mineralogy scale
  - 29 Med. specialty
  - 31 Minimal amounts
  - 32 Get going
  - 34 Not too taxing
  - 37 Travel with
  - 38 Outstanding, in a way
  - 39 Looked angry
  - 40 Fiascos
  - 41 Breakfast serving
  - 47 Open to all
  - 49 Sequential
  - 50 Pronunciation prominence
  - 51 Essay subjects
  - 53 Subsequently
  - 55 Like bar snacks
  - 58 Political campaign
  - 59 Learned volume
  - 60 "Mamma Mia!" group
  - 61 Circus employee/subject of the puzzle

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