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BSISD superintendent pledges to shed unacceptable rating

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

No one likes being labeled "unacceptable," and that applies to school districts as well as individuals.

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Big Spring Independent School District has been saddled with an "academically unacceptable" rating ever since the Texas Education Agency school accountability ratings were released July

29. Thursday, school officials briefed trustees on how they intend to shed that label.

The reason BSISD received the "unacceptable" tag from TEA was student scores on the science and math portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. Scores in those test areas from minority and economically disadvantaged students were below the cutoff level to

"As superintendent, it is my responsibility to make sure our students are learning and we will take whatever steps need to be taken to improve our rating."

—BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar

earn an "academically acceptable" rating, officials said.

"TEA evaluated us in 24

(demographic areas)," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar told trustees. "And in seven of those areas, we were unacceptable."

Passing standards on the science and math portions of the TAKS were raised this year, which contributed to the lower rating. Other factors, Saldivar said, were the elimination of the Texas Performance Measures (TPM), which allowed school

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Trustee search continues

Still no takers for Dist. 3 on Big Spring ISD board

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The search for a new school trustee continues at Big Spring Independent School District. Officials have been unsuccessful in their ef-

forts to find a replacement for District 3 trustee Alan Partee, who declined to seek re-election District 3 covers an area which includes the

Coronado Hills and Indian Hills subdivisions, as well as homes in the general vicinity of the VA Medical Center. "We're actively looking (for a new trustee),"

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said, "But we've been unable to fill the position. We just haven't had any luck finding anybody." To be a school board member, applicants must

be a U.S. and Texas citizen, 18 years of age or older, live within the district they will represent and be a registered voter. Once appointed, the new trustee would agree to serve until the next general election, scheduled for May 2012. At that time, they could run for the remainder of the district's unexpired term, School Board President Jeff Brorman said.

Since he has not been officially replaced, Partee is still considered trustee for District 3 and Saldivar said he has taken an active behindthe-scenes role in several areas, including the

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The U.S. Hang Gliding Association National Championship Competition begins Sunday in Big Spring with opening ceremonies set Saturday evening.

Glider pilots donating funds to several children's causes

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

It's perfect weather ... well, at least for the 2011 United States Hang Gliding Association National Championship Competi-

More than 30 hang gliders will take to the Big Spring sky, but before that happens, some of the hang gliders will give back to the community.

The CloudBase Foundation will donate funds to Big Spring Inde-

pendent School District School Supply Fund, Howard Cottage and Howard County Child Welfare Board at opening ceremonies Saturday. The ceremony will take place at the Hog Heaven Party Barn at 7 p.m.

"We hope what we do will make a positive impact on a number of children's lives," said Ricker Goldborough, president of The CloudBase Foundation.

Monies donated have been raised throughout the year through different fundraisers

Chaplain Corps fundraiser continu

and other projects. Big Spring is one of many locations where the foundation makes donations. Recently, the foundation purchased water filters, storage tanks, school supplies and more for projects in Ghana, West Africa, according to

Goldborough. "We are proud to host the USH-GA competition and it is very heartwarming they are wanting to give back to the community," said Debbie Wegman, director of

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By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer Emergency Service Chap-

lain Corps is at it again. The program designed to of-

fer support for citizens and visitors of Howard County

who are in need is asking for your help for their annual fundraiser.

This year, the chaplains are offering community residents an opportunity to take home

a stainless steel Jenn-Aire

grill. It has four burners, one

warmer and closed door storage.

"We operate on contributions and grants," Joel Miller, chaplain, said. "This is the only fundraiser we do."

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

- TYRE COLE WATTS, 26, of 5101 Fisher, was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal mischief more than \$50 and less than \$500 and criminal trespass/habitation/shelter.
- CIERRA KASHA BUTLER, 25, of 1425 E. Sixth 19, was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.
- CALVIN GEORGE BUTLER III, 24, of 1606 E. Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license invalid
- RICHARD LEVI HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1002 N. Main St. 66, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces, evading arrest/detention, failure to identify — fugitive give false information and theft less than \$50/shoplifting.
- ESTER GUTIERREZ, 19, of 1002 N. Main St. 66, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces, hindering apprehension/prosecution and abandon/endan-

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- RONALD STANLEY HASLEBY, 60, of 1402 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication. • JOHN EDWIN SANDERS, 33, of 705 Lorilla, was
- arrested Thursday on a warrant for theft more than or equal to \$50 and less than \$500/all other. • LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 22, of 2911 W. Hwy
- 80 141, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 25, of 3217 Fenn St., was arrested Friday on charges of possession of controled substance less than one gram, expired motor vehicle inspection certification, failure to appear (five counts), speeding, expired drivers license, driving while license invalid and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- RUBEN ROJAS JR., 37, of 800 S. Nolan St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE, 27, of 2508 Albrook Dr., was arrested Thursday on charges of violation protective order—goes to or near residence/ employment/school.
- DAVID ORTIZ, 42, of 105 NE 10th, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicatedopen container (second offense).
- JAMES JOSEPH ATTEBERRY, 32, of 200 Willow, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAFAEL VASQUEZ ORTIZ JR., 47, of 2202 Williams Rd., was arrested Friday on warrants for safety seat system-child older than 8 years old or less than 4'9" tall. • ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E.
- Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- CALVIN GEORGE BUTLER III, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CIERRA KASHA BUTLER, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on charges of display expired registration and violate promise to TIFFNEY TINDOL, 32, was arrested Thursday
- by HCSO on charges of sentencing/DWI open container and sentencing/criminal mischief impair/ interrupt public service. • ESTER LETICIA GUITERREZ, 19, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on charges of hindering apprehension or prosecution and abandon/endanger child criminal negligence and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. • RICHARD LEVI HERNANDEZ, 21, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and evading arrest detention/failure to identify fugitive intent give false information, theft.
- JOHNATHAN DEWAYNE MCKIBBEN, 22, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of resisting arrest and criminal mischief.
- RUBEN JAMES GONZALES, 24, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces (two counts), failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violate promise to appear, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding 61 mph in a 45 mph zone.
- MARTIN ALVARADO, 30, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of failure to identify/giving false or fictitious information.
- JOHN EDWIN SANDERS, 33, was transferred to the county jail by BSPD Thursday on a charge of

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theft of property more than or equal to \$50 and less than \$500.

- WELDON RAY RUNKLES, 32, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of violate protective order bias/prejudice.
- KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, expired motor vehicle inspection, violate promise to appear (four counts), speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, expired drivers license, driving while license invalid, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
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- charge of public intoxication. RAFAEL VASQUEZ ORTIZ JR., 47, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on charges of no driver's license and unrestrained child under five years of age.
- · CARLOS NOEL APONTE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: TRAUMA was report-

ed in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was report-

ed at Hwy 350 and Post Rd. Service refused.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

 PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. Service refused.



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• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

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-

 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

BSISD

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districts to account for a student's academic progress after they took the TAKS (and count them as having passed the test) and the inclusion of modified TAKS scores from special education and special needs

The result of these changes were reflected in statewide ratings, he noted. The number of academically unacceptable districts in Texas quadrupled from 22 in 2010 to 88 this year, while the number of highest-rated ("exemplary") districts shrank from 241 to 61.

"This is very telling," Saldivar said. "We weren't the only ones who felt the effects of these changes."

While Saldivar has long believed that too much emphasis has been put on state standardized tests, he conceded it is a fact of life for school districts and promised to do "whatever it takes" to bring those scores up in the future.

"Labels don't always

tell the whole story, but that label is something that is part of this school district now," Saldivar said. "As superintendent, it is my responsibility to make sure our students are learning and we will take whatever steps need to be taken to improve our rating.'

For the past three years, BSISD has been gradually implementing a district-wide change in the entire approach

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on how students are taught and what they are taught.

Part of those changes involve state-mandated changes to the district's curriculum. CSCOPE, this curriculum guide sets out what children are taught in grades kindergarten through 12 in Texas public schools.

As for how the students are taught, Saldivar and other administrators are changing the philosophical approach toward classroom instruction. Those changes are

centered on six "beliefs" that will shape future instruction. Saldivar envisions students as customers,

volunteers and "knowledge workers." "What they volunteer

is their attention and

commitment," he said.

 A teacher's primary role is that of designing engaging work for students and guiding them to those sources of instruction they need to successfully do this work.

"They need to get to know the student and his or her individual strengths and weaknesses," Saldivar said. "That way, they can design work that best matches that particular student."

• Differences in the level and type of student engagement directly affect a student's efforts in the classroom.

"There has been a huge disconnect in schools," Saldivar said. "Students don't drop out of school just to drop out ... The major reason is they've never been properly engaged in the classroom."

 Effort affects learning at least as much as intellectual ability. "If you properly en-

gage a student in the classroom, his or her effort will increase dramatically," Saldivar said. "And they will become more successful."

 The level and type of student engagement will vary depending on qualities teachers build into the work they provide students. Therefore, teachers

can directly affect student learning through the creation of work that most engages students. "Students still have a

responsibility to learn in the classroom," Saldivar said. "But there's all kinds of kids that come through the classroom and we need to design

work that engages them on a personal level."

To bring those beliefs to reality, the district has instituted a number of policy changes, including upgrading standards at the school and classroom level, designation of "design teams" at the campus and district level to help institute changes, redesigning the campus curriculum director's role and the formation of an academy for first and second-year teachers at

BSISD. If all these steps are successful, "test scores will take care of themselves," Saldivar said.

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search for his replacement.

Several people have been approached about the position, but have declined, citing a variety of reasons, Saldivar said. "It's surprising we haven't found any-

one," Saldivar said. "We want someone who wants to serve and be part of a team. We think we're on a journey that's both very exciting and challenging at the same time, and we'd love to have someone join "We want someone who's service-mind-

ed and cares about kids," he added. "When you think about a community, the school is at the epicenter. How better to serve your community than serve on the school

Persons interested in the position are urged to contact any school board member or the BSISD central office at 264-3600.

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"Come watch us fly, go for a tandem ride and receive a special CloudBase Foundation sticker," said Goldsborough.

There will be tents and bleachers set up for spectators and concessions will be

airpark at 264-2362. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@big-

available. For more information, call the

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Elsie Pearl Nobles, 90, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today at Trinity

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CORPS

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The chaplain corps will

be at this year's Howard

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the Convention and Visitors Bureau. According to Goldsborough, monetary

donations are not the only way for people to support the cause. People can submit projects or fundraising ideas as well. The foundation focuses not only on flying any-The program works

where and everywhere, but also in helping children around the world along the way.

"We love the town of Big Spring and look forward each year to returning," Goldsborough said.

The hang gliding competition will take place Sunday through Aug. 20 at the Mc-Mahon-Wrinkle Airpark. There is no cost for spectators and there will be an opportunity for those who want to try out hang gliding for a cost.

> the police department at Amanda Moreno at 263-264-2550 or the sheriff's 7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail office at 264-2231. life@bigspringherald.com

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- John and Cynthia Scott for living up to and demonstrating the principles scouting teaches to its youth members and for being recognized with the Good Scout Award.
- Al Alton for being named as August 2011 Veteran of the Month at Hangar 25 Air Museum. He was part of the U.S. Army Air Force and served as an instructor at the bombardier school in Big Spring.
- All residents who are doing their part to conserve energy during these times of high temperatures and helping to reduce the load on the ERCOT system.
- · City employees who took part and worked on this year's city budget work sessions. Also, for finding a way to cut taxes.
- This year's students of Leadership Big Spring for taking the time and initiative to learn more and get involved in the community.
- Salvation Army for noticing a need in the community at back to school time and providing assistance. Also to those who donated to this year's Back to School Drive at the Salvation Army.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can put a positive spin on all our situations.

Amen

The life of heroes and family

a friend whose name, for reasons that will be obvious, I can't say. I can't say exactly where he works or what he does. When I ask his wife about him, she usually tells me that he is on his way from a place he can't tell us to another place he can't tell us. He is a little more forthcoming: He spends most of his time in the most dangerous places in the world. War zones are a particular specialty. He gets shot at: There is one bullet wound that I know

Susan **E**STRICH of, in his stomach. Lucky. He tries

had dinner last week with

to avoid suicide bombers and explosive devices, although he's come close to both (about a dozen times) in the past year. His job, for which he is paid

\$154,000 a year, is to put his life on the line to save ours and those of our children. Kids right out of law school make more than he does to review documents and prepare more senior lawyers to prepare witnesses. (He went to law school 20-plus years ago.) While he jokes about that, he doesn't think they get the satisfaction from their work that he does. They also don't read intelligence reports every morning at 5 a.m. that often make (even) his hair stand on end.

We talk about his work, as much as we can, and what he always tells me about are the unbelievable people he works with — their smarts and courage and determination and abil-

ity. He sings the praises of the retired Navy SEALs who have gone from risking their lives on the front lines to risking their lives on whatever lines need attending.

The hardest parts of this "job" of his (he never tells me exactly what his title is or who he works for), he says, are the challenges of fighting an enemy who doesn't wear a uniform and looks like anyone else in the community. as well as the special challenges brought on by American values, which (admirably, but still) so value the lives of innocent women and children that we can't or don't take the aggressive action many in the field consider essential to our safety.

We talk about the benefits, but mostly the drawbacks, of civilian/political control.

I tell him about a line in one of my favorite Daniel Silva spy novels, about how the Americans know everything and do nothing. He just laughs. We don't do nothing, he explains, but we also don't do what many foreign operatives with fewer moral and political constraints would do.

I ask his wife how she deals with the worry. (I worry when my loved ones get on planes, let alone go back and forth to countries that cannot be named.) She tells me that, over the years. she has just learned not to think about it. Actually, technology has made things a little better. He tries to call her every day on his encrypted satphone so that, even though she doesn't know where he is, she at least knows he is alive.

When I express my admiration and thanks, he waves it away, pointing out that he is one of so

many and, because he is fairly senior, faces fewer threats than so many others. Then he goes back to extolling his nameless

colleagues. Whenever I see a man or woman in uniform, I thank them for what they are doing for me, for my family, for my country. But guys and gals in short-sleeve shirts who look like your average Joe or Jane are much harder to thank. They don't talk about what they do; their business cards say almost nothing (is that a real phone number, I wonder) or less than nothing; they don't tell you where they've been or where they're headed except in the most off-handed way. How is the weather in Afghanistan, I ask, and he just laughs.

The world is a very, very dangerous place. There are many people out there who would like to hurt us; who value their own lives and those of their children so little that every day they are trying to figure out ways to sacrifice them in order to harm us; who, frankly, I'm just as happy to know nothing about, because the more I know the more terrified I get. We Americans are the luckiest people on the face of the globe.

My friend and his colleagues put their lives on the line to save ours. I don't know how to thank these brave men and women. I don't know how to express my admiration and gratitude, when the whole point is that we don't know who they are. This is the best I can do: Thank you. God bless you and keep you safe.

Find out more about Susan Estrich at www.creators.com.

lesson in GOP hypocrisy

heir TV commercials will undoubtedly insult our intelligence. The issues they will try to sell us are not really our issues. The topics we want to discuss will mostly be ignored, but Republican politicians still will try to woo Latino voters in the next 14 months — quite hypocritically,

It's going to take a lot of magic wizardry of the kind that only Harry Potter and deliver.

You can expect Miguel saying a few words **Perez** in Spanish, or trying to roll their R's when pronouncing Hispanic names. They might even march in the local Hispanic parade, or bring mariachis to perform at one of their campaign events. But if they have spent years bashing immigrants -- or even looking the other way while the extremists in their ranks behave like fire-breathing bigots -- Latino voters are not likely to sing along with their

Nevertheless, GOP strategists apparently believe they can cast a spell over Latinos so they forget the draconian measures, heartless comments, racial profiling and xenophobia-mongering initiated almost exclusively by GOP leaders during the past few years. They think they can make La-

mariachis.

tinos forget Republican offenses by recruiting a few Latino Uncle Toms to run for public office as Republicans. These would have to be Latinos who agree with their many anti-Latino policies, of course, but they do exist. We see them constantly squirming on Spanish-language television, as they are placed in the difficult position of justifying policies they know will be detrimental to their own people. And we almost feel like voting for their opponents -- just to relieve them of the misery of being Republican apologists. In Florida, Latinos voters are

predicted to top 1.6 million in 2012, a 34 percent increase in four years. This is where Latino voters could end up determining

who will be our next president, and where the battle for our vote already has begun. GOP TV commercials are already insulting our intelligence, appealing to our worst fears about the economy and attempting to scare Latinos into voting for Republi-

GOP leaders are apparently convinced that Latino voters can be brainwashed into believing that GOP issues are also the most important Latino issues. They believe we are stupid enough to let them set our priori-

Isn't it amazing how some politicians pretend to tell Latinos what the real Latino issues should be? Republicans do this all the time. They tell us that Latinos stand for strong national defense and family values — as if that is all we care about — and that this is why we should fall in line with the GOP.

They stand on the extreme opposite side of the Hispanic community on many other important issues -- education, immigration, healthcare, multilingualism, diversity, affirmative action, equal rights -- but they don't want us to think about

In the poor and middle class Hispanic community, fighting for tax breaks for billionaires (as Republicans have) is never a good idea, but they don't want us to think about that either.

Some Republicans are realizing that they have been bullying a community that is becoming big enough to strike back. With 50 million people -- and more than 21 million voters -- Latinos are in a position to retaliate against those who have used them as punching bags for so

Some of the GOP presidential candidates are already avoiding the issues that could alienate the nation's fastest growing demographic group. When they talk about the Latino vote, you see them trying to steer the conversation away from immigration reform.

"I think we do the debate a great service by making sure it's not just about immigration but also about the broader issues facing the country because Hispanic and Latino voters care equally about those issues as

well," Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty told the St. Petersburg Times.

Surely, avoiding Latino issues could be a "great service" for anti-immigrant Republicans. including Pawlenty, but not for Latinos.

Unfortunately, because Repub licans have offered no hope and Democrats have offered no help. both sides may try to avoid debating immigration during the next election cycle. But the topic Pawlenty wants to censor is still one of the most important issues that will determine how Latinos vote in 2012.

So when Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus asserts that immigration would not hurt the GOP "one bit." and when White House senior aide David Plouffe ignores President Obama's 2008 campaign promise to reform immigration and says the president's reelection campaign among Latinos "can improve over what we did in 2008 in turnout," you know they are either dreaming or spinning.

Both sides will be hurt by immigration in 2012 -- for different reasons. For Republicans. there's nothing to be gained from discussing an issue that reminds Latinos why they should vote for Democrats. For Democrats, little can be gained from reminding voters about a broken promise.

Of course Obama and the Democrats are also trying to woo Latino voters. They keep hosting White House summits for Hispanic community leaders and entertainers -- making a lot excuses for failing to at least change some immigration policies by executive order.

Unfortunately, the Democrats have been so busy playing defense and caving-in to Republican xenophobic-extremists that they have lost the respect and faithful following they once commanded among Latinos.

The polls say Latino support for Obama has plummeted by about 30 points since he became president. And that's not because we feel Republicans are better; it's because we feel Obama has not fought them hard enough.

Find out more about Miguel Perez at www.creators.com.

up. Orders for Angel Food can be

placed Aug. 19 from 2-4 p.m. and Aug.

20 from 10 a.m. to noon, with food be-

ing distributed Aug. 27. If you have

questions, contact Scott Jimenez at

angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and

We have church prayer time Tues-

First Church of the Nazarene is lo-

cated at 1400 Lancaster. For more in-

formation, contact the church office

at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on

the web at www.nazfamily.org where

you can view a live service. We are

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive.

Our church phone number is 432-264-

7818. Our website is http://www.m2c-

Saturday at 7 p.m. Pastor Bob Boyce

will be performing some of his favor-

ite songs with his guitar. The first

hour will be old country music fol-

lowed by an hour of country gospel

Pastor Boyce grew up in Stanton

and began playing and singing as a

teenager. He says playing the guitar

and singing "has always been an avo-

cation of sorts. I just hope to entertain

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching

this Sunday; his sermon topic is "Is-

rael — Old and New" from this Sun-

Bobby Roever will be reading the

liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 56:1,

6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15,

28-32 and Matthew 15:21-28. Anyone

interested in reading, contact Dolline

Budke. Angela Newton is our organ-

ist. Acolyte will be McKenna Also-

brooks. Elders are Bobby Roever and

Richard von Hassell. The flowers are

given in honor of Alan and Audrey

Abel's anniversary Aug. 27. If you

are interested in donating flowers,

sign up on the flower chart. Flowers

This Sunday, the adult Sunday

School continues the study "The Bi-

ble According to Andy Griffith" while

are \$50 for both vases.

Sunday school following around 10:15

texas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/.

also on Facebook and Twitter.

Church LCMS

and older hymns.

day's lessons.

Alive in Christ Lutheran

day at 6:30 p.m. and come and go

prayer time Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening group meetings

www.angelfoodministries.com.

are at 6:30 p.m.



Church News

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry. Sunday morning services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message at both services. His sermon title is "The Open Access Policy" based on Isaiah 56:1,6-8 and Matthew 15:10-28. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Family Fun Night and snack supper is at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Youth group is at 7 p.m. in the Partee Building followed by their "After Glow."

Tuesday the administrative council will meet in the Pathmaker's class at 5:30 p.m.

Noon Bible study and lunch meets Wednesdays and this weeks meal will be catered by Al's Barbeque. Pastor Bill Ivins will continue his study on "Revelation For Dummies." We begin serving at 11:50 a.m.

Aug. 19 the Young Families Group will have "More Than A Movie Night." Stacy and Mark Barr are hosting the group at their home at 6:30 p.m. This same group is sponsoring a back to school box to be filled with school supplies for children needing help getting everything they need before school starts. The box is located in the church office and will be completed Sunday, Aug. 21.

Aug. 21 is also slated for "Back In the Saddle," the Sunday before school starts and we all start to get back into our regular routines. An all church dinner will be held in Garrett Hall following the late service. Sunday evening, the youth will launch their new youth program, "Epic" (Equipping People In Christ) with a special youth Christian concert featuring

Sept. 6 Pastor Bill Ivins will begin a series of lessons with a movie, "A Heart Transformed Can Change the World" based on the life and works of John Wesley. Follow up lessons will be held Sundays at class time in Garrett Hall.

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things to different people.

To an athlete, success is all about

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achieving student,

success is about giv-

ing correct answers

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less motivated stu-

one hundred percent

dent, success may be

information to make

To a busy mother,

getting several small

children out the door

each morning wearing matching

socks and tied shoes. To a truck

driver, success may mean meeting a

deadline, but to a bull rider, success

may mean dismounting feet first.

Recently, I read a story about a

fisherman who was content to lie

on the lake bank and catch fish one

at a time with a single line. He was

until a money-driven businessman

approached him about casting more

lines, baiting more hooks, catching more fish, selling the fish, buying

a boat and starting a business that

After listening to the business-

man's plan the perplexed fisherman

asked, "Why would I want to do all

was guaranteed to make a huge

profit.

enjoying his activity immensely

success may mean

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acquiring just enough

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Kick-Off Sunday" is scheduled for Aug. 21. Wear your favorite team jersey or colors. A pot-luck meal will follow worship.

We will host a Blood Drive at the church Saturday from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. Pizza will be served to all who

Many changes are coming in the fall just in time for Back-to-School including more Sunday school classes from 9:15-10:15 am for all ages. "Holy Grounds Café" will be open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is 10:45 a.m.-noon. Volunteer opportunities are avail-

able in all areas of the church including our children, youth and music programs. There are six positions open in our children's and youth areas. If you have a heart for children and/or youth, contact Donna Wennick. Nursery care is available during Sunday school and worship.

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

"Pink" Prayer Night the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at

Youth "Connection Groups" meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" will continue to 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

Coahoma First United **Methodist Church**

Our church is located at 401 N. Main. Our website is coahoamaumc. blogspot.com. The office number is 432-394-4432 and the cell number is 432-270-1602. The email address is coahomaumc@gmail.com.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa. Youth meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. under the direction of Christin Powell for students sixth through 12th grade.

Game and study night will be the first and third Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. United Methodist Women will not meet

A church wide work day will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday. A celebrate you service will be Sunday. Trustees meet Monday at 6:30 p.m.

and administrative council Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday the church will host a reception to welcome back all school staff.

Remember Outreach Ministry for donated school supplies and donations to the State Hospital.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

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

We will have our second Sunday potluck lunch Sunday after the morning service. Join us in the parish hall.

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

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 lectionary is Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2; 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28.

North Birdwell Lane **United Methodist Church**

We are located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Guy Teague leading the lesson "Choosing a Community" based on Ruth 1:1-18.

Morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. with certified Lay Pastor Billy Bates in the pulpit. Evening worship is at 5 p.m. with a 30-minute Bible study following. This week's Bible lesson begins with John 15.

United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday at the home of Madeline Boadle, 503 E. 16th.

For more information. call Boadle at 267-2203.

First Church of the Nazarene

Old Fashioned Sunday on Sept. 4. Wear your overalls and floppy hats as we reminisce of days gone by.

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry which allows anyone regardless of income to purchase including • 9pm - Karaoke groceries, meats, at cost that does not include retail mark



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The businessman explained when cept that is hard to measure the fisherman got rich enough he because it means different could take a day off and go fishing

Measuring success God's way

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anytime he wanted to do so. "But I am already enjoying fishing on my day off," the fisherman repnea.

The poor businessman in the story was unable to calculate success that did not involve making money, but the successful fisherman received a wealth of pleasure from doing what he enjoyed most, lying on the lake bank waiting for the fish to bite.

Like the fisherman and his enterprising new acquaintance, most of us have already determined how we will measure success in our lives. Our internal yardsticks tell us whether or not we have measured up to our goals.

Psychologist and author, H. Norman Wright, who told the story about the fisherman and the businessman in a book called Simplify Your Life, measures success from a spiritual perspective. He says, "True success is to satisfy your calling, not your ambition."

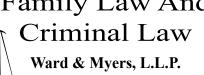
In the scripture, another wise writer affirms Wright's view of success. King Solomon wrote, "Commit vour work to the Lord, then it will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3 TLB).

When we focus on fulfilling God's plan for our lives instead of pursuing personal ambition, God rewards us with success.

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

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continuing discussions of "worldview" and how our perception of truth directly affects the way we

This Wednesday, we are completing the study of the video series, "That the World May Know," being hosted by Pastor Carroll Kohl. Be at the church by 7 p.m. for this last lesson. The lesson is Lesson 27: "Total Commitment" — Caesarea (Contrasts Herod and David)

Congratulations to Alex Byrd for making it to the Champ's Semi Finals in tennis in the Abilene tournament last Saturday. The Elders meet Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Education has been postponed until Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at the

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sept. 11 after the noon pot luck. Games and activities are being planned for all ages.

"Wall Builders" scheduled for Sept. 24 has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Neither the LWML nor the Board of Assimilation will meet during the summer.

Scheduled meetings at the church for September include: The LWML meets 7 p.m. Sept. 8, Sept. 12, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education meets Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. The Elders meet Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. The Board of Assimilation meets Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

Signal Mountain **Emmaus Community**

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is Sept. 8. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck

fellowship.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at the church library. Choir practice has resumed its regular 6 p.m. time.

Pam Morgan provided refreshments for fellowship time before worship; Christine Boling is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." August liturgist is Christine Boling.

Communion servers for August were Susan Holstedt, Danny Kennemur, James F. Little, Mark Morgan and John Yater. Ushers for the month are Janie and Dick Conley, Ellen Austin and Baylor Walker.

The Encourager's group meets at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Monday. The session will meet in the church library Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The service committee asks for donations of notebooks, crayons, paper, pens, pencils, spiral notebooks and rulers for the annual School Supplies Drive. Leave these items in the Narthex.

The annual church picnic is Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Mike Robinson home at 1300 Douglas and will begin at 5 p.m. The barbecue lunch will follow worship Sunday, Aug. 28.

The lectionary is Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28. The choir will offer "Treasures in Heaven" by K. Lee Scott and "With Songs of Rejoicing" by Johann Sebastian Bach for the offertory. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen in 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. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.

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org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, continues his series on faithfulness during the morning service's sermon with "God Will Never Desert You."

We will have "Family Worship Night" at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

There were 187 backpacks full of school supplies for the children who have had some connection to First Baptist through the food ministry, clothing ministry, VBS, AWANA or the ESL classes.

Choirs, mission programs, Sunday school promotion, Mother's Day Out and Bible studies begin soon. Join us as we continue to pray for rain.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad.

Sunday fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. Sunday Pastor Ken McIntosh will bring the mes-

sage from Genesis 45:1-15 "How to Combat Anger." ISAIAH 58 Food Pantry will be open Monday and We could use help Monday mornings when the

truck comes in to help unload and set up for the week. If you have any extra time come by at 107 Runnels Street from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to help. Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. choir practice will have their practice time in the choir room.

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

Reflections

Anger

There is a lot of it out there. Last week Standard and Poor's downgraded the U.S. credit rating largely due to the boiling anger within congress and the inability of elected representatives to work together. In the final analysis, congressmen were angry, the president was angry and now the American people are angry.

Anger doesn't require such significant issues to raise its ugly head. Last weekend several Tampa Bay baseball fans got into an angry fight over a foul ball that landed in a garbage can. After tempers flared, the security guard stepped in and ruled that the ball would remain where it landed, beneath a pile of peanut shells, beer, hot dog wrappers and whatever else had been deposited in the can. If we can't get along with one another, nobody wins.

We are all acquainted with anger. We have felt the rising resentment and boiling emotions that overwhelm rational thought and take control of our words and our actions leading us to say things and do things that we later regret. We call it losing our temper. It is built into us. We are born with it. Anyone who cares for a newborn soon discovers that babies have a temper. For most of us, age helps. We call it "mellowing." Things that once pushed our button and shoved us over the edge are not as frustrating as before. We become more patient, we gain greater per-

spective. It is okay to become angry. When anger causes us to take action that will result in improved environment and behavior, it is good. Jesus became angry. He did not casually cleanse the temple. He drove out all those who were using religion for profit, overturning their tables, scattering their money on the stones and driving the bleating sheep, braying oxen and fluttering pigeons before him with a whip. Later, when the religious

authorities wanted to prevent him from healing the sick on the Sabbath, the Bible says he looked at them "with anger, ness of heart."



Anger is one of those human emotions we all possess that must be channeled and controlled to produce constructive results. Left unchecked and allowed to run wild, it can destroy us. The Bible instructs us to "Be angry and yet do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger."(Eph. 4:26). The Bible also says, "The anger of man does not fulfill the righteousness of God." (James 1:20).

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This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$3,925,075
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,527,592
Last year's total taxes	\$5,452,667
Last year's tax base	\$545,539,470
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.999500 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)

÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)

This year's effective tax rate

\$545,978,036

\$5,447,967

\$0.997836 /\$100

\$1.323104 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

= This year's total rollback rate

Last year's adjusted operating taxes \$5,451,333 (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) \$545,978,036 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base \$0.998453 /\$100 = This year's effective operating rate

x 1.08 = this year's maximum\$1.078329 /\$100 operating rate + This year's debt rate \$0.244775 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.997836 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$7,694.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund **Balance** M&O (General Fund Unrestricted) \$5,292,633 I&S-2007 Series of G.O. Bonds \$272,462 I&S-2007 Certificates of Obligation \$13,210 I&S-2010 Certificates of Obligation \$185,063 0 0 0

Schedule B - 2011 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

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Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment							
General Obligation Bond	\$560,000	\$546,856	\$500	\$1,107,356							
2007 Series Certificates of Obligation 2007 Series	\$20,000	\$16,513	\$500	\$37,013							
Certificates of Obligation 2010 Series	\$160,000	\$145,238	\$500	\$305,738							

\$1,450,107

\$177,619

\$66,973

\$1,272,488

- Total required for 2011 debt service
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A Amount (if any) paid from other resources
- Excess collections last year
- = Total to be paid from taxes in 2011
- + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2011
- Total Debt Levy

\$1,339,461 **Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax**

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,527,709 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex Bldg.) Big Spring, TX. Name of person preparing this notice: Kathy A Sayles

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Denise Carrillo 816-1685

Big Spring QB Club Meeting to be held

on Monday at 6 pm at the ATC. All parents of the Football Players from 7th Grade 2th Grade are encouraged to attend. Any questions, please call

FUMC hosts youth concert

First United Methodist will be hosting FADE — a praise and worship band — Aug. 21 at the First United Methodist Church.

FADE is in their sixth year of ministry together and come from the Amarillo area. The concert is open to the public and is a free event which will begin at 5 p.m.

"This is to get all the kids excited for the new launch of the youth department in the upcoming year," Beau Niewoehner, FUMC youth director, said.

According Niewoehner the conenergy praise time of intimate worship. The original target is the youth, but adults are welcome.

music will be a little on the loud side," Niewoehner said.

Donations will be accepted at the concert and any money raised will benefit the FADE ministry. Those attending

at 400 Scurry and at the Wells Fargo meal and fellowship.



 $cert\,is\,going\,to\,be\,a\,high$ FADE is a praise and worship band from the Amarillo area. They will be performing at First United Methodist Church on Aug. 21 at 5 p.m.

bank across the street. The concert will take place in Garrett Hall. This is "Just be aware the volume of the a concert for those who enjoy listening to David Crowder.

> Chris Tomlin and Charlie Hall. "We are very excited

> about moving the youth service times to Wednesday nights and this is a great way to kick this off," Niewoehner said. After the concert.

> there will be a youth

are encouraged to show up around gathering in the youth room which 4:30 p.m. and parking can be found will include a game trailer, small

Forsan Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Aug. 19 Forsan Superintendent's Prayer

What:

FADE concert

When:

5 p.m.

Where:

First United Methodist

400 Scurry

Cost:

FREE

Breakfast is scheduled for Aug. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Forsan Jr/Sr High Cafeteria.

"This event is a great way to kick off a new school year. I can't think of anything more important than asking God to provide safety, wisdom and peace for the upcoming school year." The prayer breakfast will be at the

high school cafeteria. Pastor Ken Freeman will give a 15 to 20-minute talk. Pastor Derrick Looney and Pastor Craig Felty will lead the group in prayer and Randy Johnson will act as the emcee.

The meal and program is scheduled to last one hour in order to allow those attending to get to work.

Tickets may be purchased at Elbow Elementary, Forsan Jr/Sr High School or the Superintendent's Office. Tickets must be purchased or reserved by phone ahead of time to assist with meal planning. Tickets are \$4. The ticket sales cover the expenses of the meal and related costs and no public monies are used for this event.

Catholic parish changes mass service times

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is changing mass time effective Sunday,

will remain at 5 p.m. Sunday mass times will

Saturday mass time lingual mass service and 11 a.m. for the Englishspeaking mass service, officials said.

Spokesperson: Perry running for president

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick positions will sit well with GOP Perry is running for president, a spokesman confirmed Thursday, a move certain to shake up the race for the GOP nomination much to the delight of conservatives looking for a candidate to embrace.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said the governor would make his intentions known on Saturday while visiting South Carolina and New Hampshire just as most of his presidential rivals compete in a test vote in Iowa.

Official word of Perry's entrance into the race came just hours before eight candidates, including GOP front-runner Mitt Romney, were to appear on stage during a nationally televised debate.

It wasn't much of a surprise. The longest-serving governor in Texas history has flirted with a presidential run since spring and has spent the past few months courting Republicans in early voting states and laying the groundwork for a campaign. He met privately with potential donors from California to New York and gave rousing speeches to party faithful, casting himself as a fiscally responsible social conservative.

His intentions became even clearer over the past few days when officials disclosed that he would visit an important trio of states, a campaignlike schedule timed to overshadow the debate and the Iowa straw poll and, perhaps, wreak havoc on a field led by Romney.

Perry's nascent presidential campaign is not expected to rest after this weekend's launch. Rep. Frank Guinta, R-N.H., confirmed that he's scheduled to meet privately with Perry next Wednesday. He also confirmed a separate meeting with the first-in-the-nation primary state's only Republican senator, Kelly Ay-

Neither has decided whom to endorse, but both have been courted heavily by the presidential field.

Unlike others in the race, Perry has credibility with the at-times warring camps of the GOP's primary electorate. The pro-business taxcutter who has presided over Texas' recent economic growth also is a devout social conservative with deep ties to some of the nation's evangelical leaders and Christians who dominate the pivotal Iowa caucuses.

But Perry also has never run a national campaign before, and it's unclear whether his Texas swagger and sometimes unorthodox policy primary voters outside his state. Another open question is whether he can raise the money necessary to mount a strong campaign against those who have been in the race for months or more. He may face fierce opposition

from secular groups and progressives who argue that his religious rhetoric violates the separation of church and state and that his belief that some groups, such as the Boy Scouts of America, should be allowed to discriminate against gays is bigoted. Within the Republican Party, Per-

ry has opponents among moderates who question his understanding of national and international policy including Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who ran against him for governor in a bitter 2010 primary race. An early adopter of tea party rheto-

ric, Perry even has some opponents in the movement. They complain he hasn't taken strong enough stances on state spending and illegal immigration, in part because as governor Perry signed a law making Texas the first state to offer in-state tuition to illegal immigrants and blasted a proposed border fence as "idiocy."

But before he starts pumping up supporters and wooing detractors, Perry will need to raise name recognition outside of Texas and conservative circles along with funds to fill a presidential campaign coffer. None of the money he's raised for Texas elections can be used in a national race, so he is starting from

The governor lags well behind previously announced candidates in both campaign workers and fundraising, mostly because he denied any interest in the presidency until late May. But the story he tells of having no interest in higher office until friends and family persuaded him to join the race adds to his carefully cultivated image as a Texas cowboy reluctantly riding into Washington to save the day.

The campaign will attempt to position Perry between Romney and Rep. Michele Bachmann.

Perry, who has been governor for 11 years, has touted his businessfriendly job-creation skills in Texas as evidence of fiscal wisdom, giving him a chance to drain support from Romney, whose conservative record is burdened by the health care plan he implemented as governor of Massachusetts.

officials announced. now be 8:30 a.m. for a bi-Tibetan monks leery of China-backed lama's visit

BEIJING (AP) — An expected visit by a Chinese-appointed Tibetan Buddhist leader to a prominent monastery has raised new fears of repression among monks loyal to another person named by the Dalai Lama, overseas activists say.

The anticipated trip by a Beijing-chosen Panchen Lama to the Labrang Monastery in the northwest is seen as an attempt by China to boost his credibility among Tibetans over the original boy selected by the Dalai Lama. That child disappeared at age 6.

The Panchen Lama is the second-highest religious leader for Tibetans after the Dalai Lama, and traditionally has a role in both the identification and edu-

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cation of any new Dalai Lama after the current

one dies. The U.S.-based International Campaign for Tibet said its contacts around the Labrang Monastery, one of the most important monasteries outside Tibet, say troops have been stationed outside and foreigners have been barred from visiting the area in Gansu province ahead of a visit by Chinese-selected Panchen Lama.

Any visit by him to Labrang is likely to lead to an increase in "patriotic education" for monks still loyal to the Dalai Lama and his choice for the Pachen Lama, the group said. Many Tibetans do

not accept the Chinese candidate for Panchen Lama, Gyaltsen Norbu,

They still view the Dalai Lama as their rightful supreme leader under Tibet's centuries-old system of being ruled by reincarnated lamas, or holy men. No information has

been released by China's government about a possible visit by its Panchen Lama to Labrang. Calls to local government and police offices were not answered Friday.

Xiahe county in Gansu province near the monastery confirmed they were instructed this

Brent Hill

week not to accept for-

eign visitors. Parts of Gansu are heavily populated with Tibetans and were part of a traditional Tibetan region before modern China was formed.

"We received notices from the county public security bureau and tourism bureau saying that we should not receive foreign guests in our hotel," a receptionist at the Labrang However, hotels in Minhang Hotel told The Associated Press. She would not give her name, as is common among Chinese.



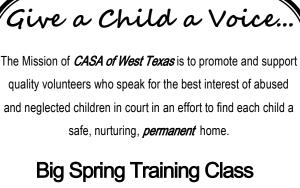
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Lesser-known candidates working hard That could pay some

AMES, Iowa (AP) — While most of the attention heading into this weekend's Iowa straw poll is on Michele Bachmann and Tim Pawlenty, lesser-known Republican presidential candidates are working equally as hard to pull off a surprise. It may be possible.

"At this point, the straw poll is a wide-open situation," said Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who warned against buying into the conventional wisdom that there are any front-runners for the nonbinding vote.

The outcome can indicate both the popularity of the candidates as well as which campaign has the strongest organization in Iowa, the state that launches the presidential nominating sea-

Often, overlooked candidates like businessman Herman Cain, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and Texas Rep. Ron Paul have focused for months on the quiet business of grass-roots organizing.

er-known candidates presumably could end up being spoilers by siphoning away supporters who otherwise would go to Bachmann, who is looking to keep her momentum going with a victory Saturday, or Pawlenty, who is languishing in polls and hoping for a boost with

a strong showing.

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zation-driven event like

Saturday's test vote.

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At the same time, the outcome could be skewed by votes cast for others who aren't aggressively competing but who still are on the ballot — namely GOP front-runner Mitt Romney — as well as for Republicans who could be written in by backers, like Texas Gov. Rick Perry or former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who was to visit the Iowa State Fair on Friday. "There is a deep level

of activity from candidates who are going to have a presence at the straw poll," said Matt Strawn, chairman of the Iowa GOP, which puts on the straw poll to raise money. "There's more uncertainty about the results of this straw poll than any in recent history and that tells me there are a lot of candidates out there hustling."

Of the lesser-knowns, Paul is clearly among those banking on the power of quiet organizing to engineer a sur-

prise. He's brought on he said he sees plenty of respected Republican strategist Drew Ivers to head his Iowa effort and he's shelled out \$31.000 for the prime spot for his tent to entertain backers during the daylong event.

"Paul supporters are exceptionally loyal to him," said GOP strategist Bob Haus.

All candidates are out to earn respect for their grass-roots organizing.

"We have three campaigns that have spent well over a million dollars each," said Santorum. "We are not one of those campaigns."

He added: "If we can be

in the top five, it shows that our grass-roots effort is really working." Santorum

Thursday eating breakfast with activists, and evidence that his grassroots campaign is making gains. "They've kicked the

tires and they feel comfortable with me," he

Regardless of the outcome, Santorum said, he's in the race until next winter's precinct caucuses.

Cain, who has some support within the tea party, has said he needs to finish in the top three in the straw poll.

Strategist Danny Diaz said the lesser-knowns are out to prove to the Republican electorate that they are worth giving consideration. "They can maintain some relevance," he said, "and they need to demonstrate to donors that they are viable."

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Bachmann presses faith issue

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) – The surest place to find Michele Bachmann on Sundays this summer is at a worship service somewhere in Iowa, offering the testimony of a Republican presidential candidate who has long tied her political beliefs to her faith.

While she isn't the only conservative Christian in the field, Bachmann has vaulted into the toptier of candidates seeking the GOP nomination in no small part by tapping the enthusiastic

support of evangelicals and social conservatives in the early voting states of Iowa and South Carolina.

But a new spiritual primary looms. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is entering the race and, like Bachmann, he is a devout Christian whose faith defines his politics. Perry's well-publicized appearance at a Houston prayer rally attended by 30,000 people last weekend won strong reviews, and there are already signs that Bachmann is starting to take steps to protect her early hold on the party's base of faith-driven voters.

"For that group of voters, they will be battling it out," said David Roederer, who held top Iowa posts in John Mc-Cain's 2008 campaign and George W. Bush's 2000 bid.

Bachmann's paign won't discuss how Perry's entry into the race affects their strategy. But on the eve of the Texas prayer rally, her team sent reporters a roster of supporters containing more than 100 pastors and spiritual leaders in Iowa.

She has been highlighting her faith-based backers more heavily and swapped out a planned trip to New Hampshire for one to South Carolina, a state where she and Perry would likely compete directly for votes among social conservatives.

Perry makes his debut trip to Iowa on Sunday for an event in Bachmann's birthplace of Waterloo; Bachmann said Thursday she would appear at the same party fundraiser that night.

Along with Perry, Bachmann is competing with former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty for votes among faith-driven voters. The race is the first in Bachmann's political career in which she's been forced to complete for such support; her Minnesota campaigns regularly mixed faith and policy, and social conservatives were always a crucial part of her base.

"We are in the last days," Bachmann prayed from a Minnesota stage in 2006, the year she was first elected to Congress. She asked God during that appearance to help foster the success of You Can Run But You Can't Hide, a Minnesota ministry led by Bradlee Dean, a pastor who has been repudiated even by Republicans for calling gays "predators," among other things.

In that appearance, Bachmann praised the ministry's outreach to public schools and its attempt to explode notions about the separation of church and state, which she called "a myth."

This summer, while aggressively chasing support from Iowa voters who put a premium on social issues such as fighting abortion and gay marriage, Bachmann has also tried to guard against being cast as someone with limited appeal.

In Council Bluffs this week, she portrayed herself as a candidate who can stitch varied GOP constituencies not just those driven by faith — into a winning coalition.

"It is a movement that is being heard all across the country. It is made up of fiscal conservatives, and I'm one of those. It's made up of peace-through-strength, national-security conservatives. I'm one of those," she said. "It's made up of social conservatives. I'm one of those. And it is made up of the glorious tea party movement, and I'm one of those."

made a major decision

Raised in the Lutheran church, Bachmann has said she was born again at age 16 and has rarely

since without direction from God. She and her husband, Marcus, she said, realized they would marry after God gave them simultaneous visions. She would go on to feel God's hand in decisions to attend law school, have children and take in foster children, seek political office and, ultimately, run for president. For many years, the

Bachmanns attended a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod church near their home in Stillwater, Minn. The conservative denomination adheres to a strict doctrine that some have anti-Catholic

- Bachmann has disavowed those views and excludes women from church leadership

The family formally left the church around the time Bachmann launched her presidential campaign and now attends an evangelical mega-church in suburban St. Paul. But even some Bachmann supporters wonder if the views held by some in similar evangelical congregations might open the door for Perry to indirectly siphon away some of her backers.

"I don't know a lot about Rick Perry," said Bachmann supporter Julia Anderson, the wife of an evangelical pastor and a stay-at-home mom in Hubbard, Iowa. "I would say the one thing that, sadly, is going to maybe be a test for her is the fact that he's a man and she's a woman. I've had people say, 'What are you doing supporting a woman candidate? That's upsetting the order of the home."

Danny Carroll, a former Iowa legislator active in social conservative circles, said Perry's arrival shouldn't mean Bachmann needs to do more to stress her own faith. He cautions that in doing so, candidates can go too far.

Bachmann supporter

"The more you have to tout and promote your Christian beliefs, in some respects, the more suspect it becomes,' Carroll said.

Roederer, the former Bush and McCain adviser, said Bachmann seems to hold the early advantage over Perry because she's invested more time forging personal bonds in Iowa.



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Forsan Buffaloes ready to rumble





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By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

For Forsan football coach Jason Phillips, the season can not come fast enough. The third year head coach (seventh year coaching at Forsan) said he was excited about his team's chances this year, after a disappointing 2010 season.

"We have a lot of speed coming back this year," Head Coach Phillips said. "Ty Johnson, Brendan Roman and Trevor Burchett are very quick on both sides of the ball. They will be a tough trio for opposing coaches to deal with." Though the Buffaloes lost eight se-

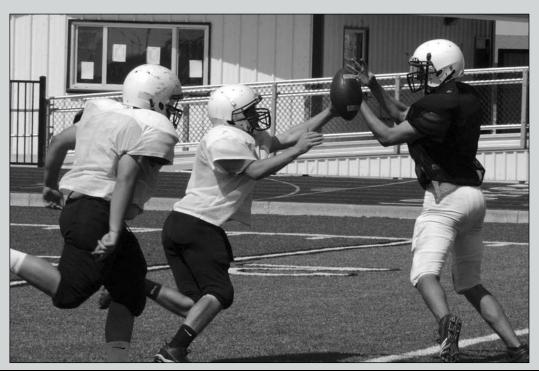
niors to graduation in May, they have a strong corps of returning lettermen. In fact, 14 of the players who are attending camp this year earned letters in 2010. This includes starting quarterback Foster Burchett, the team's top two rushers and three out of Forsan's five offensive linemen.

Though the Buffaloes are picked to finish in fifth place in their division, they are returning the division's top passer and receiver in Foster Burchett and Ty Johnson, respectively. Burchett threw for 1,418 yards last season with 14 touchdowns, while Johnson had 450 receiving yards and four trips to the pay dirt.

"We have a lot of experience coming back onto the field this season," Coach Phillips said. We plan to spread some people out and make them try to run with us."

The Buffaloes will scrimmage Miles in Forsan Saturday with the JV squad playing at 11 a.m. and the Varsity playing immediately after. Coach Phillips said he intends for his squad to improve on last year's 4-6 season.

"We have an offensive line that averages 230 pounds per player and a lot of speed," the coach said. "If we can stay healthy, we have a good shot at making the playoffs this year."



Cowboys tame Broncos in opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tim Tebow scrambled far to his left, inches from the sideline, saw some resistance and headed back the other way. He was around the middle of the field when he decided to pass, lobbing the ball over a defender to a waiting teammate, who took off toward the

end zone. It could've been the latest addition to Tebow's legacy — if only he hadn't gone a full stride over the line of illegally down the field and another teammate hadn't clobbered someone in the

even one of the officials was chuckling.

Tebow's schoolyard play came just before halftime and stood as the play of the game, until Dallas' Stephen McGee threw a 13-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion with 15 seconds left,

scrimmage, a lineman hadn't giving the Cowboys a 24-23 victory over the Broncos on Thursday night.

McGee, an option quarterback in college just like Instead, by the end of it, Tebow, showed the moxie he displayed in two quality outings at the end of last season. He finished 14 of 24 for 208 yards, with three touchdowns, plus ran four times for 25 yards.

"It's always fun to win no matter how it comes," McGee said. "For me, this is my regular season."

Tebow's numbers were good. He completed 6 of 7 passes for 91 yards. He also ran twice for 15 yards, producing a pair of field goals in

four drives. His first scoring series started at Denver's 10 and included a 43-yard pass perfectly lofted into double coverage. The other drive, however, started 7 yards from the end zone and wound up moving backward, with a holding penalty wip-

ing out his touchdown run on first down, then the bizarre play coming on third down.

"I tried to scramble and one thing turned into another," Tebow said.

Dallas declined all three penalties to force the Broncos to kick a field goal. When Tebow went to the sideline, new Denver coach John Fox spoke to him gently, patting him on the head at the end of

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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 through 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

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.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament

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

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

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685

Soccer signups

Soccer signups will be held at Big Spring Mall Aug. 15-19 at 5:30 p.m. In addition, players can register between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Aug. 13 and 20.

Astros fall in 10 innings

PHOENIX (AP) — Mark Melancon needed one pitch to give the Houston Astros a four-game split with the NL West-leading

Arizona Diamondbacks. It didn't come.

Melancon surrendered a tying, two-run shot with two outs and two strikes in the ninth and Chris Young hit a gameending three-run homer in the 10th and the Diamondbacks rallied from four runs down to beat the Houston Astros 8-5 on Thursday night.

"I was confident in what (catcher Humberto) Quintero and I were doing," said Melancon, who blew his fourth save in 15 tries and first since June 26. "I thought out plan was good. But I made one bad pitch and he capitalized it. The whole key in pitching is keeping the hitter off balance. Execu-

tion was what failed." Jeff Fulchino (1-4) gave up consecutive singles to start the tenth. Sergio Escalona retired Miguel Montero on a fly ball to right before Young drove a pitch deep to left for his 17th home run of the season and sixth career

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Rodman makes Hall colorful

list could only belong to Dennis Rodman.

There were coaches Phil Jackson and fellow inductee Tex Winter. He mentioned teammate Michael Jordan, along with rockers Eddie Vedder and Motley Crue. And he thanked that guy Stern who's coming to see him Friday night.

That's Howard Stern, not the NBA commis-

sioner. Rodman's uncommon blend of basketball and

rived at the sport's birth-

place, where he will be en-

shrined in the Naismith ter of attention during acknowledgement Memorial Hall of Fame on Friday as part of the 10-person class of 2011.

"I really didn't play the game to be in the Hall of Fame. That wasn't my job," Rodman said. "My job was to go out there and win ballgames, have a good time and take care of my family. As long objective."

as the people had a good time, that was my main Dressed in all black, wearing sunglasses, an Ed Hardy tattooing hat and a scarf that read "The entertainment has ar-Worm, HOF '11" on the

inside, the five-time NBA

champion was the cen-

Thursday's news conferences.

Exactly the way he likes

"I just love living life free. And for me to shine, I shine every damn day," Rodman said. "This is for other people here that don't get to see these famous people that's going to come in this building tomorrow."

Dream Teamer and two-time Olympic gold medalist Chris Mullin is the other headline name in the class, though much of the focus was on

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the chat.

"Tim is a work in progress," Fox said. "He made some things happen and he is learning. ... The M.O. on him when I got here is that he does ad-lib some. You don't ever want to take that away from a player. He is a young player that I think is going to get better in time."

In other words, he didn't likely do much to unseat veteran Kyle Orton as the starter, not with Fox saying, "I though Kyle was sharp," even though he completed only 2 of 6 passes for 37 yards, with three straight incompletions after reaching the Dallas 6.

Tebow felt good about his performance. His only lament was not getting into the end zone.

"I feel a lot more confident in my decision making, my fundamentals and going out there and running the offense," he said. "It's picking and choosing your battles and being smart about it."

One other play that stood out was Tebow bobbling a snap, ducking to avoid a blow by Dallas linebacker Victor Butler, then being pulled down by the next defender to arrive, Clifton Geathers. Tebow got to know Butler and de-

fensive lineman Jason Hatcher, as they seemed to be in his face almost every play. Hatcher and Butler both came

impressed by Tebow's away strength. "He messed up my sack," Butler

said. "I'll have to hit him on Twitter and tell him about it. ... Some of his throws were on and some of his throws were off. Sometimes

you have to equate that to pressure. When you have somebody hitting you in the back or coming straight at your face, your throws are going to be off."

Brady Quinn — who is probably Tebow's real competition, for the main backup slot — was 8 of 14 for 120 yards and an 8-yard touchdown to Eron Riley.

Denver also got a 13-yard TD run from Jeremiah Johnson with Quinn going against Dallas' reserves.

Tony Romo played in his first game for Dallas since breaking his collarbone in the sixth game last season. He completed his first three passes the first to Chris Gronkowski, the fullback whose missed block led to Romo's injury — and finished 3 of 5 for 33 yards. The Cowboys scored a field goal on his only series.

"It got my juices flowing a little bit," Romo said. "It was good, and I'm looking forward to my next opportunity."

After Jon Kitna got in for a series, Dallas coach Jason Garrett — who was in charge of a preseason game for the first time — turned things over to McGee, the third-stringer who won the finale last season.

McGee hit Raymond Radway for a 13-yard, threw a short pass that Dwayne Harris turned into a 76-yarder and found Harris again for the score that made it 23-22.

and possible facing overtime, Dallas went for the win and McGee came through by hitting Martin Rucker on the conversion.

Instead of kicking an extra point

"We weren't exactly moving the ball up and down the field on offense, but Stephen hung in there," Garrett said.

"He is able to keep plays alive because he moves so well."

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game-ending homer.

"We didn't have any plan other than to get ahead of the count, make a good pitch and make the location," Escalona said. "I didn't. He hurt me. I tried to go away and I missed the spot." J.J. Putz (2-2) pitched a

scoreless 10th inning for the NL West-leading Diamondbacks, who moved a full game ahead of idle San Francisco with their third consecutive vic-Jason Bourgeois and

Jose Altuve each had three hits for Houston, which wasted a solid start by Brett Myers and lost their third straight game. Carlos Lee and J.D. Martinez had two RBIs apiece.

Bourgeois helped the Astros take a 5-1 lead in the seventh when he tripled under the glove of a diving Upton in right and scored on Altuve's third single of the night.

But the Diamondbacks responded with two runs in the eighth. Roberts doubled in Willie Bloomquist and scored on Montero's bloop single to center.

Melancon struck out Kelly Johnson to start the ninth and Xavier Nady singled off third baseman Jimmy Paredes' glove. Melancon then struck out Gerardo Parra before Paul Goldschmidt homered.

Arizona starter Joe Saunders allowed the leadoff hitter to reach in four of the first five innings and it came back to haunt him in the Astros' three-run fifth.

Saunders walked Myers and Bourgeois followed with a single off the glove of a sliding Upton. Altuve reached on a bunt hit to load the bases and Martinez doubled off the left-field wall, scoring Myers and Bourgeois for a 3-0 lead.

Altuve scored when Lee lined a pitch off Saunders' glove for an RBI groundout.

Bloomquist singled in a run in the bottom half against Myers, who was charged with three runs and six hits in 7 2/3 innings.

"He battled through the whole game and really did a good job," said Astros manager Brad Mills of Myers, who is winless in 10 starts since June 17.

Myers allowed only four hits before tiring in the eighth.

"I didn't give up too many hard hit balls and a couple of bloopers cost me a couple of runs,' Myers said. "They're a good hitting ballclub so you try to keep them on the ropes as much as you can by mixing pitches." NOTES: Montero

threw out two runners

trying to steal second

and the Astros were 1 for

4 on stolen-base attempts

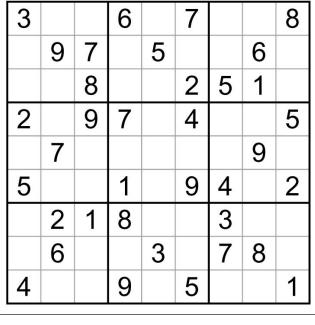
overall. Martinez was

thrown out at home on a failed suicide squeeze attempt in the second. Martinez made the defensive play of the night when he tracked a fly ball by Roberts into foul territory in left, had his feet slide out from under him but still reached back over his head while lying prone to make the catch. ... Martinez is the first player in Astros history to hit four homers and drive in 12 runs in his first 10 career games. The Diamondbacks claimed SS Tommy Manzella off waivers from the Astros and optioned the 28-year-old to Triple-A Reno. To make room for Manzella, the Diamondbacks moved Juan Gutierrez (right shoulder inflammation) to the 60-day disabled list. RHP Ian Kennedy is scheduled to pitch for Arizona on Friday against the New York Mets. Kennedy has won six straight starts,

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com



RODMAN

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Rodman. Looking toward him, Stanford women's coach Tara VanDerveer joked she was so excited she was "gonna go out and get a tattoo." VanDerveer, who has

led Stanford to two national championships and won more than 800 games, joins Winter and Division II Philadelphia University coach Herb Magee, the career leader at the collegiate level with more than 900 wins, as the coaches being enshrined. Jackson will present both Rodman and Winter, whose triangle offense was used by Jackson to build dynasties in Chicago and Los Angeles.

"I don't know what's more shocking, that they didn't put Tex in 30 years ago, or they didn't make Dennis wait another 30 years," said Winter's son, Chris.

Eight-time NBA champion Tom "Satch" Sanders, big men Artis Gilmore and Arvydas Sabonis; the late Reece "Goose" Tatum of the Harlem Globetrotters, and women's star Teresa Edwards, who won five Olympic medals — four golds — and is entering her fifth Hall of Fame, also will be honored at Symphony Hall.

None of their speeches figures to be like Rodman's, whose seven straight rebounding his 1992 U.S. Olympic titles set an NBA record and who won 70 percent of the games he played

He wouldn't reveal what he planned to say, though did allow that he's listened to Pearl Jam as motivation for 20 years and that Vedder was an inspiration.

"It's hard to be an entertainer and an athlete and try to be a smart basketball player all at the same time. As you can see, some guys try to do it but they don't know how to actually put the game of basketball first," Rodman said, mentioning Ron Artest as an example.

"And that's one thing I did. I put the game of basketball first. Entertainment could come any time of the ballgame."

Mullin is being enshrined for the second straight year, joining teammates last year. He becomes the 11th member of that famed squad, but never dwelled on why individual induction took so long after scoring more than 17,000 points and making five NBA All-Star teams following his decorated college career at St. John's.

decisions.

"To me, the Hall wasn't anything I expected or really consumed myself with, you know what I mean?" he said.

the longest active streak

in the majors. RHP Dil-

lon Gee, the scheduled

starter for the Mets, has

lost four of his last six

"When your career is over, you can't change anything and to me I felt like I received so much over the years playing basketball that to get even more was not even on my mind."

Any musicians on vour list. Chris?

"I'd like a few, but I don't know many," he said. "Satellite radio, '70s and '80s."

Like Rodman, nightlife went along with basketball for Mullin before a stint in rehab to face his alcohol addiction early in his pro career. He said he took his last

drinks on Dec. 13, 1987. "I don't know that it makes it any more sweeter," he said of overcoming that to reach the

Hall. "It's part of the journey. Every player here has their journey and at some point in everyone's life someone's going to deal with something."

"To me, the way I live my life on a daily basis is as gratifying to me as being here in the Hall of Fame," he added. "If I never did, never mind being in the Hall of Fame, I wouldn't be

here, period." Sabonis, one of the world's best big men long before finally coming to the NBA to play for Portland, carried a small flag of his native Lithuania that looked even tinier in his giant hands.

Edwards was previously enshrined in the Basketball Women's Hall of Fame, the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and US Olympic Hall of Fame. She's now coaching the WNBA's Tulsa Shock, who played at Seattle later Thursday. "If Dennis wears a dress better than me, I'm going to have to beat him

before we leave here,"

she joked.



Bidding Quiz

on as little as six points.

that either response might be based

Here, the opportunity to show a

four-card major on the one-level

should not be bypassed merely

because the hand or the suit is weak.

Partner could easily have four spades, and it is your responsibility as responder to explore that possibil-

3. Four hearts. This is a pre-

emptive bid, pure and simple. It com-

bines the chance of making four

hearts with the chance of blocking

the enemy out of the bidding on a

hand where they can probably compete successfully in either spades or

clubs. The leap to four hearts indi-

cates excellent trump support (usu-

ally five cards or more), but rela-

4. Three Hearts. The jump-raise

tively little high-card strength.

Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. **♠** AQ982 ♥ J743 ♦ 86 **♣** 95 2. **♦** J643 ♥ J ♦ 7643 **♣** KQ92 3. ♠ 10 ♥ K97632 ♦ QJ743 ♣ 8 4. ♠ 52 ♥ QJ42 ♦ AQ65 ♣ K107

1. Two hearts. The principle of anticipation plays an important role in the bidding. Before selecting a bid, a player should look ahead to see whether he might be creating a later problem for himself.

Thus, suppose you responded one spade and partner rebid two hearts. What now? If you pass, you've neglected to show your heart support; if vou raise to three hearts, you're bidding too much with too little. The best way of avoiding such a

situation is not to create it in the first place. Simply raise one heart to two, indicating six to 10 points and a

belongs — in partner's lap.

trump fit. That's what you have, and that's how you show it. The next move will then rest squarely where it 2. One spade. One of the most difficult concepts to sell is that a suit response at the one-level does not promise greater strength than a onenotrump response. A one-notrump

response generally ranges from six to

10 points, while one of a suit prom-

ises six or more, with no upper limit;

to three of partner's suit indicates 13 to 15 points, some of which might be based on distributional values. The bid also guarantees at least four trumps. (Many now play the jump-raise as invitational, a "limit raise"

showing 11 or 12 points, and use an alternative bid to indicate a gameforcing hand with trump support. Be sure to check this with your partner.)
It is not necessary or desirable to bid two diamonds before supporting hearts for much the same reason outlined in the answer to the first problem. The direct raise is best and

leaves partner in the driver's seat.

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NFL gets ball rolling with preseason games

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Michael Vick threw for 74 yards and a touchdown pass in his only series and the new-look Philadelphia Eagles beat the Baltimore Ravens 13-6 on Thursday night in their preseason opener.

Asomugha. Nnamdi Vince Young and several other big-name acquisitions made their first appearances for the Eagles, who've signed a slew of free agents with impressive resumes in the past two weeks.

Joe Flacco played two series and led the Ravens to a field goal on the opening possession. He completed 3 of 6 passes for 60 yards. Ricky Williams, who signed with Baltimore on Monday, was in-

Vick, the runner-up to Tom Brady for NFL MVP. completed 4 of 6 passes, including a 3-yard TD toss to Brent Celek. Vick drove the Eagles right down the field against Ray Lewis and Baltimore's vaunted defense.

FOXBOROUGH (AP) — Third-round draft pick Ryan Mallett played the whole second half and drove New England to touchdowns on his first four series, helping turn a 19-9 halftime lead into a 35-point rout.

The former Arkansas star was 12 of 19 for 164 yards and a touchdown. Stevan Ridley, a thirdround choice from LSU, scored three touchdowns on two 1-yard runs and a 16-yard pass from Mallett. Richard Medlin, a rookie free agent from Fayetteville, had two 2-yard touchdown runs.

Blaine Gabbert, the former Missouri quarterback drafted 10th overall, completed 9 of 16 passes for 85 yards for Jacksonville. Playing against mostly backups as top players for both teams sat out the game, the Jaguars scored three field goals on Gabbert's six possessions. He played

the entire first half with starting quarterback David Garrard unavailable because of a back injury.

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tim Tebow's failed scramble just before halftime stood as the play of the game, until Stephen McGee — another option quarterback in college ran around to throw a 13yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion with 15 seconds left, giving Dallas a victory over Denver.

Tebow led the Broncos to two field goals in four

His first scoring series started at Denver's 10 and included a 43-yard pass perfectly lofted into double coverage. The other drive, however, started 7 yards from the end zone and wound up moving backward.

That series began with Tebow running it into the end zone on first down, but a holding penalty wiped it out, shoving the Broncos back to the 17. On third down, Tebow ran almost to the left sideline, back to the middle of the field, then tossed the ball to a waiting receiver for a short gain. However, Tebow crossed the line of scrimmage before ever cutting back, a lineman illegally went up the field to block and another teammate clobbered one of the Cowboys in the back. Dallas declined them all, forcing the Broncos to kick a field goal.

Tebow was 6 of 7 for 91 yards and ran twice for 15 yards. McGee threw three TD passes.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thomas Clayton scored on a 25-yard run with 3:05 left to lift Seattle past San Diego.

Tarvaris Jackson passed for 13 yards over two moderately successful series in his debut as Matt Hasselbeck's replacement with the Seahawks. San Diego's Philwhile leading an 89-yard scoring in his only se-

Cornell graduate Bryan Walters returned a kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter for the Chargers, and Mike Tolbert caught an 8-yard scoring pass to cap the only drive by Rivers.

Leon Washington rushed for a 1-yard score on the Seahawks' opening drive of the second half, and Josh Portis Portis hit Anthony McCoy with a tying 6-yard TD pass with 4:02 left.

San Diego rookie Scott Tolzien's fumble set up Clayton's go-ahead score, but the former Wisconsin quarterback drove the Chargers to the Seattle 5 in the final minute before his final pass pinballed among several players and fell incomplete in the end zone.

OAKLAND (AP) — Kevin Kolb found new favor-

lip Rivers went 5 for 6 ite target Larry Fitzgerald twice in his Arizona debut but was unable to get his offense on the scoreboard in two drives before the Cardinals ral-

lied to beat the Raiders. Arizona's other three quarterbacks all threw touchdown passes, including a 28-yarder from Max Hall to Isaiah Williams with 39 seconds left for the win.

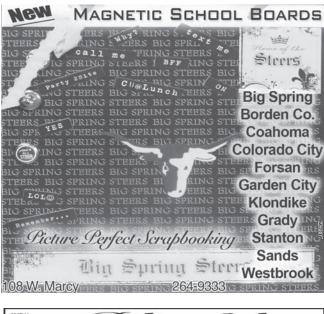
Raiders third-stringer Trent Edwards threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to rookie David Ausberry, and Sebastian Janikowski kicked four field goals, including a go-ahead 57-yarder with 2:32 to play, but the Raiders lost in Hue Jackson's head coaching debut.

After a year of poor quarterback play following Kurt Warner's retirement, Arizona made the big move to acquire Kolb from Philadelphia after the lockout ended last month. The Cardinals gave Kolb a five-year, \$63 million contract.



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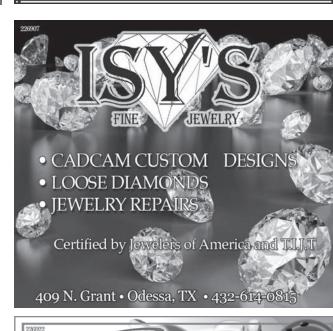






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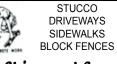
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be an adjustment to your domestic life. It will happen slowly over the next seven

days. You'll be more comfortable at the end of it, but it will be a process. **TAURUS**

(April 20). May will You find yourself in a position to stand up those for

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When is there going to be a time to explore the interest that captured your imagination thoroughly when you were a child? You may just find the time today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know better than to be annoyed by the skeptics. Indeed, you are grateful for them because they spur you on to do and become more. You will be highly motivated now, eager to the prove skeptics wrong

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a wild and exploratory mood. Ask questions, and you'll find good answers. Are they right answers? the Probably not. But they are good enough to keep interested and asking more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make it easy for people to find you, and prepare to be surprised. Though you don't necessarily want to talk to everyone from your past, there are a few people you will happily get to know all over again.

23). You will be in a advised. Trust yourself. position to either hear or GEMINI: redemption or

condemnation. Much hangs in the balance here. Be compassionate with yourself and others. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). An unobtainable person has a magnetic appeal to you. Perhaps this is someone who is in will be put off by a no position to return vour affection. The situation allows you to explore the complexities of emotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Family will hold a mirror up to you whether or not you are in the mood to look at yourself. Their way of reflecting you is a gift, though it may not feel that way just now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People enjoy exchanging stories about relationships in misfortune. Stay out of the conversation. It's a kind of competition, though there is no real benefit to winning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is easy to get caught up in your own thinking. Thoughts can double back themselves and drag you inside them like a powerful riptide. avoid getting carried away, stop the thought process early on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a hero in your midst -- someone who will gallantly slay the dragon for you. It may not be the one you think it is. Note that some of the best knights don't wear armor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (August 12). Make it a point to be around people who are as goal-oriented as you are. A change to your domestic life will be introduced in September. November brings financial improvement. You'll be helped by family members who want you to succeed. personal life Your snarkles with new friendships in February. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 3, 22, 15 and 4.

WEEKEND **FORECAST:** ARIES: You'll flirt with ideas that wouldn't be so great to follow through with and show great selfcontrol. TAURUS: LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. Spontaneity is strongly

give a confession. The appreciate a person who admission could lead to can tell you a good story, especially one that's mostly true. CANCER: You'll be willing to compromise on some things, but not everything. LEO: To set romantic mood. candles and soft music are a must! VIRGO: You person who wastes money and attracted to one who invests well. You'll enjoy LIBRA: balance in a key relationship. You'll take turns scratching each other's backs. SCORPIO: Your strong preferences are worth mentioning to one who doesn't the know you well. This sets the stage for future satisfaction.

> **SAGITTARIUS:** sense the echo of family your interactions with nonfamily members. CAPRICORN: You give your compassion and earn the trust of someone **AQUARIUS:** Someone really wants to make you happy, so drop clues as to how this can happen. PISCES: If

moving forward in a relationship, make sure similar have vou financial styles. **COUPLE OF** THE

WEEKEND: Leo and

Aquarius share many qualities, though they are opposites on the zodiac wheel. Both have instinct an entertaining. Leo does this by putting on a show. Aquarius takes a more intellectual sharing approach, delightful tidbits of information and offbeat anecdotes. With moon in Aquarius and the sun in Leo, this energetic pairing could stay up laughing and talking the night away.

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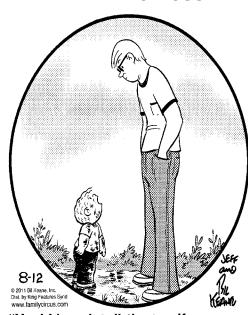
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MOM, CAN I BORROW

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"You'd be a lot dirtier too if you were this close to the ground."

DAD, CAN I BORROW

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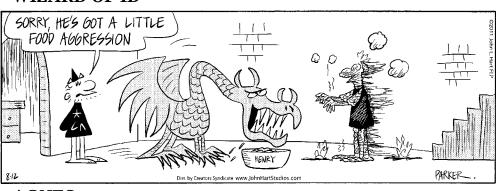




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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2011. There are 141 days left in the year

Today's Highlight History: On Aug. 12, 1981, IBM introduced its first personal com-

puter, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York. The 5150 that was presented had an Intel 8088 microprocessor running at 4.77 MHz (megahertz), 16 kB (kilobytes) of randomaccess memory (RAM), no disk drives, and a pricetag of \$1,565 (allowing for inflation, that would be nearly \$4,000 today). On this date:

Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M.

In 1867, President Andrew

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1911, actor-comedian Cantinflas was born Fortino

Mario Alfonso Moreno Reves

in Mexico City. In 1941, Marshal Henri

Philippe Petain (ahn-REE' fee-LEEP' pay-TAN'), head of the government of Vichy France, called on his countrymen to give full support to Nazi Germany. In 1944, during World War II,

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest

son of Joseph and Rose

Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed

with his co-pilot when their

explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England. In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first

hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite Echo 1 — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral. In 1962, one day after launch-

ing Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15. In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who

had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a

domestic flight crashed into a

mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Senator Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 86. Actor George Hamilton is 72. Actress Dana Ivey is 70. Actress Jennifer Warren is 70. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 62. Actor Jim Beaver is 61. Singer Kid Creole is 61. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 57. Actor Sam J. Jones is 57. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 55. Country singer Danny Shirley is 55. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 50. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 48. Actor Peter Krause (KROW'-zuh)is46.International Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 40. Actor-comedian

Michael Ian Black is 40. 2011 The Associated Press.

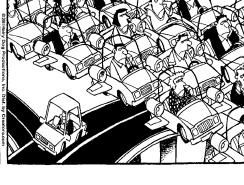
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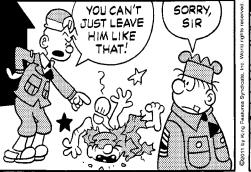




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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 English channel 4 It's southsoutheast of Cleveland
- 9 Missouri city, for short
- 14 "That's nice!"
- 15 la Plata (Buenos Aires' river)
- 16 Timecard data 17 Oven-cleaner
- ingredient
- 18 Copycat comment
- 19 Zebra cousins 20 Start of a quote 23 Stuff served at
- bars
- 24 Sink in the
- 25 Intelligence
- 28 Burst forth
- 32 Kathmandu native
- 34 Middle of quote
- 38 Evaporate
- 39 German auto
- 42 "I'm paying!"
- **47** Not even
- 49 Burgle
- 57 End of quote
- 64 Game with a
- **67** Cardiology

- 68 That alumna
- for short

DOWN

- middle
- gatherer

- 40 TV news time
- 43 Show reluctance
- 45 Source of quote
- 50 Place to stay
- 53 Turn frosty
- 62 Is mailed out
- World Series
- 66 Charge towards

- 70 Burst of activity

- 1 Soothers
- 2 Crawfish
- 3 Venerable
- **4** Bedroom
- 5 East European
- 6 Learning
- 7 Telltale sign
- catching, as flies

- minimally
- 51 L.A. setting
- 65 VMI student stat
- concern

- 69 Hidden agenda
- 71 Sports scores,
- habitat
- board game
- furniture
- capital
- method

- 9 Practiced
- 8 Garish illumination

11 '80s First Lady catchphrase

10 Brit's baloney

- 12 Refinement
- candidate 13 Pothook shape
- 21 Antitheft auto device
- **22** Suffix for author surnames
- **26** Completely, so to speak 27 "Omigosh!"
- 29 Destroyer designation
- 30 Trident-shaped
- letters 31 Speech
- transcripts
- 33 Major
- undertaking **34** Copycat comment

- WAIT FOR IT by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
 - 36 Making secure 37 Burst forth 41 Early

35 Ivy League sch.

- 11th-century
- date
- 44 Sharp reply 46 Witty saying
- 48 Chiding sound
- 52 Croquetas,
- tortillitas, etc. 54 Black ball
- 55 Called strikes 56 Still-life
- subjects 58 Australia's
- national gemstone **59** Air-show stunt
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- 62 Mrs., in Madrid
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