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UW campaign kicks off Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is ready to slip on its boots and bling for the 2012 campaign. Saturday at 7 p.m. at the

Big Spring Country Club the United Way will kick off the campaign with a night of live music, a silent auction, cash bar and heavy hor d'oeuvres. "It doesn't matter if you put on your tuxedo, a sundress or your boots and jeans. The

main thing is to come out and support these agencies," said Jeanie Coor, former United Way executive director. The 2012 campaign officially begins Sept. 1 and will run through Nov. 18, with funds being designated and dis-

tributed to the agencies next year. This year, the United Way is supporting 15 agencies: American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilita-

tion Center, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Howard County Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community See **UW**, Page 3A

Sales tax holiday on horizon

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 Doing some last-minute back-to-school shopping this weekend? The State of Texas has a bargain for you. The state's annual Sales Tax Holiday will be in effect Friday through Sunday, giving people a chance to save a good chunk of change on many purchases. As in past years, the holiday will exempt most clothing and footwear items priced less than \$100 from sales, meaning shoppers could save \$8 on every \$100 in purchases this weekend, according to information released by the Texas Comptroller's office. In addition to clothing items, student backpacks and many school supplies will be tax-exempt this weekend, officials added.

School supplies that qualify for tax-exempt status this weekend include: binders; book bags; calculators; composition books; crayons; erasers; glue; highlighters; index cards; legal pads; lunch boxes; paper; pens and pencils; rulers; scissors; and writing tablets. No exemption certificate is required — with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student, according to information released by the comptroller's office. Clothing items that will be sold tax-free this weekend include: baby clothes and diapers; belts with attached buckles; boots; caps and hats; coats and wraps; dresses; gloves; jackets; jogging apparel; shirts; shoes (excluding work shoes) and socks; sweatshirts and sweat suits; swimsuits; and work clothes. Among the items that will not be tax-exempt are: baseball cleats and pants; football pants; golf gloves; handbags and purses; helmets; jewelry; leather goods (except for belts with attached buckles and wearing apparel); rented clothing; safety clothing and glasses; and handkerchiefs. A more complete list of items that either qualify or don't qualify for tax-free status this weekend can be found online at: http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html

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Courtesy photo
Catie Wiedenhofer, right, director of the Safe Kids San Angelo program, shows the proper way to restrain a child in a car seat. During the Aug. 27 Healthy Woman event, Wiedenhofer and a half-dozen nationally certified car seat technicians will be at Scenic Mountain Medical Center to inspect and, if necessary, replace for free child restraint systems.

Healthy Woman event to focus on buckling kids up

Free car seats will be provided to those who need them

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 When listing all the things parents can do for their children, properly installing a car seat usually doesn't come to mind. But having the right kind of car seat in

your vehicle and, more importantly, making sure your child is properly restrained may be among the most important things parents ever do, officials say. Car seat safety will be the topic for this See **SAFETY**, Page 3A

Teacher, motivator to address area school educators at Howard College

Special to the Herald
 Howard College, in partnership with Robinson Drilling, will be hosting Kim Bearden, language arts teacher and executive director and co-founder of the Ron Clark Academy, for the annual professional development opportunity for area educators. Bearden is an award-winning educator of more than

20 years. "Her unique combination of innovation, discipline and creativity transform average classrooms to remarkable learning centers," a college official said. The program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Bearden

Although the event is targeted as a professional development program for educators, the general public is invited and encouraged to attend. Robinson Drilling is underwriting the program to become an active partner in education and to show support for the area educators, school districts and the college.

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Obituaries

Rodrigo 'Rey' Reyes



Rodrigo "Rey" Reyes, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 13, 1940, in Matamoros, Mexico, to Marcela and Ernesto Reyes. He married Lorina Valdez on March 13, 1980, in Miami, Fla. They moved to Big Spring in 1969 from Mexico. He was a retired farmer and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife: Lorina of Big Spring; two step-daughters: Norma Valenzuela and Olga Olaya Solis, both of Big Spring; one step-son: Gus Valenzuela of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; five brothers: Miguel Reyes of Big Spring, Salvador Reyes and Heriberto Reyes, both of Homestead, Rolando Reyes of Odessa, and Ruben Reyes of Houston; and three sisters: Felipe Reyes of Matamoros, Mexico, Ernestina Rios of Monterrey, Mexico, and Maria Dil of Homestead, Fla.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: Rodrigo Reyes Jr.

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

Fenton Criswell

Fenton Criswell, 91, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dr. William Henry Cox

Dr. William Henry Cox, 79, of Big Spring, former doctor at the VA Medical Center, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 33203 W. Highway 80. Everyone is invited. Plates are \$10 each. Carryouts are available. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

- Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is having CCE pre-registration today from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary cafeteria to start the new school year. Please bring your child's birth certificate with you. This is very important that you attend.

- 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.

Police/Sheriff

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

- GARY LEE MILLER, 43, of 1513 S. Main St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- PETE GUTIERREZ GONZALES, 59, of 2501 W. Hwy 80, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft over or equal to \$50 and less than \$500 all other.
- HECTOR CHRISTOPHER TREVINO, 30, of 1311 S. Scurry St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the: 1900 block of S. Gregg Street. 300 block of San Antonio Street. 200 block of W. FM 700
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- SUSAN ETTA OVERTON, 24, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container (second).
- LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS, 34, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on sentencing criminal mischief over or equal to \$500 and less than \$1500.
- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 32, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on sentencing/fail to identify fugitive intent to give false information.
- BARNEY KIP EDENS III, 31, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on sentencing/assault causes bodily injury family member.
- PETE G. GONZALES, 59, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft of property over or equal to \$50 and less than \$500.
- JERMAINE TY BANKS, 28, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 56, was arrested Tuesday on charges of ride not secured by safety belt, display expired registration, display fictitious registration, no liability insurance, no valid inspection certificate, theft of property over or equal to \$500 and less than \$1500 and burglary of a vehicle.
- HECTOR CHRISTOPHER TREVINO, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour.

The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

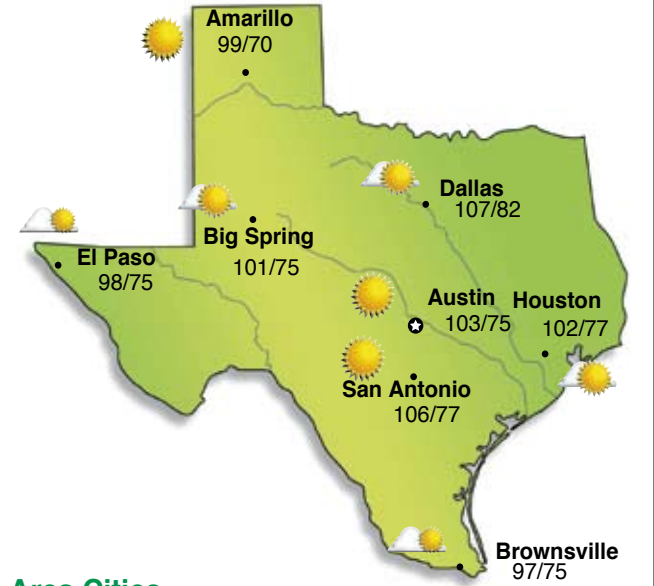
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/18	Fri 8/19	Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22
101/75 Mostly sunny skies. Hot. High 101F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	103/76 Sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	103/75 Sunshine. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/75 Plenty of sun. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/75 Sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM



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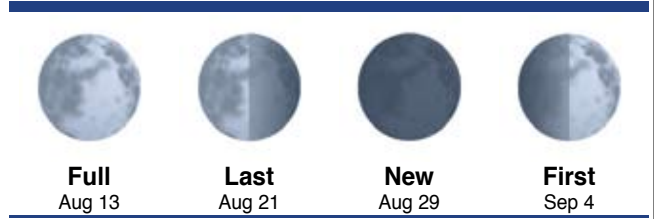
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	99	70	sunny	Livingston	101	75	sunny
Austin	103	75	sunny	Longview	105	74	t-storm
Beaumont	100	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	106	78	t-storm
Brownsville	97	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	98	74	mst sunny
Brownwood	105	78	sunny	Lufkin	106	75	t-storm
Corpus Christi	98	76	sunny	Midland	100	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	106	79	mst sunny	Raymondville	101	75	mst sunny
Dallas	107	82	mst sunny	Rosenberg	103	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	103	79	sunny	San Antonio	106	77	sunny
El Paso	98	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	104	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	74	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	107	79	t-storm
Gainesville	106	79	mst sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	sunny
Greenville	106	78	mst sunny	Tyler	106	77	t-storm
Houston	102	77	mst sunny	Weatherford	106	79	mst sunny
				Wichita Falls	107	80	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	101	75	sunny
Boston	84	68	pt sunny	Livingston	105	74	t-storm
Chicago	83	62	mst sunny	Longview	106	78	t-storm
Dallas	107	82	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	74	mst sunny
Denver	92	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	106	75	t-storm
Houston	102	77	mst sunny	Midland	100	76	mst sunny
Los Angeles	86	65	pt sunny	Raymondville	101	75	mst sunny
Miami	87	79	t-storm	Rosenberg	103	76	mst sunny
				San Antonio	106	77	sunny
				San Marcos	104	75	sunny
				Sulphur Springs	107	79	t-storm
				Sweetwater	101	76	sunny
				Tyler	106	77	t-storm
				Weatherford	106	79	mst sunny
				Wichita Falls	107	80	mst sunny

Moon Phases



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Tax-free holiday list

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

- Binders
- Book bags
- Calculators
- Cellophane tape
- Blackboard chalk
- Compasses
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders; expandable, pocket, plastic and manila
- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Index card boxes
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board and construction paper
- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Writing tablets

- elementary and secondary students
- Belts with attached buckles
- Boots - cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys - baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Swimsuits
- Underclothes
- Work clothes and uniforms

Other tax free items: Baby clothes
Backpacks for use by

- Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
- Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students
- Baseball cleats and pants
- Belt buckles (without belt)
- Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
- Buttons and zippers
- Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
- Dry cleaning services
- Football pants
- Golf gloves
- Handbags and purses
- Handkerchiefs
- Hard hats
- Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
- Ice skates
- Jewelry
- Laundering services
- Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
- Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
- Personal flotation devices
- Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
- Roller blades and skates
- Safety clothing, glasses
- Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

Odds and Ends

Man charged with stealing car, having it crushed

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (AP) — A Kingsport man has ended a dispute over a car with crushing finality. Police charged Robbert N. Owens with theft when he told them he stole a car he had sold to another man and recycled it. In a statement to Kingsport Police, Owens said the buyer still owed him money on the vehicle, which sold for \$1,200. Owens said when he didn't get the rest of his money, he stole the car and had it crushed at Kingsport Auto Recyclers, according to The Kingsport Times-News. Police confirmed the theft victim had obtained a title upon which he had borrowed money from a Titlemax office. Owens was released on bond Monday from the Kingsport City Jail, which has no record of whether he has an attorney.

Police: No one has claimed prosthetic leg

MENASHA, Wis. (AP) — Police in Wisconsin are puzzled that no one has come forward to claim this lost-and-found item. Menasha police officer Aaron Zemlock says one might think a prosthetic leg would be vitally important to its owner. And Zemlock says the prosthesis isn't cheap, typically costing several thousand dollars. So for now, the leg with its black shoe, remains in the police department's evidence garage. A woman had called police Aug. 4 after finding the leg. Police aren't sure if it was misplaced, stolen, or discarded. But, Zemlock tells the Appleton Post-Crescent they don't plan to go looking for its owner. They'll wait until someone comes forward to claim it.

NH man selected to clean White House chimneys

NEWMARKET, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire man is among eight people selected to clean the chimneys at the White House. Philip Mitchell of Newmarket will head to Washington on Sunday for a five-day job to clean more than 30 chimneys. The program was started nearly 20 years ago when a Wisconsin chimney sweep volunteered his services to the White House in response to the budget deficit. Every few years, chimney sweeps from around the country are selected by their peers to participate. The 60-year-old Mitchell has been a chimney sweep for 31 years. He says he's "honored to ... help my country." He likely won't meet President Obama, who's scheduled to be on vacation.

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Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, The Salvation Army, Westside Community Day Care Center, YMCA of Big Spring and the two new agencies — Big Spring Chaplains Association and Spring of Siloam. "We are supporting 15 amazing agencies who do so much

to help people in our community," said Sandy Stewart, executive director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. During the kickoff, David Justice will provide the invocation and this year's United Way president Wayland Pierce will speak, along with a few words from Debbie Wegman, first vice president, and Ann McClarty, second vice president. Tickets for the event are

limited, but can be purchased until all seats have been filled or up until the time of the event, according to Stewart. Last year's campaign goal was set at \$250,000 and was surpassed with a total contribution of \$288,000. The goal for the 2012 campaign will be announced at the Boots and Bling Kickoff event Saturday night. "It's very important we come together and work for the common good for our community,"

Stewart said. "With a little bit from everyone in the community we can do a lot and for those who can do more we ask that they do a little more." Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third St. or from a board member. *Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com*

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SAFETY

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month's Healthy Woman event, scheduled for 8 a.m. until noon Aug. 27 at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center north parking lot. Catie Wiedenhofer, director of the Safe Kids San Angelo program at San Angelo Community Medical Center (SMCC's sister hospital), will be on hand to not only talk about the benefits of properly installed child restraint systems in automobiles, but will also inspect and — if necessary — replace for free attendees' car seats. Child safety is more than just a passing fancy for Wiedenhofer, who earned the nickname of "Helmet Lady"

in the 1990s by wearing a red, white a blue helmet while talking to children about bicycle safety — it's a mission. "The No. 1 killer of kids under the age of 14 is accidents," Wiedenhofer said. "And the leading killer in that category is vehicle crashes. If we don't do something to make our children safer, they will continue to be killed needlessly in accidents." SMCC and the Healthy Woman program are putting their money where Wiedenhofer's mouth is — during the Aug. 27 program, parents can bring their car seats in for inspection. If they are found to not meet safety standards, they will be replaced for free while supplies last. Wiedenhofer urges parents to take advantage of this program,

even if they believe their current car seats pass safety muster. "If a car seat is older than six years, it's automatically considered unsafe and will be replaced. If the parent is unsure of the seat's history, it is automatically considered unsafe and will be replaced," she said. "If you got the car seat at a garage sale, or if the straps have been washed a lot, they're automatically considered unsafe." Not only does having the proper kind of child

restraint system in your car make good sense, it's also the law. Any child under the age of 8 riding in an automobile in Texas must be restrained. Weidenhofer and about a half-dozen nationally certified car seat technicians will inspect and help install the car seats at the event. Providing the free car seats makes good sense for the hospital in more than one way, Wiedenhofer said. "First of all, they're helping to save lives," she said. "And statisti-

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

BSISD trustee wanted for District 3

Wanted: Trustee — someone who wants to serve as part of a team, who is service minded and cares about kids.

This is the message Big Spring Independent School District is sending to those living in the District 3 region — which includes Coronado Hills and Indian Hills subdivisions, as well as homes in the general vicinity of the VA Medical Center.

The board position, previously held by Alan Partee, has been "vacant" since May of this year. Partee declined to seek re-election, but since nobody has been found to take over the seat, he is still the acting trustee for the district.

However, since last May's election, Partee has taken a more "behind the scenes" role. Meanwhile, the search is on for his replacement.

A new trustee is being sought at this point, but according to BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar the search has not yet turned up any prospects.

To fill the position the candidate must be a U.S. and Texas citizen, 18 years of age or older, live within the district they represent and be a registered voter. At this point, the trustee will serve the position until the next general election — scheduled for May 2012 — and at that point can choose to run for the remainder of the unexpired term.

As a trustee, you are able to help better a child's future by ensuring the best choices are made concerning not only the children in the district, but the school district's students as a whole.

Schools serve a vital role in the community, especially in building the future which will be determined by the school-aged children. It's important to give the students and their parents the proper representation in order to ensure the best decisions are made.

Those interested in serving on the board should contact the BSISD central office at 264-3600 or to speak to a current board member.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we walk in faith and our belief in
You, Lord.

Amen

Corn, scorn and forlorn in Iowa

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is the first casualty of the Ames, Iowa, straw poll. After he came in third — behind fire-brand Reps. Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul — he pulled out of the 2012 GOP presidential race.

In politics, you find little sympathy for losers. Insiders point to Pawlenty's failure in a June CNN debate to attack former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for enacting a state universal health care plan. Pawlenty had dubbed the term "Obamneycare" to link Romney's health care law to President Barack Obama's. If Mr. "Minnesota Nice" could not go after Romney when the moment was ripe, politicians asked, perhaps he lacked the fire to go after President Obama, as well.

But I think T-Paw's biggest opportunity in a GOP primary debate came last Thursday. Pawlenty tried to establish straight-talk credentials by opposing ethanol subsidies in corn dog country. He also argued that his experience of governing a blue state with a Democratic legislature established that he could win on policy initiatives while working across the aisle.

When Fox News moderator

Bret Baier asked all eight candidates to raise their hands if they would walk away from a deficit reduction deal with a ratio of \$10 in spending cuts to every \$1 in tax increases, they all raised their hands. You would expect that response from a purity candidate like Bachmann, Paul or businessman Herman Cain. But Pawlenty raised his hand. Ditto Jon Huntsman, the former Utah governor who had boasted that he was the only GOP candidate who supported the bipartisan debt deal signed by the president and supported by House Speaker John Boehner.

Here Pawlenty had a chance to distinguish himself as the only pragmatist in the race — the only Republican willing not to walk away from a killer deal — but he did not seize the moment.

Clearly, no Republican with national aspirations dares say he or she would raise any tax whatsoever, even though eliminating corporate welfare programs (for example, ethanol subsidies) technically represents a revenue increase — even Pawlenty when he was running out of political capital and cash and desperate to stand out in the crowd.

Critics wonder why the media — and candidates — put so much weight on the \$30-per-head stunt poll that has so little to do with the actual electorate.

The outcome only adds further discredit to the exercise. The top two draws — Bachmann and

Paul — generally are deemed to be unelectable in November 2012.

But it is not clear that the candidates would have answered differently in another state or at another debate before the Republican primary is held.

During a Minnesota bus tour stop Monday — the White House denies it was a campaign event — President Obama referred to the debate and the 8-zip response to a 10-1 cuts-to-taxes debt reduction deal. "None of them would take it," he crowed. "Think about that. I mean, that's just not common sense."

On Sunday, the president's public approval rating in the Gallup poll fell below 40 percent. For all his talk of hope and change, Obama simply does not know how to quell the fear and uncertainty that weigh down the U.S. economy.

And yet the GOP field has handed Obama a handy talking point. Brilliant.

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Ron Paul remains media poison

I admit I do not fully understand Ron Paul and his beliefs. But I do understand when a guy gets shafted, and Paul just got shafted.

On Saturday, the Ames Straw Poll was conducted in Iowa amid huge media interest and scrutiny. The results were enough to force one Republican candidate, Tim Pawlenty, out of the race and catapult another, Michele Bachmann, into the "top tier."

There are so many "top tier" stories in the media today that I can barely count them, let alone read them all, and Bachmann is in all of them by virtue of her victory at Ames. The rest of the tier is made up of two candidates who skipped Ames, Rick Perry and Mitt Romney.

As The Daily Beast put it: "The new top tier of Bachmann, Perry and Romney — created by Bachmann's Iowa straw poll win, Perry's entry into the race and Romney's lead so far in many national and state polls — has unleashed torrents of talk about the reshaped race."

Ron Paul's name was not mentioned in this piece or in many others. A Wall Street Journal editorial Monday magnanimously granted Paul's showing in the straw poll a parenthetical dismissal: "(Libertarian Ron Paul, who has no chance to win the nomination, finished a close second.)"

But "close" does not fully describe Paul's second-place finish. Paul lost to Bachmann by nine-tenths of one percentage point, or 152 votes out of 16,892 cast.

If it had been an election, such a result would almost certainly have triggered a recount. It was not an election, however, and that is my point. Straw polls are supposed to tell us, like a straw tossed into the air, which way the wind is blowing.

And any fair assessment of Ames, therefore, would have said the winds of the Republican Party are blowing toward both Bachmann and Paul.

Nonsense, some would say. Straw polls are just organized bribery, with the campaigns buying the tickets and distributing them to supporters. (And, in fact, this is what I wrote before Ames.)

What they really show, many argue, is not where the philosophical heart of the party is, but the organizational abilities of the candidates.

Fine, I'll buy that. But why didn't Paul get the same credit for his organizational abilities that Bachmann got for hers?

I am far from a Libertarian. I believe big government is swell as long as it does big things to help the common good. But after Ames, it was as if Paul had been sentenced to the Phantom Zone.

Bachmann appeared on five Sunday shows following Ames. Paul appeared on none. Politico's Kasie Hunt was one of the few reporters to do a separate story on Paul's showing at the straw poll, but to most of the media, he remained an exotic, unworthy of attention.

And I don't disagree that some of his beliefs — legalizing heroin, the right of states to secede — are peculiar (though he has been elected to a congressional district in Texas 12 times).

But if Bachmann's victory at Ames was good enough to gain her enormous publicity and top-tier status, was why Paul's virtual tie good enough only to relegate him to being ignored?

So I asked Paul on Monday if the media blackout disturbed him.

"It did disturb me, but it was not a total surprise," he replied. "The result at Ames was significant; it might well have propelled us to the top tier. The media cannot change that."

But the media can, of course, change that since we get to determine who the top tier is.

"It is hard for them to accept," Paul said of his showing at Ames. "I had one interview scheduled for this morning, a national program, but they canceled. It is shocking to be told nobody wants you."

Was this because technically Paul came in second and not first? I don't think so. Four years ago, Mike Huckabee came in a bad second to Romney, losing by 13.4 percentage points. Huckabee managed to spin that into a victory at Ames and became a media darling.

But Paul almost wins the thing, and he remains poison.

"I think they (the media) believe this guy is dangerous to the status quo," Paul said, "but that is a reason to be more energized. I am a bit more challenging, but I am not on the wrong track. I don't think that my ideas are

more exotic. They are threatening."

In his interview with me, Paul stressed his "peace" message — he wants our troops brought home from foreign soil — and believes that and his fiscal conservatism will gain him supporters.

"We are trying to reverse 100 years of history, the change from a republic to an empire, the change to tax and spending, who wants to admit that?" Paul said. "Who wants to admit we don't have to be policemen of the world?"

Let me say right here that unlike many of Paul's supporters, I don't believe there is a left-wing media conspiracy working against him. Ralph Nader, who is about as far as you can get from Paul politically, has the same problem whenever he runs for president.

And, no, media attention is not based solely on polls. The most recent polls, taken before Ames, showed Bachmann with 10.2 percent of the vote and Paul with 9.0 percent. That's not a huge difference, though those polls will no doubt change with all the publicity Bachmann is now getting due to her "stunning" victory at Ames.

There was a deliciously intriguing line in The Washington Post's fine recap of Ames on Sunday. It said that had Paul edged out Bachmann, "it would have hurt the credibility and future of the straw poll, a number of Republicans said."

So don't blame the media. Here are Republicans, presumably Republican operatives, who say if one candidate wins, the contest is significant, but if another wins, the contest is not credible.

Amazing. And disturbing.

"Well, yes, I can get discouraged and dispirited," Paul told me. "We came so very close. To come that close to winning, it shows my views are very mainstream. And if we are worth our salt and our message is sound and we tell it honestly, we will do well."

Though possibly no one will notice.

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Why not check this out at the library?

Remember the library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the internet/video room closing at 5:30. Our website has changed. It is now <http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/howard-county>. We are trying to decrease the amount of electricity we use by shutting off some of our lights, so if it looks sort of dark during the day, we are open, just trying to do our part during this hot time of the year.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

The Friends are busy sorting out the books and preparing for their annual sale. It will be here at the library, Sept. 16-18. Good, clean used books are welcome for donations. Relatively new encyclopedias (last 10 years); this year's magazines, music CDs, books on tape or CD and material like that may be donated also. We are glad to help carry items in if you need help. Please have them in boxes or securely within in a

bag. The Friends are also giving away a Kindle and a Nook. Tickets for the giveaway will be available next week from staff at the library. The price will be \$5 per ticket or six for \$30.

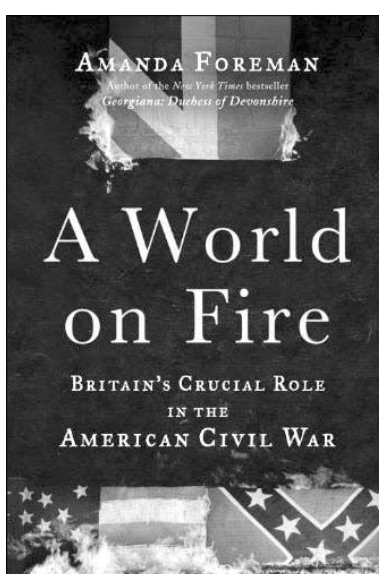
There is still time for long road trips before school starts. While the kids watch DVDs, you can listen to Amanda Foreman's "A World On Fire." (AUCD 973.72 FOR A) It's a mere 32 hours and 45 minutes. Even before the rumblings of the coming Civil War began, alliances were being formed, especially where the British were concerned. The South was dependent on the British for guns, bullets and ships and the British needed cotton for their massive mills in the West of England. Listen to the jockeying back and forth between the U.S., the South and England politicians, until it explodes at Fort Sumter.

Two years have passed since the events of bestselling "Christine Falls" and Quirke, an irascible Dublin pathologist, has quite drinking. Plus, he should know better than to stick his nose in something that is not his concern. When an acquaintance asks him

to look into the apparent suicide of his young wife, Quirke dives into the matter. In "Silver Swan" AUC M BLA B) by Benjamin Black, read by Timothy Dalton, a dark, mesmerizing crime is solved.

What are the connections between the following selections: "Country Strong", "Saturday Night Fever" and "Never Say Never?" How about "True Grit," "Open Range," "Hard Range," "Palo Pinto Range" and "Six Gun?" "Tron Legacy," "Hook" and "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader?" "Matrix," "Just Cause" and "The Unknown?" Yes, you are correct; they are movies. But, they are movies we have just added to our collection. Now, see if you can match the movie stars to the movies. Julia Roberts, Liam Neeson, Dustin Hoffman, Annette Benning, Mel Tillis, Tim McGraw, Justin Bieber, Bruce Dern, Robin Williams, Laurence Fishburne, Sean Connery, Robert Duvall, Keanu Reeves, Kevin Costner, Burt Reynolds and Gwyneth Paltrow.

While these are not



new books, they may tempt you to come in and look at some of our older titles. Daniel Levin's "The Last Ember" (F LEV D) is somewhat akin to Brown's "Da Vinci Code." Jonathan Morris is a young American lawyer who was a doctoral student in the classics and that combination evidently makes him desirable to antiquity dealers. Summoned to Rome to

examine a fragment of a stone map, he is astonished to find a secret map hidden within the stone itself. It propels him on a crazy journey under the Coliseum in Rome and a perilous flight from a secret society determined to keep the findings either hidden or destroyed. It looks to be quite exciting.

While I don't think Tommy Sullivan and his volunteer firefighters jump out of airplanes in fighting fires, Murry Taylor did so for 30 years. He retired in 2000 after the worst fire season in more than 50 years. In "Jumping Fire: A Smoke-jumper Memoir of Fighting Wildfire" (634.961 TAY M), he writes in thrilling detail about his three decades of parachuting out of planes to fight fires in the rugged mountains of the West. This is a very compelling book to read.

How many times have you looked at a children's book and thought to yourself "I could do that." Here is your chance. We have "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Children's Books" (808.068 UND H) by Harold D. Underdown and Lynne Rominger. It will give you practical advice on getting started and developing your talent; basics on writing and idiot-proof tips to guide you through the publishing process. Are you trying to be more "green?" We are saving dish water to pour on our outside plants, dipping out our bath and shower water for the garden and let's not forget our compost heap (in our household, we mean Joe). "The Green Book of Household Hints" (648.5HAR M) by Marjorie Harris will take

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Facts on Bullying

The facts on bullying reveal it is a growing problem among teens and children. There are several different types of bullying including cyber bullying, bullying in schools as well as other forms of harassing. Continue reading to learn the facts on bullying.

Bullying can happen anywhere. Many children and teens are regular victims of bullying, which can lead to serious emotional scarring and problems with the victim's self-esteem and self-image. Correcting these behaviors before they start or get out of hand are important for parents and educators to keep in mind. In this article we are discussing the facts on bullying and how you can watch for warning signs in victims of bullying as well as in children who might be bullies themselves.

Types of bullying:

- **Verbal.** This type of bullying usually involves name calling and or teasing
- **Social.** Spreading rumors, intentionally leaving others out of activities on purpose, breaking up friendships are all examples of social bullying.
- **Physical.** This traditional form of bullying involves hitting, punching, shoving and other acts of intention physical harm.
- **Cyberbullying.** This method of bullying involves using the Internet, texting, email and other digital technologies to harm others.

Facts on bullying:

- **Imbalance of power.** Typically those who engage in bully-like behaviors use their strength, popularity or power to harm, control or manipulate others. They will usually target those who are weaker in size or may have a difficult time defending themselves.
- **Intent to cause harm.** A bully is a person who does not do things by accident. The bully intends to physically or emotionally injure a person or group of persons.
- **Repetition.** Typically incidents of bullying are not a one-time thing. Bullies target the same person or group over and over again.

It is important for parents to discuss the facts on bullying with their children to help teach them how to watch out for bullying and to avoid being bullied. There are several signs parents can look for when evaluating if your child is a victim of bullying.

- Comes home with unexplained injuries or with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings
- Has change in eating habits
- Makes excuses not to go to school
- Has fewer friends
- Feels helpless
- Talks about suicide
- Acts out of character
- Avoids certain places or playing outside alone
- Feels like they are not good enough
- Has trouble sleeping
- Blames themselves for their problems

The facts on bullying also provide information on what types of signs to look for in children who might be bullying others.

- Becomes frequently violent
- Has trouble controlling anger
- Is manipulative and controlling of others and situations
- Is quick to blame others
- Does not accept responsibility for their actions
- Needs to win or be the best at everything

Understanding these warning signs can help parents prevent their children from becoming bullies or help them not become a victim of a bully. Counseling or therapy are good methods in helping to treat a child who exhibits symptoms of bullying. Children who are victims may also need some kind of support or counseling to help resolve underlying issues of emotional feelings of inadequacy. Children who are confident and have higher self-esteem are less likely to fall prey to the attacks of bullying.

Sources: mychildsafety.net, <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M. on August 29, 2011, in the Forsan High School Board Room, 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0400 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.0568 / \$100 (Proposed rate for bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	16.08% decrease
Debt Service	0.16% increase
Total Expenditures	15.92% decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value *of all property	\$1,001,350,297	\$875,791,135
Total appraised value *of new property**	\$7,008,100	\$1,722,336
Total taxable value***of all property	\$762,094,292	\$816,209,102
Total taxable value***of new property**	\$1,401,323	\$1,442,136

** "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

*** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*

*Outstanding principal \$3,390,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	1.04000	0.06057	1.10057	6,375	3,712
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operators Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.02916	0.07455	1.10371	9,271	495
Proposed Rate	1.04000	0.05680	1.09680	9,359	713

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$63,540	\$63,948
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$37,462	\$38,675
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.0994	\$1.0968
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$411.86	\$424.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$12.32

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

Note of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.115318. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.115318.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,573,100.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$64,518.00

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News in brief

Report: Army can't assure body armor plates meet U.S. standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army improperly tested new bullet-blocking plates for body armor and cannot be certain that 5 million pieces of the critical battlefield equipment meet the standards to protect U.S. troops, the Defense Department's inspector general found.

The Pentagon report focused on seven Army contracts for the plates, known as ballistic inserts, awarded between 2004 and 2006 and totaling \$2.5 billion. The inspector general's audit, carried out over a two-year period ending in March, found the tests were incomplete, conducted with the wrong size plates or relied on ballistic test rounds that were inconsistent. Due to the demands of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, tests under certain temperatures and altitudes were scrapped altogether.

"Consequently, the Army cannot be sure that ballistic inserts meet ... requirements," the report said. "As a result, the Army lacks assurance that 5.1 million ballistic inserts acquired through the seven contracts provide appropriate protection."

The inspector general said it did not conduct its own tests so it couldn't say whether the plates were defective.

Tobacco companies: Graphic federal warning labels aren't fair

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Tobacco companies want a judge to put a stop to new graphic cigarette labels that include the sewn-up corpse of a smoker and pictures of diseased lungs, saying they unfairly urge adults to shun their legal products and will cost millions to produce.

Four of the five largest U.S. tobacco companies sued the federal government Tuesday, saying the warnings violate their free speech rights.

"Never before in the United States have producers of a lawful product been required to use their own packaging and advertising to convey an emotionally-charged government message urging adult consumers to shun their products," the companies wrote in the lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington.

The companies, led by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co., said the warnings no longer

simply convey facts to allow people to make a decision on whether to smoke. They instead force them to put government anti-smoking advocacy more prominently on their packs than their own brands, the companies say. They want a judge to stop the labels.

Democrats link entire GOP field to tea party's extreme policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rising profiles of Republican presidential candidates Rick Perry and Michele Bachmann are giving the White House a new opening: linking the entire GOP field to the tea party, whose popularity has recently sagged.

If the strategy works, it could cause guilt-by-association problems even for non-tea-party Republicans like Mitt Romney.

That might be a lot to ask, however. Unflattering comparisons are a well-worn campaign tactic, and many Americans have only a hazy notion of the tea party movement. Still, President Barack Obama's top aides are giving it a go.

Republican candidates must decide whether to "swear allegiance to the tea party" or work with Democrats to create jobs, Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs said Tuesday. After last week's GOP debate in Iowa, Obama campaign guru David Axelrod claimed the presidential contenders were "pledging allegiance to the tea party."

Nevada tops the nation in unemployed parents

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Karla Washington worries how she will afford new school uniforms for her five-year-old daughter.

Washington, an undergraduate student, earns less than \$11,000 a year from a part-time university job. The salary must cover food, rent, health care, child care and the occasional splurge on a Blue's Clues item for her only child.

"My biggest fear is not providing my daughter with everything that she needs to be a balanced child, to be independent, to be safe, to feel like she is of value," said Washington, 41.

Washington's economic woes are seen throughout Nevada, where the nation's highest unemployment and foreclosure rates have combined to devastate families and empty neighborhoods and construction yards.

A national study on child well-being to be published Wednesday found Nevada had the highest rate of children whose parents are unemployed and underemployed. The state is also home to the most children affected by foreclosures — 13 percent of

all Silver State babies, toddlers and teenagers have been kicked out of their homes because of an unpaid mortgage, the study found.

Chinese commentators urge U.S. to focus on economic basics

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese commentators are marking a visit by Vice President Joseph Biden by offering a struggling United States advice: Stop flooding your economy with cheap credit.

The prescriptions awaiting Biden, who arrives in Beijing later Wednesday, range from cutting government budget deficits to fighting poverty.

While similar to the advice of Western analysts, the comments are unusually pointed for China where communist leaders say governments should stay out of each others' affairs, and show the shifting fortunes of the two powers.

"The United States has entered a long period of decline," wrote economist Xia Bin, who advises China's Cabinet and central bank, on his blog.

The main purpose of Biden's mission is get a better bead on Vice President Xi Jinping, who is expected to take over as Communist Party chief next year and will visit Washington later this year. Biden is also expected to get an earful on Tibet and Taiwan, the democratic island Beijing claims and which Washington provides arms to.

Lawyer for drugmaker recorded allegedly offering payment in suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer in Mexico for a leading U.S. drug manufacturer, which promotes its global anticorruption policy, offered to pay an opposing expert in a business lawsuit if he would leave the country on a key court date to undermine the case, according to a recording of the conversation and sworn testimony provided to The Associated Press.

The recording and its disclosure offer an unusual glimpse into the bare-knuckle tactics of the global marketplace and come as the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission crack down on overseas misconduct by U.S. companies, part of a multinational effort to clean up international commerce.

Business remains an ethical jungle in many countries, but it's rare to get details on tape.

Based near Chicago, Baxter International Inc. is a major manufacturer of intravenous drugs and medical devices. Its medications are used to treat people with hemophilia, kidney disease, immune system problems, infectious diseases, serious burns and other conditions.

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you farther down the road. It is set up like an alphabet, with A

for avocados (unripe) to zippers (stuck). It focuses on solutions that really work.

It seems like if pizza is not an option for supper or lunch, then spaghetti is the next best thing. Johanne Killeen and

George German have compiled a delicious set of recipes that encompasses all sorts of pasta with many different kinds of sauces. Titled "On Top of Spaghetti ... Macaroni, Linguine, Penne and Pasta of Ev-

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Perry takes national stage

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press
 SAN ANTONIO — In the words of Gov. Rick Perry, secession was one scenario on the table for frustrated Texans. The BP oil spill? Might have been an act of God instead of corporate errors. And if the Federal Reserve puts more money in the U.S. system, as Perry told voters in Iowa this week, you could chalk it up as a treasonous act that would be treated “pretty ugly” back home.

No, that wasn’t on the same level as his famous interview signoff, “Adios, mofo.” But Perry’s just warming up.

Just four days after launching his GOP presidential run, the man from Paint Creek, Texas, already is showing off a colorful tongue. The 61-year-old with maybe the most famous jogging-while-armed story ever — “Don’t attack my dog or you might get shot ... if you’re a coyote” — may emerge as the most quotable candidate in the Republican field.

But will that hurt as well as help him?

The governor’s mouth may come across as amusing to some

Texans who have grown accustomed to “Perryisms” over his decades in public office. Now, however, he’s on a larger stage with a brighter spotlight. Will his quips be a plus — something for voters to identify with — or a vulnerability in the campaign?

Obama said Tuesday he was inclined to cut the governor “some slack” since it was so early in his run. The president was asked on CNN about Perry’s suggestion that military members would respect the Texan more than him because Perry served in the military and he didn’t.

“I think that everybody who runs for president, it probably takes them a little bit of time before they start realizing that this isn’t like running for governor or running for Senate or running for Congress,” Obama said. “You’ve got to be a little more careful about what you say.”

Not everyone was so understanding about Perry’s latest comments.

“Inappropriate and unpresidential,” tweeted Tony Fratto, a Republican who worked in the White House under President

George W. Bush.

That was his quick verdict after Perry said at a campaign appearance Monday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke would be committing a “treasonous” act if he decided to “print more money to boost the economy.” Perry said such action by the Fed would amount to a political maneuver aimed at helping President Barack Obama win re-election.

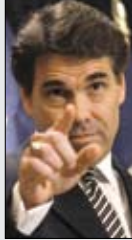
“If this guy prints more money between now and the election, I don’t know what y’all would do to him in Iowa, but we would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas,” Perry said, responding to a question from the audience.

He stood by that comment later, telling reporters on Tuesday in Dubuque, Iowa: “I am just passionate about the issue, and we stand by what we said.”

On Monday, Perry also said he would be a president who was “passionate about America — that’s in love with America.” Asked whether he was suggesting that Obama didn’t love his country, Perry said, “You need to ask him.”

Some colorful comments from Texas governor and GOP presidential hopeful Rick Perry:

“If this guy prints more money between now and the election, I don’t know what y’all would do to him in Iowa, but we would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas.” — Monday, speaking to voters in Iowa about Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.



“We’ve got a great union. There’s absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we’re a pretty independent lot to boot.” — April 2009, answering a reporter’s question at a tea party rally.

“Don’t attack my dog or you might get shot.” — April 2010, saying he shot and killed a coyote with the handgun loaded with hollow-point bullets he takes with him when jogging alone in the woods behind his Austin home. Perry said the coyote was menacing his daughter’s dog.

“I think Section 5 is past its usefulness. I think it costs states huge amounts of money and frankly is way past its usefulness.” — November 2010, about federal oversight of voting districts in mostly Southern states as part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



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2nd man has plea deal over alleged machete death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A second man has reached a plea agreement over the alleged machete death of his roommate in San Antonio. Prosecutors in San Antonio say Alexi Estebe-Mejia pleaded no contest to murder as jury selection was to begin Tuesday. He faces up to 32 years in prison over the 2009 slaying of Juan Jose Santana-Hernandez. A corner determined the victim had been stabbed and suffered chopping wounds allegedly caused by a machete. Another roommate, Erlin Yobani Garcia-Rivera, reached a plea agreement Friday on a reduced charge of aggravated assault and was to testify for the prosecution. Garcia-Rivera is expected to face a maximum 20-year prison term.

Some residents hurt in fire at San Antonio complex

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Emergency officials say an overnight fire at a San Antonio apartment complex has left at least eight people hurt and dozens of residents displaced.

The American Red Cross says a shelter has been set up Wednesday at an elementary school to help residents of the Summerview Apartments. The fire was reported shortly before midnight Tuesday. Investigators are trying to determine the cause of the blaze. Fire department spokeswoman Deborah Foster says eight people have been transported to hospitals, with at least two believed to be critically hurt. Further details on their conditions were not immediately available. Fire Chief Charles Hood says at least 40 units were damaged. Hood says firefighters are trying to account for all of the residents.

Rosenberg police find \$432,000 in rolled up \$20s

ROSENBERG (AP) — Rosenberg police are trying to determine if \$432,000 stuffed inside a propane tank and an old television is tied to illegal activity. An officer last week pulled over a truck on U.S. 59 in the Houston suburb and his dog honed in on a cardboard box. Inside the box, authorities found the money in the gas canister and TV — all in rolled-up \$20 bills. Lt. Collin Davidson told Houston television station KTRK Tuesday (<http://bit.ly/qns0xU>) he's never seen money stored that way inside pieces of junk.

The driver, identified only as from Houston, was released. The money, for now, is in the police evidence room.

Federal agents say drug gang captain arrested

McALLEN (AP) — FBI agents say a man arrested last week during a South Texas drug bust is believed to be a ranking captain who oversees the Texas Mexican Mafia's operations throughout the Rio Grande Valley and is primary supplier for black tar heroin throughout Texas. Forty-six-year-old Jesus Barrientes Rodriguez, of Pharr, was arrested Friday as part of an investigation where authorities earlier last week seized more than three pounds of the drug and arrested three men at a supermarket in Alamo. A federal criminal complaint reviewed Tuesday by The Monitor of McAllen showed Barrientes was arrested after an FBI informant bought several ounces of black tar heroin from him at his home since last September.

Official: Illegal crossings drop in busy sector

EL PASO (AP) — A top U.S. border official says the only area with more than 100,000 annual apprehensions of illegal immigrants crossing from Mexico will soon be under that figure because the flow of immigrants is declining. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin said Tuesday the Tucson Border Patrol sector in Arizona dropped from 212,000 detained illegal border crossers in 2010 to about 120,000 so far this year. Bersin expects the total to fall below 100,000 in 2012. Speaking at a border security conference in El Paso, Bersin credited the decline to the 6,000 agents now there and increased use of aircraft and drones in the Tucson sector.

Man aboard forklift caught by Fort Worth police

FORT WORTH (AP) — It wasn't the classic high-speed police chase. A Fort Worth man remained in custody Tuesday on at least five charges after he climbed aboard a forklift and led police on a chase that reached 16 mph and ended on Interstate 30. Timothy Raines is accused of stealing the forklift Sunday from a construction site. Among charges the 43-year-old faces is drinking while driving and of throwing beer bottles at traffic. Other charges include aggravated assault and evading police. When he climbed off the forklift, the 43-year-old he put it in reverse and sent it rolling toward patrol cars. Officers jumped aboard to stop it.

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Lady Steers find Frenship unfriendly in Tuesday loss

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers fell to the Frenship Lady Tigers Tuesday night in four matches, even after an energetic, exciting start. The scores of 23-25, 25-22, 18-25 and 15-25 in no way measured the effort put into this one by the hometown girls. Despite the wave of emotion present at Steer gym, the Lady Tigers got some momentum behind them and never looked back.

After falling behind 7-11 in the first match, Big Spring rallied and tied the game at 15 apiece, then again at 18, before eventually succumbing to the high-flying aerial attack of Frenship and falling 23-25.

The second match provided the most competitive fight of the night as the two teams traded points like boxers trading punches. Neither squad could push beyond a two point lead un-

til late into the period when Big Spring rose up and took a 19-16 advantage. The net presence of Cerbi Ritchey (29 assists, 16 kills and 21 digs) and Taylor Seaton (22 kills and six digs) was overwhelming and the Lady Steers grabbed their only victory of the night in a 25-22 slugfest.

Matches three and four saw the girls in black and gold fall successively 18-25 and 15-25 as they were never able to duplicate the intensity they displayed in their second match. However, their defense never seemed to tire as Carson Reibe and Clara Benavides combined for 50 digs on the night. Logan Yarbar added 16 more and Diamond Mayes had seven blocks to lead the Lady Steers in that category.

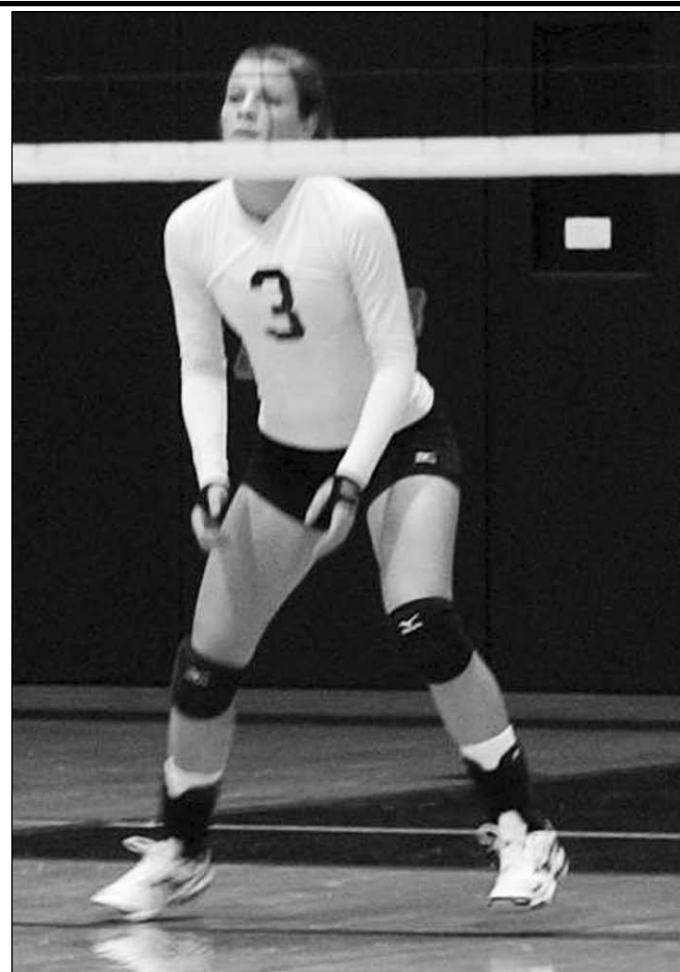
Morgan Seaton had 18 assists in the effort, as well as three kills and 14 digs. Haley Djidian added six kills and two digs to the stat sheet as well as

Big Spring dropped to 7-3 for the season.

The varsity squad will be playing in a tournament in Granbury Friday and Saturday. They will be up against Grace Prep at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning, Bowie at noon and Trinity at 3 p.m. before heading into Saturday's bracket play.

In JV action, Big Spring fell in two matches. The team never could seem to get things rolling and ended the night with scores of 13-25 and 18-25.

The freshman squad did everything they could to get the fans into their games as they fell behind in both matches before coming from behind to snatch the victories. Though the deficit was never overly high in the first round, the Lady Steers dug out of a 14-19 hole in the second match to take a 25-20 stunner, lending hope for a bright future for Big Spring volleyball.



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin
Carson Reibe prepares to defend in Tuesday night's Lady Steer volleyball game. Reibe led Big Spring's girls with 28 digs.

Rangers rout Angels, take 6 game AL lead

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels crossed their fingers and sent two rookie pitchers to the mound against the defending AL champions. The Texas Rangers battered them both while taking a commanding AL West lead.

Manager Mike Scioscia realizes his Angels could be in danger of abruptly losing a race that seemed wide open just a week ago.

Michael Young had three of the Rangers' 17 hits and drove in three runs, and Texas opened its biggest division lead of the season with a 7-3 victory over the Angels on Tuesday night.

Torii Hunter had two hits and drove in a run for the punchless Angels, who trailed Texas by just 1½ games a week ago. Los Angeles has lost six of seven since, and the Rangers moved six games ahead with another dominant offensive effort and a strong start by Derek Holland.

"A week ago, we were looking right up at these guys," Scioscia said. "We were within striking distance, but we've had a rough six or seven games that carried over from that trip into this series. But it can turn in

a heartbeat, and that's what we have to keep our focus on — how we play the game."

One night after Angels starter Garrett Richards left in the first inning with a groin injury, fellow rookie Tyler Chatwood (6-9) couldn't get out of the third, yielding eight hits and five runs. Ervin Santana and Jered Weaver will start the next two games as Los Angeles attempts to get a draw out of this series.

"If we lose two more games, obviously you can do a lot of math and look at it and see that it's really uphill," Scioscia said. "If we're six games back or four games back, it's still uphill. You still need to catch a team, but I think it's too early for math. Right now we need to play good baseball, and then we'll worry about the numbers we need as we hopefully gain ground. But the last two nights, it's obvious we didn't really give ourselves a chance to win."

Holland (11-4) yielded nine hits and fell one out shy of his fifth complete game for the defending AL champions, who have taken control of the division race in the past week with a

4½-game swing. Josh Hamilton homered in a three-hit performance before leaving with back spasms, and Mitch Moreland had a two-run single among his three hits in Texas' fifth straight victory — all on the road.

"We want to gain distance and gain a bigger lead against these guys, and they want the same thing," Holland said. "We're not going to sit and gloat on it, because they could easily come back."

While Los Angeles has lost four straight for the first time since early June, Texas is a season-best 19 games over .500 (71-52) largely thanks to an offense that has scored at least seven runs in six of the past seven games. Young has six of Texas' 31 hits in the last two games, including a two-RBI single in the first inning Tuesday night.

"We know we can swing the bats," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "You never think you're going to come into Anaheim like that and put runs on them, but we've got a pretty good offensive team. When you swing

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Betty Ray Coffee puts on show at Comanche Trail

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association had to use a scorecard play-off to determine a winner in Thursday's couples tournament after two teams tied with scores that were two strokes under par.

Eventually, the team of Bill and Bobbie Holden, Bob Stewewart and Vaughn Martin took the top honors.

Settling for second place were Ron and Daury Booth, Jerry Roach and Dee Jenkins. In third place, with one under par, were Ray Russell, Sue Russell and Betty Ray Coffee and Max Coffee.

Ray Russell shot closest to the pin on hole number three and Betty Ray Coffee did the same on hole number six.

In individual play, Ramona Harris won the low gross, while Patsy Sharp-

nack and Gus Leonardi tied for low net.

In earlier action, with 26 player competing in the couples tournament, ties were the order of the day.

A first place tie resulted after two teams each shot four strokes under par. The first team was comprised of Jerry Roach, Annie Ward, Bill and Bobbie Holden. The second team consisted of Jo Ann Hilger, Mary Gilbreath, Trish Gabbard, Ray and Sue Russell.

With three under par, there was another tie. Ron and Daury Booth teamed up with Max and Betty Ray Coffee as one of the teams, while the second team was made up of George and Betty Murphy alongside Nick and Linda Dewaters.

Roach was closest to the pin on hole number three and Annie Ward was closest on number six.

Briefs

Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Soccer signups

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

Forsan community pep rally

Forsan will be holding their community pep rally Friday, following the junior varsity and varsity scrimmage, which begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be fan gear for sale, games, prizes, give-a-ways and a surprise. Everyone is invited.

Big Spring pep rally

The Big Spring High School community pep rally will be held at Memorial Stadium Monday at 8 p.m. Junior high and high school fall sports teams, cheerleaders and BSHS band and color guards will be introduced.

BSHS Quarterback Club will be selling Steer T-shirts and other Steer-gear, as well as cold drinks. The 2012 senior class will be selling brisket burritos. For more information, call Shannon Stuteville at 432-264-3641.

Lamesa benefit kickball tournament

A benefit co-ed kickball tournament is being organized to benefit the Rudy Campos Kidney Transplant fund. Rudy is in need of the transplant, but must come up with 20 percent of the cost of the surgery before doctors will operate.

The tournament will be held in Lamesa men's softball fields Saturday, Aug. 27. The cost to enter is \$100 per team of 12 (six males and six females). All proceeds will go to the fund to help Rudy Campos.

For more information, call Rudy Campos Jr. at 806-201-0048 or Pete Capetillo at 806-201-4920.

Steer season tickets on sale

Today is the last day to purchase Steer season ticket booklets. The tickets can be purchased from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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

Football, cheerleading signups

This is the last week of sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

The last day for signups will be tomorrow between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

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

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

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings 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

Romo back at camp, excited

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo feels like a kid at camp, getting to hang around with his buddies and play football every day.

After missing the Dallas Cowboys' final 10 games last season with a broken left collarbone, the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is back in the groove after nearly three weeks of training camp.

"It feels good, I'm excited to be playing football, and I just can't wait for these games to get started," Romo said Tuesday, one of the few times this camp he has stopped to talk after practice.

Romo has looked sharp throughout camp and was 3-of-5 passing for 33 yards in his only series in the preseason opener Thursday night, his first game action since getting hurt last Oct. 25 against the New York

Giants.

There have been no problems coming back from the injury to his non-throwing shoulder and the only soreness is the kind that would be expected this time of year.

"It's just normal," Romo said. "It just feels like training camp."

Before going 1-5 as a starter last season — his most losses and fewest starts ever — Romo was coming off a record-setting 2009 season, when he completed 347 of 550 passes for 4,483 yards, threw a career-low nine interceptions and got his first playoff victory.

Jason Garrett, the offensive coordinator Romo worked with the past four seasons, is now also his head coach.

"He looks as normal as can be," Garrett said. "He's moving around well, he's clear-

ly in very good shape, and it doesn't look like the injury has affected him in any way in terms of his movement, in terms of his ability to throw."

The former undrafted quarterback, who became the starter seven games into the 2006 season, has flourished under Garrett.

"He seemed comfortable in the game the other night, so I don't think there's any issue getting acclimated to playing in games any more this year than there are in typical years," Garrett said.

"So he looks like the same guy to me."

Romo is 39-22 as a starter, even counting the disappointing 2010 season for himself and the Cowboys, who went from hoping to be the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium to a 6-10 record.

After missing most of last season and then having no team-organized activity during the offseason because of the NFL lockout, Romo helped gather and lead teammates in workouts on their own. About 40 players took part.

"We were humbled as a football team last year. I think everyone knows that from our win-loss record," Romo said. "We just couldn't let an offseason go by without improving, individually and as a team. That needed to happen. That's why we did it."

Now deep into camp, the team worked out at Cowboys Stadium for the fourth consecutive day Tuesday.

The Cowboys have a day off Wednesday before two days of workouts with San Diego and then their preseason game against the Chargers at home Sunday night.

Dallas is still in training camp mode, and Romo said it

hasn't felt much different than the first two weeks of practice at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The team is staying in a hotel near the stadium and busing back and forth for meetings and practice.

"It's been good work," he said.

There are some significant adjustments after several high-priced starters were released before the start of camp, including offensive lineman Leonard Davis and Marc Colombo and receiver Roy Williams.

Dez Bryant moved into a starting role alongside Pro Bowl receiver Miles Austin. Kevin Ogletree is the top candidate to be the No. 3 receiver while several other young receivers have little or no experience with Romo.

On the line, first-round pick Tyron Smith is set as the starting right tackle, while rookie Bill Nagy and second-year player Phil Costa could also be in the mix to start inside.

There are three more preseason games before the Sept. 11 regular season opener against the New York Jets and coach Rex Ryan, the twin brother of new Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan.

Considering all the young players and offensive installations being made after the lost offseason, Romo was asked if there is enough time for the team to accomplish everything it wants to before going to New York.

"Well, you don't have a choice. You obviously would have liked to have had more time installing these things and getting people more looks, but that's part of the process," he said. "I think we will be a better football team in Week 8 than we were in Week 1, and I think that will be the case from Week 1 to 4 to 8 to 12. That's going to be just through experience and seeing stuff and guys all gelling together."

TEXAS

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the bats like that, everybody feeds off it."

Texas is in a feeding frenzy midway through the first of three late-season series against the Angels. After jumping to a seven-run lead early in their 8-4 victory in the series opener, the Rangers went ahead 5-0 early Tuesday and took a 7-1 lead in the sixth inning.

Holland won his fifth straight decision, but couldn't quite finish it. Washington pulled the left-hander after back-to-back run-scoring hits by Hunter and Mark Trumbo with two outs in the ninth, allowing Neftali Feliz to finish.

After Hamilton put the Rangers up 3-0 with his 15th homer on Chatwood's first pitch of the third inning, Young, Nelson Cruz and Mike Napoli loaded the bases. Moreland's single chased Chatwood, who was replaced by Trevor Bell, one of two pitchers re-

called by the Angels after the bullpen was forced to pitch eight-plus innings Monday.

Texas added runs on Yorvit Torrealba's RBI single in the fifth and Young's sacrifice fly in the sixth. Only Hunter's diving catch in the right-field corner prevented even more damage in the Rangers' sixth-inning rally.

Hamilton was replaced on defense in the eighth inning after grounding into a double play. He said he felt fine in the clubhouse.

NOTES: Ervin Santana will attempt to halt the Angels' slide when the streaking right-hander takes the mound Wednesday. The Rangers will counter with C.J. Wilson.

Hunter extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a second-inning single. ... Bell, a sometime starter for the Angels, yielded six hits and two runs in 4 1-3 innings of relief. The Angels optioned him back to Triple-A Salt Lake after the game.

Route sabotage worries cyclists

DENVER (AP) — Colorado authorities are warning cyclists that tacks, box cutters and broken glass have been found strewn along popular bike routes that are part of course plans for major races next week — including the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

The objects are being purposely placed on trails and roads, Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said Tuesday.

"We've had five or six incidents where things were put along popular bicycle roads," Kelley said. She said the incidents have caused several flat tires but no injuries.

The 100-mile Deer Creek Challenge, which takes place in a canyon south of Denver that is one of the most widely-used riding routes in the area, is scheduled for Sunday.

And a day later, elite cyclists from around the world will begin competing in the weeklong, 510-mile Pro Cycling Challenge, which culminates in a final stage that takes riders from Golden's Lookout Mountain in Jef-

erson County into downtown Denver.

Crews will be sweeping the roads before the races, Kelley said.

She said authorities found broken glass that "appears to have been purposely placed on the shoulder" of Lookout Mountain Road — a scenic, winding site that figures to be one of the more challenging climbs of the professional race.

Kelley said there has been a history of tension between motorists and bicyclists, especially in Deer Creek, where box cutters were found. She said a meeting was held last year between riders and the homeowners association in an effort to negotiate a truce.

Dan Grunig, the executive director of Bicycle Colorado, said bikes sometimes outnumber cars on the shoulderless roadway in the area, causing congestion.

Grunig said bike races in Colorado attract riders — and their dollars — from around the world and it's a shame to have routes sabotaged just as the state's cycling opportunities are about to be highlighted.

"To try to intimidate or endanger those visitors paints Colorado in a bad light," Grunig said.

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City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
BJ Kilpatrick, LT 3 BK 78 of Parkhill addition, Located at 704 W. 17th St., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.
Guy Prater, S/100 of LT 2 & LT 3 BK 2 of Parkview Addition. Located at 2505 Broadway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.
BSISD, Located at 707 E. 11th Pl., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham).
COBS, BK 12 of McDowell Heights Addition, Located at 1406 Gregg St, is requesting a variance for an electronic sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham).
Bob Parks, SC 12 BK 33, Located at 2903 Parkway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for an entry way into his property.
Jason Rustman, SC 11 BK 33 1S, Located at 3200 Wasson Rd, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a fence.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Under the current Leo influence, there is a strong desire to play, create and perform. Mercury and Venus in Leo suggests that we direct some of that energy into close personal relationships, as they are likely to blossom in the spotlight of self-expression. The moon in Aries will be a hot spark to ignite our hearts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A dispute will be settled because you'll take the time to understand not only what the other person wants, but why. Being understood feels so satisfying to the other person that he or she could stop fighting and accept what you offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you love security, if the odds look favorable, you'll take a risk. You need time to build up your nerve. Encouraging people — like Capricorn and Aries — will speed your process along.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The promise of excitement is in the air, though this is no free ticket to ride. This is the kind of thrill at which you'll have to work. For now, the work has to do with reading, exploring and staying open to the possibilities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The current state of things is merely a passing circumstance. Give the unsatisfactory bits very little attention — it would be a waste of time to dwell on the situation. Today's reality will not be tomorrow's reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Reconsider the way your workspace is organized. You've changed things around several times, but it's still not quite optimum. There is a noise or lighting issue to be addressed, and it may be time to call in the professionals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's as though the more you do to ensure a relationship is going well the worse it becomes. Relax. This is just a case of trying too hard. Don't try at all, and you'll love how things develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wanting someone to be different is the opposite of love. It is rejection of the person he or she is right now. Let go of desire for change,

and focus on what you currently enjoy about the person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll feel a new sense of freedom. It's as though you can't make a mistake because there are no mistakes — there is just you finding out what will happen if you do it this way as opposed to that way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to toil away at making a living today. Rather, you'll have a blast and see what comes. Something is being given to you, and all you have to do is practice receiving it graciously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will truly feel like you are a spirit living in a material world. For instance, you realize that the ultimate security can only be found within, and yet you still lock your doors and keep your wallet close.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expectation is a powerfully magnetic force that you will wield well now. So anticipate a beneficial opportunity coming your way, and look forward to magnificent surprises.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You avoid confrontations with aggressive people. It's not because you think you won't win the argument, but because you know

there will be no satisfaction or purpose in winning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17). You will invent and reinvent. One of your past creations will be used in a new way in September, and you'll make more money this time around. Friendships form over October business ventures. You will be the recipient of much amorous attention in November. Loved ones blossom under your tutelage in the new year. Pisces and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 28, 17 and 42.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I think I'm going through a midlife crisis at 35 years old. My wife and I bought our dream house in 2008, and I already feel like selling it and moving on. I realize I was much happier when we lived in a one-bedroom apartment. And I didn't have the burden of an enormous mortgage then, either. I hate homeownership. Every time you turn around, something is breaking, leaking or needing some kind of maintenance. How do I tell my wife I want to downsize already? She's a Cancer, and I'm an Aries."

This is a heavy bit of news to share with any wife, but the fact that

she's a Cancer makes it even more difficult. Cancer is the sign of the home. Creating a beautiful environment and filling it with cozy comforts is a major part of your wife's identity and an important way in which she expresses herself. Not only is she likely to feel threatened by your suggestion that you trade in your dream home for an apartment, but she may actually be irate. So before you bring up this discussion, be very certain that the house is the real reason for your dissatisfaction and that your wanting to sell isn't a passing whim.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Oscar-winner Sean Penn is using his celebrity, time and hard work to assist Haiti's earthquake recovery. This big-hearted Leo, with Mercury and Uranus in Leo as well, is usually hands-on and in the forefront of charitable efforts. Penn was born under a deeply sensitive and intuitive Cancer moon and has lucky

Jupiter in the worldly sign of Sagittarius.

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sudoku

ANSWERS

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

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sylvia Rides Again

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q J 8 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ 9 5 3

WEST
♦ 10 9 7
♥ K J 9 2
♦ —
♣ A K Q 10 7 2

EAST
♦ 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 8 4

SOUTH
♦ A K
♥ A Q 10
♦ A K Q J 10 5 2
♣ 6

The bidding:
South West North East
2♦ 3♣ Pass Pass
3♦ Pass 3♣ Pass
5♦

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Sylvia always wanted to play in the toughest game in town. She'd walk into the club, look over the four or five tables in progress and promptly tie herself to the one where the experts were playing.

The day this hand came up she had cut into a table with four experts who had each won some 20 or more regional and national championships. Sylvia got to five diamonds as shown. West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace, which

Sylvia, in a grandiloquent display of trump strength, ruffed with the ace. She then cashed the king of diamonds and A-K of spades.

At this point, the deuce of diamonds fell out of her hand faceup on the table. A brief discussion ensued, East contending that the deuce was a played card which Sylvia could not withdraw.

Sylvia's nature was such that she was always willing to abide by the rules of the game. Besides, she hated arguments, and though she wasn't sure the laws required her to play the deuce, she agreed to do so.

East won dummy's seven of diamonds with the nine and returned a heart. About this time, it dawned on Sylvia that a wondrous thing had occurred. So she went up with the ace of hearts and led the five of diamonds to dummy's eight. The Q-J of spades then took care of her Q-10 of hearts, and she made five diamonds.

Later analysis revealed that if Sylvia had trumped West's ace of clubs low at trick two, or if she had not led a low diamond to dummy's 8-7 at trick six, she would have gone down.

Everyone in the club marveled at the outcome and also agreed that East should be credited with a magnificent — albeit inadvertent — assist.

Tomorrow: As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

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5:PM	News ABC	Alma Notic.	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Swallow	News	King	Cash Cab	Movie: Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior	Deadliest Warrior	Bones	Live	Phineas	Around	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Quando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Car-	News	King	House	Business	King	Cash Cab	Movie: Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior	Deadliest Warrior	Bones	Phineas	Around	SportsCenter	
7:PM	Wheel	Terese (SS)	Mobbed	Ent	Brother	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Baruch	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sons of Guns	Movie: Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome	Deadliest Warrior	The Mentalist	Movie: Ray, Regina King	Good	Pardon	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA.
8:PM	Family	Triunfo del Amor	House	Criminal Minds	Flor Salvaje (SS)	America's/ Talent	Payne	Minute to Win It	Browns	Bill Cloud	NOVA (DVS)	Top Model	Sons of Guns	The Mentalist	Movie: Lemonade Mouth	Wizards	Little League Softball	SportsNation
9:PM	Primetime Nightline	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons	CSI: Crime Scene	La Casa de al Lado	Love in the Wild	Payne	Upd	Nature	Top Model	Sons of Guns	Movie: Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome	Deadliest Warrior	Friday Night Lights	World, Poker	Baseball Tonight		
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11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Conan	Dr. Denis Sala	World	T. Smiley	South Pk	One Man Army	Ways Die	Leverage	Wendy Williams	Wizards	SportsNation	Baseball
12:AM	Extra	Destilando Amor	Paid	Insider	Pagado	News	Conan	Upd	(Off Air)	Cops	Sons of Guns	Breaking Bad	MAN	Hawthorne	Movie: Idlewild, Paula Patton	Wizards	NFL Live	SportsCenter
1:AM	Paid	Mujer	King-Hill	Ent	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Lopez	Light of the Southwest	Light	7th Street	Overhaul	(:04) Movie: Blazing Saddles	Knockout	Franklin & Bash	Random	NFL Yrbk.	SportsCenter	

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"GROWNUPS FORGOT HOW TO HAVE FUN IN THE RAIN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"It's almost dark, Mommy. Shouldn't you and Daddy be goin' in the house now?"

HAGAR

IT GETS VERY DAMP HERE IN ENGLAND, DOESN'T IT?

YES, THIS IS THE RAINY SEASON

HOW LONG IS THE RAINY SEASON?

11 1/2 MONTHS A YEAR

BC

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WIZARD OF ID

I GOT A JOB IN THE TEFLON FACTORY,

THEY'RE TIGHTENING SECURITY EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS

TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

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BLONDIE

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S ANOTHER NEW REALITY SHOW CALLED "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN YODEL?"

SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE FINALLY RUNNING OUT OF IDEAS

LET'S HOPE SO

IT DOES KINDA GET YOUR ATTENTION, THOUGH

AMAZING, I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF IT!

YODEL-AH-HEE-HEE-HOO-HO-HOO-HOO-HOO

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AGNES

OK...HERE WE GO...FIRST, I BOOT IT UP, AND THAT MEANS HITTING THE BOOT BUTTON HARD, FAST AND WITH AUTHORITY.

IS THAT THE BOTTLE CAP WITH "BOOT" WRITTEN IN SHARPIE?

YES...NOW I HAVE THIS PASSWORD... AND IT'S A WORD NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS!

UM... SELJUKIAN?

WHAT?! HOW DID YOU KNOW? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH TURKISH DYNASTIES?

YOU WROTE IT ON YOUR HAND.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2011. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany. (Contrary to popular belief, the vessel was not called the "Clermont.")

On this date:

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1928, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1985, more than 1,400 meat-packers walked off the job at the Geo. A. Hormel and Co.'s main plant in Austin, Minn., in a bitter strike that lasted just over a year.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 91. Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') is 85. Author V.S. Naipaul is 79. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 70. Actor Robert DeNiro is 68. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 65. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 64. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 62. Actor Robert Joy is 60. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 59. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 58.

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Answer to previous puzzle

C	H	I	E	F	O	P	E	C	S	A	S
L	E	N	D	A	M	T	H	O	V	E	N
E	A	S	E	S	A	N	T	I	T	O	R
F	R	O	N	T	W	H	E	E	L	D	R
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E	R	I	N								
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HI AND LOIS

STAY OUT! OR ELSE!

DID YOU TELL CHIP THAT DINNER IS READY?

I'M CALLING HIM. HIS DOOR LOOKS TOO DANGEROUS.

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Wednesday Crossword

BASS TRIO by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

- 1 Meadow males
- 5 Salk contemporary
- 10 Litmus reddener
- 14 "___ Rhythm" (Gershwin tune)
- 15 A-list group
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Herzog author
- 19 Did in, as a dragon
- 20 UFO pilots
- 21 In a frenzy
- 22 Ghostly greetings
- 23 Icy dessert
- 25 A/C unit
- 27 Toshiba competitor
- 29 Field of study
- 30 Supermodel Heidi
- 31 Dada artist Jean
- 32 Less adorned
- 35 Unpleasant smell
- 36 Jeremy Irons, in *Reversal of Fortune*
- 39 Cafeteria carrier
- 40 Ballpark fare
- 41 Some coll. degrees
- 42 Word on some towels
- 43 Prefix for dynamic
- 46 *The Simpsons* grandpa
- 47 Whichever
- 48 Giving a bad review to
- 51 Gunk
- 53 One in charge
- 54 UN observer grp.
- 55 Hors d'oeuvre spread
- 56 '30s film superstar

DOWN

- 10 What's more
- 11 The Centennial State
- 12 Held by a third party
- 13 Lawn condensation
- 18 Song heard on *I Love Lucy*
- 22 ___ rap (unjust accusation)
- 24 Discharge, as a debt
- 25 Go well together
- 26 Sports-car engine
- 28 Earth Day mo.
- 30 Pretzel shapes
- 33 Pale with fright
- 34 Off-white shade
- 35 *Superman* reporter
- 36 Maryland seafood
- 37 Mock-combat sport
- 38 Kenya neighbor
- 39 Not yet filled, in a sched.
- 42 Grasped
- 44 *Believe It or Not!* byline
- 45 Out from the library
- 48 Change for a pound
- 49 Showed amazement
- 50 Prom wear
- 52 Road reversals, informally
- 53 Slimmest of margins
- 55 Tiny explosion
- 56 Vise part
- 57 Pro quarterback Manning
- 58 Hwys.

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THE OTHER COAST

WHOOIE! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A PUREBRED!

OH, YEAH! WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO PLAY FETCH WITH HER!

ANIMALS.

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SNUFFY SMITH

FOLKS SAY AWFUL CRUEL THINGS, LOWEEZY !!

I KNOW, ELVINEY !!

I'M JEST PREPARIN' YOU...

FER TH' BESTEST GOSSIP EVER !!

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BEEBLE BAILEY

THE GENERAL WAS REALLY TENSE DURING THE VISIT FROM HEADQUARTERS

HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE A MELTDOWN

IT LOOKS LIKE MORE OF A BELTDOWN

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