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The 2011 United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding National Competition kicked off last Saturday with opening ceremonies and pilots took to the sky starting Sunday from McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park. The competition will conclude Saturday afternoon. Concessions are available and there is no charge to spectators. For around \$100 those wanting to experience hang gliding can have that chance as well.

BSISD: Pardon our mess

Officials hope to keep inconveniences to a minimum, they say

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

New school years often mean changes, and the one that starts here Monday is no different.

And while most of the changes are somewhat subtle and not always noticeable to the general public, the biggest change at Big Spring Independent School District will be obvious to everyone.



Pierce

Construction on four new elementary campuses, part of a \$60 million renovation of the school district's infrastructure, will be in full swing during the coming school year and officials are promising to do everything they can to keep disruptions and inconveniences to a minimum.

Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor Wayland Pierce, who will help oversee the myriad of construction projects, said officials have met several times this

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School days prompt change in hours at aquatic center

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Summertime is almost over, but that doesn't mean fun at the pool has to stop entirely.

The Big Spring Family Aquatic Center will be changing hours of operation, but won't be closing just yet. After this weekend, the aquatic center will be closed during the week and open only on weekends. New hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through the end of September, according to Terri Telchick, assistant city manager secretary.

"We are looking forward to keeping this successful summer going," Telchick said. "We want to have summer last as long as possible."

The pool will be available for private parties during the week, with rates of \$500 per hour and a two-



hour minimum. Advance notice is needed in order to arrange for life-guards and staff at the pool for private parties, according to Telchick.

On weekends, pavilions will be available for rental. Pavilion fees

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SWCD meeting set in Big Spring

The West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will meet Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Before hearing updates on congressional and state legislation, SWCD directors attending the meeting will tour the historic Settles Hotel, which was opened in 1930.

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Something to bark about; Pet Show returns to fair

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Fair is back this year and so is the opportunity to take part in the Pet Show.

Saturday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. children 12 and under will be able to show off their pets and compete for first through third place. The show will

take place in the Livestock Show Barn.

"This is going to be a fun time and an opportunity to see lots of different animals," said Shelbi Paige, Sierra Animal Clinic tech crew member.

The pet show is open to dogs, cats and exotic pets. The only animals not allowed, for safety reasons, are snakes.

All pets must be on a leash. No retractable leashes will be allowed and cats need to be in carriers.

"If you know your animal doesn't do well around people or is an angry tempered or dangerous animal, we ask you not bring them," Paige said. "We want to make sure all participants are safe."

Those wanting to take part

need to register in advance online at howardcountyfairtexas.com. There is no registration fee, but vaccination records are required for pets to take part. Saturday, Oct. 1 participants will sign in starting at 2 p.m. and be placed in the corresponding category for their pet.

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Obituaries

T.A. 'Hamp' Burcham



T.A. "Hamp" Burcham, 89, died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Phyllis Graumann



Phyllis Graumann, 79, a long-term resident of Big Spring, passed away in the Lord, on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011, in Plano. She was born April 18, 1932, in Mangum, Okla., to Marie and Ed Montgomery and married August Graumann in Granite, Okla., on Feb. 18, 1950.

She and August were owners and operators of Graumann's Pump and Engine Repair until their retirement. She was a bookkeeper for Reg Hyer Oil-field Service and Southwest Tool Company.

Phyllis and August were instrumental in organizing the first Lutheran Church in Snyder, Texas. She enjoyed the various offices she held in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Phyllis helped found and was an active member, holding various offices in the Big Spring Symphony Guild. She was an active member of the Evangelism Board of St. Paul Lutheran Church, making hundreds of visits to newcomers to Big Spring and inviting them to church. She was the treasurer of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Alive in Christ Lutheran Church of Big Spring. She was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Dale Montgomery, Carroll Montgomery and Edgar Montgomery; and one sister, Patricia Mooneyham.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Keith Graumann and wife Ann of Big Spring; two daughters, Beth Rehn of Dallas and Jonna Mision and husband, Jeff of Odessa, Florida; two brothers, Gary Montgomery and wife, Joyce of Altus, Okla., and Neil Montgomery and wife Cissy of Duke, Okla.; one sister, Sherry Blackwell and husband Don of Carson City, Nev.; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at People's Cooperative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf, Okla.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lone Wolf, Okla., with B.J. Graumann officiating. Interment will follow at the Lutheran Granite Cemetery in Granite, Okla.

Family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Big Spring Symphony Guild, American Heart Association, or Alive in Christ Lutheran Church of Big Spring, Texas.

Services are under the direction of People's Cooperative Funeral Home, Lone Wolf, Okla.

Paid obituary

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22	Tue 8/23	Wed 8/24
104/76 A mainly sunny sky. Near record high temperatures. High 104F.	101/76 A few clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	102/77 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.	102/77 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.	101/76 Mainly sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.

Police blotter

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

- GILBERT RECIO JR., 38, of 1007 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID REY GONZALES, 40, of 404 NE 10th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- GLORIA ORALIA GUTIERREZ, 21, of 2505 March St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for disorderly conduct by fighting.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 49, of 509 N. Johnson St., was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct language.
- CRUZ GUTIERREZ JR., 18, of 700 S. Lancaster St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of controlled substance over or equal to four grams and less than 200 grams.
- FRANK GALAN, 34, of 406 Dallas St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief over \$500 and less than \$1500.
- JACOB GALAN, 21, of 1607 S. Main St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy 80.
- THEFT was reported: In the 800 block of W. IH 20.
- In the 400 block of Father Delaney Street.
- In the 1300 block of Princeton Avenue.
- In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Hearn Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- In the 600 block of N. San Antonio Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas Street.

Maria Hinojos



Maria Hinojos, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 24, 1932, in Big Spring to Francisca and Patrio Juarez. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her children: Frances Rodriguez and husband Matilde, Jody Juarez, Lisa Vera and husband Michael, Johnny DeLaCruz, Juanita Aguilar and Cruz Juarez, all of Big Spring, Mary Helen Becerra, Chrissy Lopez and husband Jaime Zepeda, and Angelica DeLaCruz, all of Odessa; 33 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Joe Hinojos; daughter: Nora Garfias; two sisters: Gracia Juarez and Angelita Juarez; and three brothers: Guadalupe Patricio Juarez, Luis Juarez and Nazario Juarez.

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

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- DENA GAYE COKER, 54, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GLORIA ORALIA GUTIERREZ, 21, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct fighting with another.
- CHRISTOPHER DANIEL MARQUEZ, 18, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on charges of FTA/theft of property over or equal to \$1500 and less than \$20,000 and MTAG/theft of property over or equal to \$1500 and less than \$20,000.
- DAVID R. GONZALES, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- FRANK MUNOZ GALAN JR., 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief over or equal to \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- CRUZ GUTIERREZ JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance over or equal to four grams and less than 200 grams.
- JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by BSPD on a charge of hindering officer discharging official duties.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Scout Hut. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to SMMC.

Correction

An article in the Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011 edition of the Big Spring Herald stated seniors 60 and over can eat for free at the Senior Center. The correct pricing is \$3.50 for those 60 and over and \$6 for those under 60.

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SHOW

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“Not only is this a way for families to have fun, but it’s a great way to get people and their pets involved in the community,” said Maegan Sherrod, Sierra Animal Clinic tech crew member.

Owners are welcome to dress up their pets as well. Each category will have a first-through third-place winner. According to Sherrod and Paige, ribbons will be awarded as well as the possibility of other prizes for the animals.

To find out more information, visit the website.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

The Pet Show will take place Saturday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. at this year’s Howard County Fair in the Livestock Show Barn. Shelbi Paige, Maegan Sherrod, Amanda Farmer and Taryn Hines, members of the Sierra Animal tech crew pictured above, are in charge of this year’s show.

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summer to plan out the work schedule with an eye toward minimizing inconvenience to students, teachers and parents alike.

“(General contractor) Lee Lewis and I have met every week this summer,” Pierce said. “And we expect there should be very little inconvenience for people during construction.”

Of course, some disruption is to be expected, he warned.

“Anytime you have a construction project of this size, there are going to be some inconveniences ... especially at Washington, where we’ll practically be at their back porch,” Pierce said. “But if you expect it, you can plan around it.”

The top priority, Pierce said, will be the students’ education. If necessary student activities clash with construction plans, the plans will be adjusted to accommodate the students.

Having an experienced school contractor such as Lewis in charge of the projects is a plus in this situation, Pierce added.

“This is nothing new to them,” he said. “Everybody is aware of what to expect. There’s going to be a couple thousand kids near these sites, so everyone’s eyeballs will be open and everyone will be aware of what’s going on.”

New elementaries will be constructed at Moss, Goliad, Marcy and Washington.

For the most part, students at those campuses will attend classes as usual because the new schools are being constructed adjacent to the current buildings. Topographical issues, however,

made that impossible at Moss, and students there will attend classes in the Goliad building this school year. They will be housed in a separate wing of the building from Goliad’s fifth-graders.

The new campuses at Goliad, Marcy and Washington are expected to be completed around June 1, 2012, while work at Moss is estimated to be finished two months later.

Renovation work at the junior high, where classrooms were added to accommodate the district’s sixth-graders (to go along with students in the seventh and eighth grades) is “essentially” complete, with only minor projects remaining, Pierce said.

No firm schedule has been adopted as yet for planned renovations at the high school, which will receive new science labs and expansions to the fine arts wing, but Pierce said it is likely work there will begin in either December or January.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



SWIM

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are \$25 per hour with a two-hour minimum.

“We were very pleased with the success of the aquatic center this

summer. I’m ecstatic that people drove from all around to come and enjoy our pool,” Telchick said.

Accessibility to the pool will remain the same even though the hours have changed, according to city officials.

“We plan to keep the pool open

until the weather changes or people just stop coming,” Telchick said.

Admission to the pool remains the same. Admission is \$5 for everyone age 3 and older. To schedule a private party or reserve a pavilion, contact Telchick at 264-2501.

SWCD

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Located in downtown Big Spring, the hotel is being restored with a completion date planned for January 2012.

During the organization’s business meeting, SWCD directors will hear from dignitaries from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service on state

and national soil, water, and related natural resource issues.

Seventeen soil and water conservation districts in the western region of the state where the High Plains, Edwards plateau and Trans-Pecos geological regions merge are members

of the WTASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDs serve include Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Nolan, Taylor, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Reagan, Irion, Upton, Tom Green, Concho and Schleicher counties.

Take Note

• Canterbury/Canterbury North Retirement Center is sponsoring a Benefit Mexican Dinner for Gale and Maurine Pittman at the Canterbury South dining room, 1700 S. Lancaster on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes cheese enchiladas, beef enchiladas, taco, beans and rice. Tickets are available at the door for \$7. Maurine works for Big Spring Education Credit Union and Gale is bakery manager at H-E-B. Both have been off work since Maurine was diagnosed with leukemia. Gale and H-E-B have provided many

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Maria Hinojos, 79, died Thursday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

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

This week we salute:

- Emergency Service Chaplain Corps for the services they provide throughout the community.

- The city of Big Spring and Howard County for stepping up and each chipping in \$10,000 in order to fund the continued operation of the Big Spring State Park and will allow Park Manager Ron Alton to remain on at the facility.

- The Cloudbase Foundation for their support of the Big Spring community, especially to the Big Spring Independent School District, Howard Cottage and the local Child Welfare Board. The \$2,000 donations will go a long way in helping these organizations to better serve the residents in the community.

- Major Orville and Major Debra Chambless as the new majors of the Salvation Army and for all their service thus far to the Salvation Army organization.

- All the local churches who are contributing to the donations of food for the Firefighter Benefit — Auction and Dance.

- To all the community members thus far who have donated to the Firefighter Benefit — Auction and Dance.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our life can be balanced.

Amen

Perry at immigration crossroads

Because he has an immigrant-friendly past, you would think that Texas Gov. Rick Perry could easily challenge President Barack Obama for the Hispanic vote in the 2012 presidential election.

After all, while Obama has failed to keep his promise to reform immigration laws, Perry led the nation in allowing undocumented immigrant students to pay in-state tuition at Texas state universities. He has been opposed to immigrant-bashing and racial profiling laws such as Arizona's SB 1070, saying they would not be right for Texas. He has questioned the effectiveness and rejected the use of the federal E-Verify system, designed for employers to check the legal status of job applicants. He has described efforts to deny citizenship to the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants as "divisive," and he has been critical of Republicans who spew hatred of immigrants.

The anti-immigrant organization Numbers USA gives Perry a "D-" on immigration, which is the equivalent of a "B+" from a pro-immigrant perspective.

In fact, given the field of other GOP presidential candidates and the extreme anti-immigrant positions they already have taken, you would think Perry is the only one left who could still maintain an immigrant-friendly posture and challenge Obama in those swing states where Latinos are expected to tip the voter scales and elect the next president.

But some funny things have been known to happen to immigrant-friendly GOP candidates during the presidential primaries. Pressured to pander to the so-called "conservative base" of their party, they tend to become xenophobia mongers and thus lose any chance of winning the Hispanic vote.

We know where Perry has stood on immigration. But he has reached a new crossroads. Now the question is: Where is he going?

In the next few months, political expediency could transform Perry from a warm and compassionate human being into a heartless immigrant basher. And if you don't believe this can happen, I have two words to remind you that it already has: John McCain.

Like McCain, who was seen as a champion of immigrants until he sold his principles to the extreme right, Perry too has been seen a ray of hope for the immigrant community.

"As a compassionate state, we know that for our children to succeed, they must not only be healthy, but educated," Perry said while attending a 2001 border summit in Mexico. 'Immigrants from around the world are being taught in Texas classrooms, and our history is rich

with examples of new citizens who have made great contributions. We must say to every Texas child learning in a Texas classroom, 'we don't care where you come from, but where you are going, and we are going to do everything we can to help you get there.' And that vision must include the children of undocumented workers."

He said this is why Texas took the national lead in allowing undocumented immigrant students to pay resident rates at Texas colleges. "Those young minds are a part of a new generation of leaders, the doors of higher education must be open to them. The message is simple: education es el futuro, y si se puede (education is the future and yes we can)."

Of course that's the kind of rhetoric that would get any politician in trouble with far right conservatives, immigrant haters and white supremacists who already are using cyberspace to portray Perry as an immigration weakling. The Associated Press recently reported that "Tea Party criticism about Perry's immigration record is now appearing on activist blogs in Arizona and New Hampshire." They say Perry has solid conservative credentials on almost every issue except immigration.

One of Perry's immigration critics is former Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo, who claims Perry is "not a true conservative" because he lacks a draconian record on immigration. In a Politico column last week, Tancredo listed all the reasons Perry should be rejected by Republicans in his bid for the presidency.

He accused Perry of having opposed the construction of a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border, of favoring "blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants in 2006, albeit without citizenship" and of supporting "a guest worker program that takes undocumented workers off the black market and legitimizes their economic contribution."

Yet the things Tancredo says to scare conservatives away from Perry may actually attract Latinos and other immigrant-friendly voters to Perry. For example, Tancredo charged that, "Just a few weeks ago, Perry defended his decision to give in-state tuition to illegal immigrants." And then cited a quote from Perry that, while intending to thrash him, actually makes him look like a good guy.

"To punish these young Texans for their parents' actions is not what America has always been about," Perry said, according to Tancredo. This is not what America's bigots want to hear from a Republican presidential candidate.

Tancredo said that when he ran for president in 2008, Perry accused him of being a racist. Of course, for Latinos who remember Tancredo's many aggressions when he ran for president in 2008, this makes Perry very attractive. Just for telling the truth about Tancredo, many Latinos would give Perry a friendly nod.

Unfortunately, apparently already feeling the need to appear tough on immigration during the GOP primaries, Perry went to Iowa shortly after announcing his candidacy and declared that "you can't even have a conversation about an immigration policy until you first secure the border," which is exactly the same phony position McCain took when he caved in to the right and lost the Hispanic vote in 2008.

Some Latinos say Perry's shift to the right on immigration already began earlier this year, when — setting up to become a presidential candidate — he pushed a Texas bill that would have banned "sanctuary cities" and allowed local authorities to become more involved in immigration enforcement. That bill was defeated, but some people believe it was a strategic move to the right by Perry on immigration.

Mind you, Perry always has held a strong position for border enforcement, constantly calling on the federal government to do more to stop the influx of undocumented immigrants. Yet his position on what to do about the 11 million already living here is still unclear, especially when he says we can't even talk about them until we have that elusive border security.

Yet you can bet Latinos will be listening to everything Perry says to xenophobic right-wingers during the next few months. If he continues on this new path to the right on immigration, if he becomes another McCain and panders away his principles, he can kiss the Hispanic vote goodbye.

Ironically, with his immigrant-friendly past, Perry already has lost the staunch anti-immigrant zealots in his party. Trying to win their vote would be futile. But he could still compete for the Hispanic vote, and the presidency, if he avoids catering to the far right extremists in the primaries.

I asked my readers to "imagine what could happen if there were at least one Republican presidential candidate who could make his constituents recognize that we are a nation of immigrants; that compassion makes us better human beings; that amnesty is not a dirty word; that immigrants are good for our economy; that most undocumented immigrants are not criminals but hard-working people who are pleading for an opportunity to contribute to society, raise families and realize the American Dream." I asked readers to imagine a Republican candidate who could debate Obama, say, "si se puede," and really mean it.

Well, Perry already said "si se puede" — even before Obama made it a 2008 campaign slogan — and we're about to find out whether he means it.

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Headline screams: Worst Week

"Worst Week" screams the headline on the Drudge Report, right above President Obama's picture.

Not so fast. It is certainly true that Rasmussen Reports is showing the president's approval rating hitting a new low of 40 percent. It is certainly true that incumbent presidents hoping to be re-elected need approval ratings closer to 50 percent, and that numbers below 40 percent are the kiss of death. It is certainly true that the president has his work cut out for him.

It is also true that Iowa Republicans handed the president his biggest win of the week when they handed the victory in the Iowa straw poll to Michele Bachmann.

I don't know Bachmann. She might be a perfectly nice woman. But she is never going to be president. Not only that, but the better she does the worse it is for the Republican Party.

It is no secret that the process of selecting presidential nominees — on both sides — is pretty much a complete mess, designed to give activists more say than

their numbers would ever merit and to reward candidates for their ideological purity rather than their electability. You can spend weeks or months — in fact, I spend most of a semester — analyzing how it happens that parties that should be focused on winning spend so much time, energy and money on contests that are more likely to reward losers.

But there it is. More people watched Bachmann on television last weekend than vote in Iowa. Seriously. Certainly more than would ever vote in a straw poll or even a caucus. That's great if you're an activist trying to make a point. It's nothing less than terrible if you're a moderate (of either party) trying to win an election.

On the Democratic side, it took a string of losses in the 1980s for the party to decide that electability should count for more than ideology.

(Hello, Bill Clinton.) The problem Republicans face — in addition to the fact that the ideologues have all the energy on their side, as well as the money, the volunteers and the rest — is that they haven't lost enough. Two terms of Clinton followed by two terms of Bush. Obama looks too weak for them, so they think they can mess around with Bachmann.

Now the Republicans have a number of potentially attractive candidates such as Mitt Romney

and Jon Huntsman (at least if anti-Mormonism doesn't kill them). But the better Bachmann does the more the others have to imitate her. A party dominated by Bachmann and Sarah Palin is not a party that will produce a winner in November. Iowa in August, sure. Maybe even in January. But not when the great majority of Americans, who don't think about elections 16 months away, finally get around to thinking about for whom they will vote.

I know many Democrats damn the tea party in words I wouldn't use in a general interest publication. Not me. I say drink up. The president's poll numbers may be low, but approval of the tea party is even lower. I would hope that by next November, Obama would actually win the election. But if that doesn't work, second choice is that the Republicans lose it.

And that's why it was a good week for Obama. He may not have come closer to victory, but the opposition party came closer to defeat. Given where the economy is and where it appears to be headed, perfect is the enemy of the good, and the good may be good enough.

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Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

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

The lectionary is Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Sunday, join us for Kick-Off Sunday. Wear your favorite team jersey or colors. A pot-luck meal will follow worship.

Sunday there was special music from Meredith Nieto and Heather Walker, while guest speaker Mike Walker delivered the sermon. He grew up in Big Spring and he and his family are now serving as missionaries in Botswana, Africa.

The blood drive was a success.

Sunday school classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Pastor Ken McIntosh will bring the message "Use What You Wish" from Romans 12:1-8.

Membership and Evangelism meets Saturday at 11 a.m. Stewardship meets at noon and Christian Education meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The board meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The outreach project for August is collecting goods for Isaiah 58. Rice, beans and pasta are especially needed. Donations can be brought Sundays or during the week to the office. Volunteers are needed to work Isaiah 58 Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dinner for Eight — a small pot luck dinner in the homes of our members — kicks off in September. Sign up by calling the church office or by filling out the sign-up sheet in the Sunday bulletin.

Congratulations to John and Cyn-

thia Scott who were honored as recipients of the 2011 Good Scout Award by the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.

For questions, call the church office at 432-517-4821, email fcbs125@yahoo.com or view the website at www.fc-cbigspring.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

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

Monika Robinson is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." August liturgist is Christine Boling. Ushers for the month are Janie and Dick Conley, Ellen Austin and Baylor Walker.

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

The annual church picnic, set for Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Mike Robinson home at 1300 Douglas, will begin at 5 p.m. for swimming and visiting; hamburger and hot dog cooking starts at 7 p.m. Iced tea and water will be provided. Volunteers are needed for the cooking of briskets, ribs and sausage for the Aug. 28 lunch in the fellowship hall after Sunday worship. Contact Danny at 254-3981 or Dick at 253-8411 or 267-2035.

The youth will go to MO Ranch, Sept. 3 through Sept. 5.

The lectionary is Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. The choir will offer "Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" by William Mathias and "Upon This Rock" by John Ness Beck for the offertory. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website www.fpcbs.org.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

We are located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with certified lay minister Billy C. Bates in the pulpit. Adult Sunday school is led by Madeline Boadle. The lesson is titled "Empowering the Needy."

First United Methodist Church

This evening at 6:30 p.m., Young Families Ministry will meet at the home of Mark and Stacy Barr for "More Than A Movie Night."

This group is also reminding everyone to bring school supplies to church Sunday. These supplies will be delivered to schools for students in need of some assistance.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will be preaching on "An Oasis in West Texas" based on Isaiah 51:1-6 and Matthew

16:13-20 at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship. This is Back In the Saddle Sunday. There will be an all-church dinner served in Garrett Hall following the late services. Kids and teachers are reminded to bring their backpacks as Pastor Bill has a special blessing to bestow as you go back to school.

Our church and youth group will host FADE, a praise and worship band in concert at 5:30 in Garrett Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. After the concert there will be a youth gathering in the Partee building which will include a game trailer, refreshments and fellowship.

The Children's Day Out fall session starts Monday and is designed for toddlers through age 4. Sessions meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Wednesday Noon Bible and Luncheon will be catered by Just Peachy. Pastor Bill will continue his study on "Revelation For Dummies." Serving is at 11:50 a.m.

Our youth group is now "EPIC" (Equipping People in Christ) and will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 24. All the youth are invited to bring their friends. For additional information, contact Beau at the church office.

We are located at Fourth and Scurry.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Next Meeting is Sept. 8.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www.m2c-texas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/.

Sunday services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Alan Abel will be preaching Sunday.

Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 11:33-12:8 and Matthew 16:14-20. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte is Hannah Alsobrooks. Elders are Richard Knocke and Phillip Reid. We need door greeters for both this Sunday and next. The flowers are given in honor of Alan and Audrey Abel's anniversary Aug. 27.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM at 6:45 a.m. each morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

This Sunday, the adult Sunday School will continue the study "The Bible According to Andy Griffith" while the youth will continue the audio series "Adventures in Odyssey." Sunday, the youth will study lessons 9-10: "Stepping Stones."

The Board of Assimilation will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Education has been postponed until Aug 30.

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

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

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel training for adults is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. Special guest teacher is Anna Marie Wanasek from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lubbock.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201.

We are located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First United Methodist Church, Coahoma

We are located at 401 N. Main and our website is coahomaumc.blogspot.com to learn more about us. Our office number is 432-394-4432, cell number is 432-270-1602 and our email is coahomaumc@gmail.com.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service. Youth meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. under the direction of Christine Powell.

Aug. 22, the administrative council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Game and study night will be Aug. 31.

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

Trustee committee meets Monday. Under the leadership of LaTonne Douglas, the church hosted an ice cream social, Tuesday evening, for all Coahoma teachers, staff and administration. The church received an anonymous gift of the entire Methodist hymnal on CD. We are grateful for such a special and much needed gift.

If someone is interested in helping set up the sound and assisting Sammy run the system Sunday morning, contact the church office.

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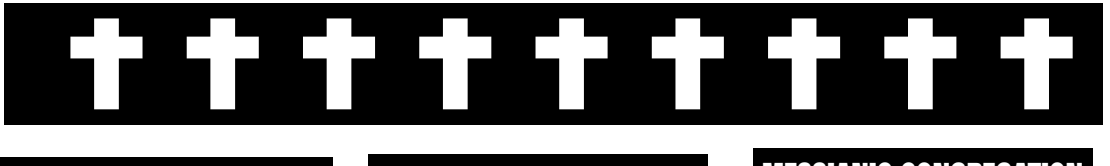
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Reflections

Fear is the surpassing emotion

We all know that sex sells. Companies have used sex to sell everything from cars to cabbage.



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But sex seems to be yielding its throne in the marketplace. Fear may be surpassing sex as the emotion of choice for marketers who want to control commerce and politics. Life insurance, annuities, real estate, technology and political candidates are all marketed through the advertising of fear. Fear sells. Marketers call it "shockvertising." It is sometimes referred to as "fear mongering." Nedra Weinreich, who teaches social marketing at UCLA says, "What all of these campaigns have in common is that they try to instill the fear of what might happen if you do not support their causes." As we enter a presidential election year, I expect the fear campaigns will intensify. Politicians know that people vote their fears. We have always lived with fear. Those who grew up in the 1950s learned as children to "duck and cover" be-

neath their desks in the event of a nuclear attack. (How much protection that would have provided, I don't know.) Many of us lived through the cold war, the star wars arms race and 9-11. Those who are entering their teens have never known a world in which people greeted one another at the airport gate and walked freely through the terminal without security lines. The wild swings in the stock market are evidence of the fear and panic gripping our world. Fear may be one of the primary reasons corporate executives are sitting on record cash profits rather than creating jobs and investing in the future. We are in danger of becoming a fearful people. God does not desire that we live fearful lives. Jesus spoke a great deal about fear and how to overcome it. Speaking to his disciples, Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. ... Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the

ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ... Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12). When a distressed father received the news his daughter was dead, Jesus said, "Stop fearing. Only believe." When the disciples were on the sea, struggling against the wind in the dark, Jesus came to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." The Apostle Paul wrote, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7). It is important that we not fall victim to the fear tactics of market manipulators. It is important that we find a faith that frees us from the paralyzing fears that can rob us of power and love and a sound mind.

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Vatican releases abuse case files

VATICAN CITY (AP)— The Vatican, reeling from unprecedented criticism over its handling of sexual abuse cases in Ireland, took a pre-emptive strike Wednesday and published some internal files about a priest accused of molesting youngsters in Ireland and the U.S.

The files published on the website of Vatican Radio represent a small, selective part of the documentation the Holy See must turn over to U.S. lawyers representing a man who says he was abused by the late Rev. Andrew Ronan. The man, known in court papers as John V. Doe, is seeking to hold the Vatican liable for the abuse.

A federal judge in Portland, Oregon, ordered the Vatican to respond to certain requests for information from Doe's lawyers by Friday, the first time the Holy See has been forced to turn over documentation in a sex abuse case.

The partial documentation released Wednesday includes the 1966 case file with Ronan's request to be laicized, or removed from the clerical state, after his superiors learned of accusations that he had molested minors in Ireland.

The Vatican said the files, a few dozen pages, some handwritten and culled from its internal books, represented the full, known documentation held in the Vatican specifically about Ronan. It said they prove that the Vatican only learned of Ronan's crimes in 1966 when his order sent Ronan's personnel files to Rome and asked the pope to remove him from the priesthood, a year after the abuse against Doe occurred.

More documentation is expected to be handed over to Doe's lawyers by Friday since the judge's discovery order also requires the Vatican to provide information about its general policies handling sex abuse cases and how it trains, educates, selects and removes priests. Much of it is expected to be in Latin.

The Vatican's decision to publish the Ronan discovery documentation online marked an unusual attempt at some transparency, particularly given the sensitivity surrounding internal personnel files of accused priests. Victims groups have long denounced the secrecy with which the Vatican handles abuse cases and demanded the files of known abusers be released.

But it comes amid unprecedented criticism of the Vatican's handling of sex abuse cases in Ireland, and as it still seeks to recover from the fallout over the abuse scandal that erupted last year.

Looking through the rearview mirror

How many times have we heard someone say, "If I had known then what I know now, I would have done things differently?"

American investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett once said, "In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield."

Actually the principle applies to most situations in life, not just those in the business world. Hindsight is always 20/20, and foresight is often cloudy at best.

I am reminded of an incident that occurred when our older daughter, Brenda, was about two years old. The owner of our favorite burger place gave Brenda a small ice-cream cone to eat in the car on our way home. We had not gone very far when Brenda decided she wasn't hungry and handed me her ice cream cone. Being a good mother, I did what most mothers would have done. I ate the ice cream so it wouldn't drip all over the car.

Just as I popped the last bite of the ice-cream cone into my mouth, Brenda decided that she wanted it back. Crying, she tried to pry my mouth open to get her ice cream. But it was too late. Her ice cream was gone.

In hindsight, Brenda learned a valuable lesson; never give something away unless you are sure you aren't going to want it back. She also learned not to trust a mother who has a weakness for ice cream.

Hindsight, that rearview-mirror perspective that we ponder over so often, is a great teacher, but it is never available to help us make perplexing, irreversible decisions. We always have to press forward with whatever amount of foggy-windshield vision we have available to us.

In the Bible, after the death of Moses, God appointed Joshua to be the leader of His people. He

instructed Joshua: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel" (Joshua 1:2 NASB).

In this powerful verse, God confirms the death of a great leader, Moses, but He affirms the leadership of Joshua. In a previous passage we are told that God didn't tell anyone where He had buried Moses. Perhaps in His great wisdom, God knew that some of the Israelites would linger around Moses, even though he had died. But God's desire was for them to move forward into the land that He had prepared for them. God removed the object of their rearview vision so that they would move forward toward an unseen promise.

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South and the bidding has gone:

North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
1NT Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠K95 ♥AK763 ♦Q8 ♣J62
2. ♠72 ♥AQJ84 ♦Q963 ♣KJ
3. ♠KJ5 ♥QJ753 ♦72 ♣K64
4. ♠KJ96 ♥Q632 ♦10 ♣AK95
5. ♠843 ♥Q9542 ♦5 ♣AJ84

1. **Three notrump.** Basically, this is an application of the principle that an opening bid facing an opening bid means game. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, inviting a game, as partner might pass. There may be a temptation to rebid your hearts, but since two hearts would be a signoff and three hearts invitational, as most now play it, three notrump is best.

2. **Three diamonds.** Here you can't tell whether the best contract lies in hearts, diamonds or notrump, so you jump to three diamonds (forcing), compelling partner to make the choice. You plan to bid four hearts if he bids three hearts, five diamonds if he bids four diamonds, and to pass if he bids three notrump.

3. **Pass.** There is little chance for a game, as your partner's notrump rebid should indicate 13 or 14 high-card points, and might be as little as

12. Two hearts could turn out to be a better contract, but one notrump will prove safer in the long run.

4. **Three notrump.** Hands with 4-4-4-1 distribution usually play better in a suit, but here there's not much chance of finding a better contract than notrump. Partner has at most three hearts, since he failed to raise your suit, so game in hearts is pretty much out of the question. He is also not likely to hold four spades, since he would have bid that suit rather than one notrump at his second turn. As game must be reached, three notrump is the only reasonable choice.

5. **Two clubs.** With only seven high-card points and 5-4-3-1 distribution, a suit contract on the two-level will probably prove better than one notrump. Notrump is usually more dangerous than a suit contract when the high-card values are about evenly divided between the two sides. Note that two clubs is not forcing, even though responder is naming a new suit. This is because partner limited his values by rebidding one notrump. With game-going strength and the same distribution, you would have to jump to three clubs to compel partner to partner.

Partner is expected either to pass two clubs or bid two hearts, depending on which of the two suits he prefers.

Tomorrow: A matter of good technique.

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News in brief

Palestinian rockets, Israeli airstrikes follow deadly attack on Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza militants launched barrages of rockets deep into Israel early Friday and Israeli aircraft struck targets in the Palestinian territory in the aftermath of the deadliest attack against Israelis in three years.

On Thursday, gunmen who appear to have originated in Gaza and who crossed into southern Israel through the Egyptian desert ambushed civilian vehicles traveling on a remote road in southern Israel, killing eight people. Six were civilians, and two were members of Israeli security forces responding to the incursion.

The attack signaled a new danger for Israel from its border with the Sinai Peninsula, long quiet under the rule of Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak. Mubarak was deposed in February and the desert of the Sinai Peninsula — always restive and largely controlled by Bedouin tribes — has become increasingly lawless.

Israel responded hours after the attack with an airstrike that killed five members of the Palestinian group that Israel said was behind it, an organization known as the Popular Resistance Committees. The dead included the group's leader.

A spokesman for the group, Abu Mujahid, would not confirm or deny responsibility for the attack inside Israel, but said militants would avenge the killing of the men in Gaza.

What a deal: Work 20 years, get lifetime pension pay; still, military career not for everyone

WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounds like a pretty good deal: Retire at age 38 after 20 years of work and get a monthly pension of half your salary for the rest of your life. All you have to do is join the military.

As the nation tightens its budget belt, the century-old military retirement system has come under attack as unaffordable, unfair to some who serve and overly generous compared with civilian benefits.

That very notion, laid out in a Pentagon-ordered study, sent a wave of fear and anger through the ranks of current and retired military members when it was reported in the news media this month.

If pensions are to be cut, Congress should go first, one person said on the Internet.

"Obviously, we're concerned about it," said retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, an Army chief of staff in the 1990s who heads the nonprofit educational

group Association of the United States Army.

Shift on deportation priority eases risk for some immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many illegal immigrants who were facing deportation despite having no criminal record will be allowed to stay in the country and apply for a work permit under new rules from the Homeland Security Department. Republicans are balking at the change.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced Thursday that the department will focus on deporting illegal immigrants who are criminals or pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Napolitano announced the plan in a letter to a group of senators who support revamping the immigration system. Under the change, approximately 300,000 deportation cases pending in immigration court will be reviewed case by case.

"From a law enforcement and public safety perspective, DHS enforcement resources must continue to be focused on our highest priorities," Napolitano wrote in the letter. "Doing otherwise hinders our public safety mission — clogging immigration court dockets and diverting DHS enforcement resources away from individuals who pose a threat to public safety."

The decision comes amid continued protests from immigrant communities and others that the administration has been too focused on deporting people whose only offense is being in the country without the proper documents or who have been arrested for traffic violations or other misdemeanors. There have also been widespread complaints about Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Secure Communities program, which uses fingerprints collected in state and local jails to identify illegal immigrants in a federal immigration database.

White House tells federal agencies to propose budget cuts of 10 percent or more for 2013

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a microcosm of the budget battling that has consumed Congress all year: The Obama administration wants federal agencies to save money while Republicans push for additional savings to take a substantial bite out of the government's towering pile of IOUs.

White House budget chief Jacob Lew has ordered agency heads to submit spending plans for the upcoming budget at least 5 percent below this year's levels. He also wants them to propose ways to trim a total of at least 10 percent of their spending.

Michael Steel, a spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Thursday that Lew's directive was a good way to start finding spending cuts that are required under the recent debt-ceiling agreement between the two sides.

"But the White House must get serious about real structural reform of our entitlement programs if we're going to get our debt under control to help our economy grow and create jobs," Steel said, referring to huge and fast-growing benefit programs like Social Security and Medicare that help drive annual deficits skyward.

Lew's letter did not rule out, or even address, the possibility of finding savings from benefit programs. But Steel's remark pointed directly at the major fault line that has blocked a sweeping debt-

cutting deal between the two parties: Democrats have resisted paring benefits from Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, while Republicans have refused to consider tax increases.

Shoppers will see higher prices for back-to-school shopping

NEW YORK (AP) — Stores are trying everything they can think of to disguise the fact that you're going to pay more for clothes this fall.

Some are using less fabric and calling it the new look. Others are adding cheap stitching and trumpeting it as a redesign. And the buttons on that blouse? Chances are you're not going to think it's worth paying several dollars more for the shirt just to have them.

Retailers are raising prices on merchandise an average of 10 percent across-the-board this fall in an effort to offset their rising costs for materials and labor. But merchants are worried that cash-strapped customers who are weighed down by economic woes will balk at price hikes. So, retailers are trying to raise prices without tipping off unsuspecting customers.

"Let the consumer trickery begin," said Brian Sozzi, Wall Street Strategies retail analyst

Retailers have long tried to mask price hikes — for instance, jacking them up more than needed so that they can offer a "sale" on the higher price. But the new strategies come as merchants' production and labor costs are expected to rise 10 percent to 20 percent in the second half of the year after having remained low during most of the past two decades. Costs can quickly add up: Raw materials account for 25 percent to 50 percent of the cost of producing a garment, while labor ranges from 20 percent to 40 percent, analysts estimate.

For car thieves, texting and driving might mix

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Texting and driving don't go well together — though not in the way you might think.

Computer hackers can force some cars to unlock their doors and start their engines without a key by sending specially crafted messages to a car's anti-theft system. They can also snoop at where you've been by tapping the car's GPS system.

That is possible because car alarms, GPS systems and other devices are increasingly connected to cellular telephone networks and thus can receive commands through text messaging. That capability allows owners to change settings on devices remotely, but it also gives hackers a way in.

Researchers from iSEC Partners recently demonstrated such an attack on a Subaru Outback equipped with a vulnerable alarm system, which wasn't identified. With a laptop perched on the hood, they sent the Subaru's alarm system commands to unlock the doors and start the engine.

Their findings show that text messaging is no longer limited to short notes telling friends you're running late or asking if they're free for dinner.

Va. man executed for raping, killing elderly woman

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — A man who raped and suffocated an 88-year-old woman was executed, becoming Virginia's first inmate to be given a lethal injection using a revised three-drug cocktail.

Jerry Terrell Jackson, 30, was pronounced dead at 9:14 p.m. Thursday at Greensville Correctional Center.

Asked if he had any final words, Jackson shook his head and said "no" under his breath. As he waited for the drugs to be administered, he tapped his foot as he lay strapped to a stainless steel gurney. The execution team took about 15 minutes to insert two intravenous lines, one into each arm. Within four minutes of the lines being inserted, he was pronounced dead.

Jackson was sentenced to death for the 2001 rape and murder of seamstress Ruth Phillips in her Williamsburg apartment.

Like other states, Virginia recently replaced sodium thiopental with pentobarbital after a nationwide shortage of the sedative, which is administered before two other drugs that stop the inmate's breathing and heart.

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Hard-hitting Coahoma leaves impression



By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**, Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs seemed to get off to a slow start in Thursday night's scrimmage against Clyde. Understandable, considering the size of the visiting team.

Even Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner commented on the size of the opposition.

"When we walked out, it looked like the field was slanted to one side," Coach Gardner said.

But the size factor did not stay in play long as the hometown Bulldogs kept playing their own style of football; they hit everybody and they hit them hard.

Midway through the first varsity series, it became apparent Coahoma

could wear the team down by running the ball and pounding everyone in sight.

Quarterback Tanner Ruiz began to find receivers with frequency, once Coahoma's running game, comprised mostly of quick sweeps, softened the defense and opened passing lanes.

Ruiz returns for his junior year as the reigning offensive MVP in district 2-2A. He, along with running back Sheigh Cravens, is going to be the driving force behind the Bulldogs this season as Coahoma pushes for another playoff run in 2011.

"We're going to hit people," Coach Gardner said. "That's how we play the game and everyone is starting to see it."



HERALD photos/Robert Griffin

In Thursday night's scrimmage against Clyde, the Coahoma Bulldogs' defense forced several turnovers. The Bulldogs will be playing on the road in Midland Thursday. That game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Angels avoid sweep, defeat Rangers 2-1

ANAHEIM (AP) — Mark Trumbo already hits the ball harder and louder than any of his fellow Los Angeles Angels, according to the slugging rookie's teammates.

With just one inning left to avoid an embarrassing four-game sweep by the Texas Rangers, the Angels had never been happier to hear that already-familiar crack of Trumbo's big bat.

Trumbo hit a game-ending two-run homer down the left-field line,

and the Angels beat the Rangers 2-1 on Thursday night, dramatically preventing Texas from seizing an eight-game lead in the AL West standings.

After three straight losses in the series and five straight overall, the Angels were just three outs away from a discouraging deficit in the playoff race behind the Rangers, who had won the first six games of their road trip.

But Los Angeles

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Georgetown, China brawl embarrassing

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese basketball fans slammed a military team Friday for their part in an on-court brawl with visiting American players during a match that was supposed to promote goodwill during U.S. Vice President Joe Biden's visit.

Video footage of the fighting between the Georgetown University men's basketball team and the Bayi Rockets, the army's Chinese Basketball Association team, on Thursday night in Beijing spread on the Internet and worldwide TV news.

It showed players punching each other and throwing chairs, forcing play to end early.

"The Bayi team have really lost face now," wrote a user named anoia on China's popular microblog Sina Weibo, the Chinese equivalent of Twitter. "No matter who is right and who is wrong, you have fought the visiting team as the host

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Briefs

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.

Signups will be taken at Big Spring Mall today between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

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

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

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 Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Soccer signups

Soccer signups will be held at the Big Spring

Mall Friday at 5:30 p.m. In addition, players can register between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.

Forsan community pep rally

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

Big Spring community 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.

Chicano Golf Association meeting Monday

The Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will have a meeting for all its members Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Comanche Golf Course.

Cowboys, Chargers share practice field

By JAIME ARON

AP Sportswriter

The air was hot, the grass was real and the guys on the other side of scrimmage wore different uniforms. It was a practice unlike anything the Dallas Cowboys have had this preseason.

The 4 a.m. Pacific time wake-up call was different for the San Diego Chargers, too.

The Cowboys and Chargers spent the first of three days together Thursday with a morning workout on the outdoor fields at Cowboys' headquarters. They squared off for almost two hours, leaving around the time temperatures made their near-daily bolt beyond 100 degrees.

Philip Rivers threw against DeMarcus Ware and the Dallas starting defense, and Tony Romo threw against Shaun Phillips and San Diego's starting defense on separate fields. Many of the drills were the same as the teams would run in their usual practice, spiced up because they were going against foes instead of teammates. There will be more of the same in a controlled scrimmage Friday at Cowboys Stadium, then the preseason game Sunday night.

"Sometimes you can get comfortable working against the same guys," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "It's fun to shock the system

a little bit."

The early start -- 9 a.m. local time, but 7 a.m. to the Chargers' body clocks -- was a necessity, since it allowed the work to be done with temperatures still in double-digits. San Diego coach Norv Turner said that helped fit the theme of shaking guys from their comfort zones.

"It's all just changes that they have to handle," he said. "The whole thing is good for us."

The clubs decided to squeeze in the joint practices to piggyback on the preseason game. It was pretty easy to arrange considering Turner was among Garrett's mentors, their relationship stemming

from the early 1990s when Turner was the offensive coordinator and Garrett the backup quarterback on Dallas teams that won the Super Bowl following the 1992 and '93 seasons.

Turner said he hadn't been on these fields since 1994.

"You walk out and it brings back some great memories," he said.

Walking out also felt like walking into an oven. It was pushing 90 degrees when practice started, a jolt for Dallas players accustomed to the air conditioning of the Alamodome and Cowboys Stadium, and for San Diego players accustomed to their gentle climate. Two ambulances were

nearby, with plenty of ice, water and sports drinks to keep everyone well hydrated.

Turner said this was the Chargers' hottest practice. Ware joked that the conditions were the reason no fights broke out.

"It's like, 'Hey guys, let's get used to this heat first before we start all this intensity,'" he said.

Cowboys tight end Jason Witten said the draining weather provided a good test.

"Guys got a little tired there at the end," he said. "You've got to have that feeling of what it's like to dig deep -- your stomach's hurting, you're tired and you can't take a play off."

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didn't even make another out against new Texas reliever Mike Adams (1-2). After Torii Hunter led off the ninth with a single, Trumbo cracked his 23rd homer of the season, comfortably putting it around the foul pole.

"Hopefully this is going to propel a nice little run for us," said Trum-

bo, who's on track to become the first rookie to lead Los Angeles in homers and RBIs. "We've been scuffling and a lot of people are frustrated, myself included. That road trip wasn't very good, and it didn't help our momentum going into this crucial series. But we'll take what we can get."

Trumbo had two hits and further cemented his status as the Angels' most compelling hitter

in a lackluster offensive season. He leads all major-league rookies with 68 RBIs after driving in 24 runs in his last 25 games -- and he's the first Angels rookie ever to hit two game-ending homers.

"When he makes contact and gets one over the fence, it's usually not a fence-scraper," said Angels ace Jered Weaver, who left trailing 1-0 despite pitching seven innings of six-hit ball.

"It was sure nice, obviously a big hit in a big situation. It's six (games back) now instead of eight, so that definitely

helps out."

Trumbo's shot abruptly ended four days of offensive frustration and set off an unlikely celebration on the field for the Angels, who trailed the Rangers by just 1½ games early last week before losing seven of their previous eight. Horacio Ramirez (1-0) got one out in the ninth for Los Angeles, earning his first win in the majors since 2008.

Adams wasted seven scoreless innings by Colby Lewis, who yielded four hits and struck out seven while outpitching Weaver. Texas fell one inning short of the

first four-game sweep at Angel Stadium in the rivalry's long history, but still left Anaheim with a healthy six-game lead in the AL West.

"You can get a lift from a walk-off like that," Texas slugger Josh Hamilton said. "Depends on how you come back the next day. We definitely got a lift from coming in and playing as well as we did, winning three of the four and putting ourselves in position to win another one."

Texas won the first three games of this key four-game series in increasingly discouraging fashion for the

Angels, blowing out Los Angeles in the first two before rallying late against Ervin Santana on Wednesday night for a 4-3 victory.

Weaver was mostly sharp in his second start back from a six-game suspension, but appeared headed for a hard-luck loss when Mike Napoli hit a seventh-inning homer for Texas.

Weaver gave up three homers and a season-high eight runs to Toronto last week in a rocky return from the ban for throwing a pitch at the head of Detroit's Alex Avila.

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... especially while their second man in charge is in this country."

It was the latest instance of on-court fighting by China, whose players have been fined tens of thousands of dollars by the world and Asian federations for scrapping with opponents.

In October, China's na-

tional basketball coach, a manager and three players were suspended for an ugly brawl with Brazil's team that left one Chinese player in a neck brace. Fights are also not uncommon at Chinese football matches.

The video clip appears to show American players falling over Chinese players as they all run for the ball, and then two members from each side slamming into each other.

Seconds later, the brawl breaks out.

Chinese fans weren't impressed.

"Does the Bayi team think they are better at Chinese kungfu than basketball and that is why they are desperate to show it off," said a Sina Weibo user named JF1113.

"I just don't get it that China is fighting other people all the time. And they lose the games too," said another user named QimaDdou.

Another, nego_lu, called players in China "poorly educated."

The Georgetown Hoyas are in China on a 10-day goodwill trip that has been cited by the U.S. State Department

as an example of sports diplomacy that strengthens ties between the two countries' peoples.

Su Qun, a well-known basketball commentator in China, said in general brawls result from a feeling of unity between sports people when a member of their team is targeted.

"They have a belief that they have an obligation to offer help when their team members are under attack, especially in a situation where unfair judging exists in a match," he said. He did not indicate whether referees were unfair or the Chinese were the victims of bad calls during Thursday's game.

"It's not correct for players to fight. But we see fighting occasionally and it is often because of management problems in sports teams," he said. "It's important that teams have strict rules on discipline."

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The sun, Mercury and Venus all in Leo encourages enthusiasm and showy celebration. Air shows will be a big attraction now, too. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed August 19 — the birthday of flight pioneer Orville Wright — “National Aviation Day,” and it has been observed as such ever since.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a gift for economy, especially verbal and written economy. You have a concise way of expressing yourself, and because of this, people get your point right away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll see the truth in all its stark beauty and will want to exclaim it to the world. However, it may be more powerful to keep this between you and your diary for now. The world may not be ready for your radical honesty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Social situations go better when you give yourself something to do. And because of your willingness to make yourself useful and help in whatever way needed, you'll meet new people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're meant to lead now. Take charge of a situation, but do so quietly and humbly. You will bring out the best in others and find ways to utilize their unique qualities and talents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are not always in the mood to communicate. This morning, you'd rather enjoy the silence than catch up on everyone else's business. Turn off the media and relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You listen when a loved one talks. But more than that, you always hear — with your ears as well as your heart -- what is being expressed. You are cherished for these qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some preparation will be required to make social interactions go smoothly. When you don't know what to say to a person, you may reveal too much about topics that are actually irrelevant to the situation at hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may not share your friend's point of view or agree with everything this person says, but you will be enriched and expanded by the relationship nonetheless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have moments of being purely loving and accepting of what is — even when “what is” is changing rapidly. You'll move with the changes — fluid, graceful, no resistance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be moments when silence will communicate far beyond words. There will also be moments when silence will communicate nothing — which might be precisely what should be communicated on the topic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). True riches cannot be bought. But the kind that can be bought will still have great appeal today, as you are in the mood to invest. You'll show your excellent taste with a purchase.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In some regard, you are massively ambitious. Keep plowing ahead, and you'll gain ground. Don't ask too many questions. Right now, it's fine to stay a bit naive about what is possible — that's better than being jaded!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19). School is never out for you. You learn all year long, and the more you learn the more you earn. You'll separate yourself from the other contenders and win a key posi-

tion in September. Your network of friends grows in November, and winter is filled with festivities. Kismet happens on a weekend getaway. Capricorn and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 20, 50, 6 and 1.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** The one who loves you most will celebrate your uniqueness. **TAURUS:** Flowers enhance your spirit of romance, whether you give or receive them. **GEMINI:** You feel safe enough to open up and reveal all of your personality to your partner, not just the agreeable parts. **CANCER:** The anticipation of fun could be better than the fun itself. **LEO:** You'll think of a romantic scenario and make it happen. Your loved one will be moved most by the forethought you put into the gesture. **VIRGO:** You have an instinctive drive to improve things -- be careful to direct it only toward yourself. Others may resent being made over. **LIBRA:** You believe in your loved one, and you let this person know often. **SCORPIO:** Instead of saying “I will if you will,” you just give. **SAGITTARIUS:** You are more in love this week than you were last week.



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Dear Margo: Emotional affairs do count

Dear Margo: My wife of 21 years is an attractive woman. Our relationship has not been the greatest, but then I discovered text messages from another man on her cell. She met him at the gym.

One of the texts I saw said, “I really liked your lingerie.” She claims he was commenting on the edges of her bra, which he saw through her shirt while having coffee.

I became irate, called him in front of her and threatened him. I am a respected professional in the community, but I just snapped. He called the police, who then called me and told me not to contact him again.

My wife was very upset with the way I handled the situation, but said she wanted to stay married and work on our relationship.

They had no contact for four months, but then they started texting again. I obtained

access to her phone records. When confronted with this, she wanted to throw me out of the house.

I also found evidence on the computer that she looks at his love horoscope every week. She said this was just an infatuation. The texting stopped for a few weeks when he moved, but has now begun again in earnest.

I cannot confront her directly because I don't want her to know that I have access to her phone records.

I have good evidence that he now lives 1,000 miles away, so they can't be seeing each other.

I've confronted her indirectly, and she lies, saying there's no contact. She repeatedly tells me she wants to stay married and that if she really wanted to be with him, she would have left me.

We have three teenage children. This is putting an incredible strain on our relationship.

I can't even look at her, and I definitely can't move forward with working on our marriage when I know about this “emotional affair.” They text each other

CAPRICORN: You respect the other person's right to do things his or her own way. **AQUARIUS:** A homemade gift goes right to the heart of its recipient, especially something made in the kitchen. **PISCES:** You are loyal and true and will get the same back.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the sun in Leo and the moon in Taurus, these signs lock together like puzzle pieces this weekend. Taurus brings out the best in Leo and reflects it back just like the moon reflects the light of the sun. Leo will be favorably influenced by the sensual, tasteful nature of the bull. And Leo has a way of coaxing Taurus to express ideas freely and dance with wild abandon.

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10 to 20 times daily. What do you recommend I do? — *Betrayed in Boston*

Dear Be: The “love horoscope” thingsounds kind of teen-agey, and the supposedly secret texting reveals your wife's dissatisfaction with her real life ... and, of course, you. If your wish is to hold this thing together, I would arrange counseling, since you two can't seem to make any progress on your own and since you say you can't even look at her. I'm sure she has complaints about and wishes for this marriage, so hashing them out with a therapist is your best bet. Bring everything to the table, even your possibly illegal access to her phone records. It's worth a try, and I wish you luck. — *Margo, experimentally*

Calling All Cads

Dear Margo: I will make this short (though it's not sweet). I realize I have to be treated by a doctor for an STD.

I desperately don't want my wife to know. It would make endless trouble because you don't get these things from, well, toilet seats. I am hoping this is one

of those situations where patient confidentiality kicks in. Is it? — *Nervous*

Dear Nerve: It is not, because it is a matter of health policy.

A physician is obliged, by law, to inform all sexual partners of “anything that endangers the health of another.” And while we're on the subject, you might want to think about what kind of man would risk infecting his wife as the price for keeping his philandering secret.

Along with the Acyclovir or penicillin or whatever you may be given, I suggest you take a good long look at the way you're living and the possible consequences thereof. You sound like a skunk to me. — *Margo, distastefully*

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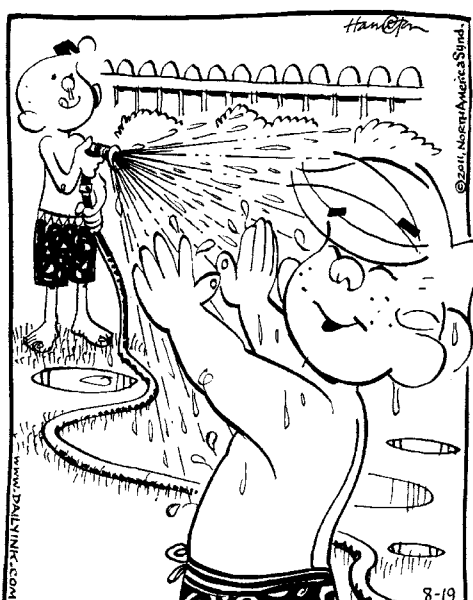
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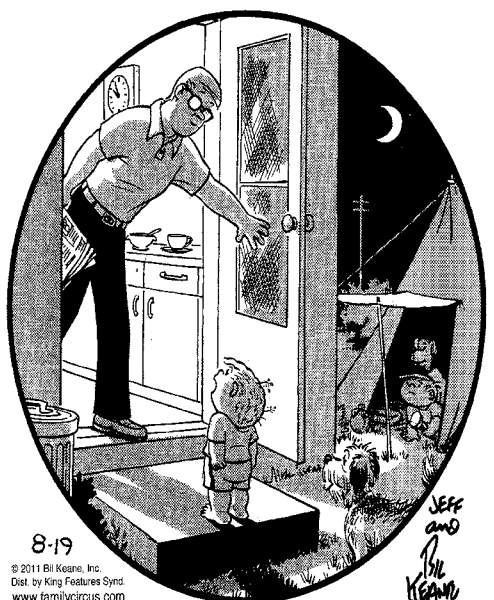
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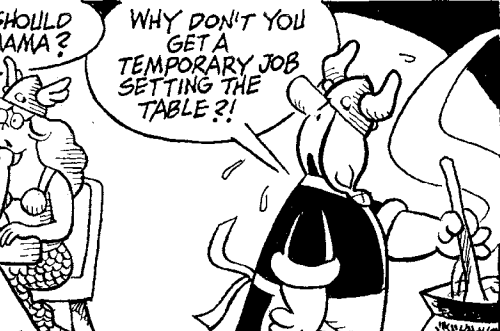
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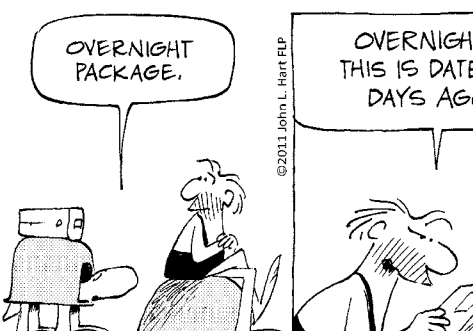
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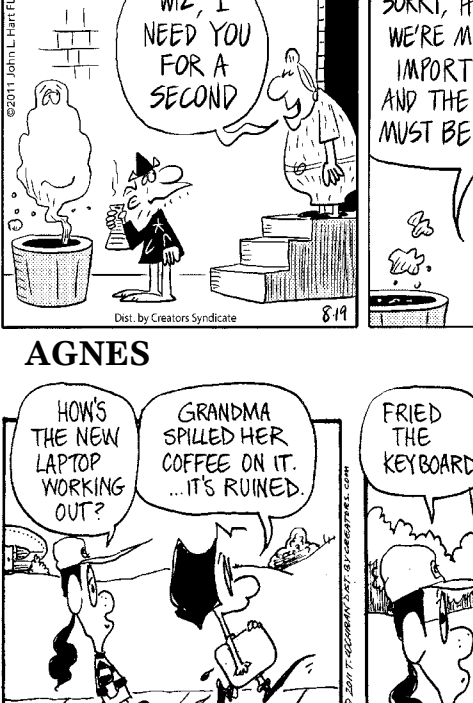
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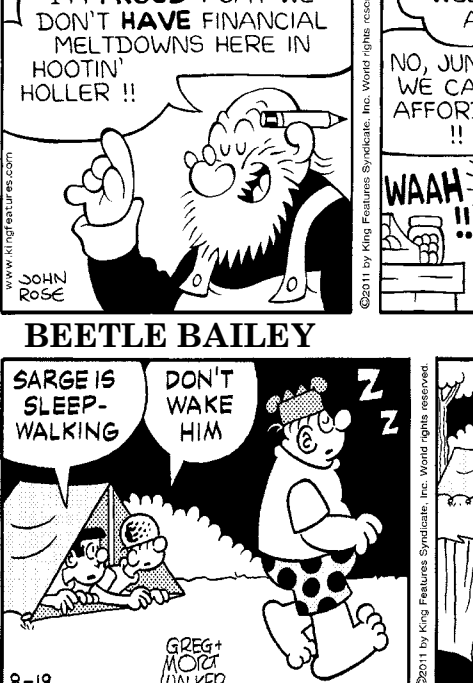
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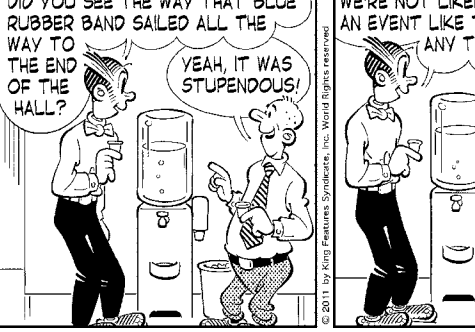
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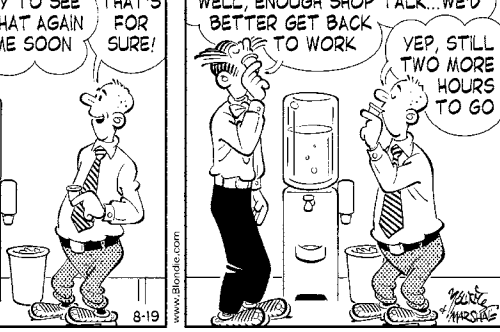
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of the year. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1991, Soviet hard-liners made the stunning announcement that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later with Gorbachev temporarily restored as leader until the dissolution of the Soviet Union in Dec. 1991.)

On this date:

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

In 1909, the first automobile races were run at the just-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1951, the owner of the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck (vehk), sent in Eddie Gaedel, a 3-foot-7 midget, to pinch-hit in a game against Detroit. (In his only major league at-bat, Gaedel walked on four pitches and was replaced at first base by a pinch-runner.)

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.)

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, rioting erupted in the Brooklyn, N.Y., Crown Heights neighborhood after a black 7-year-old, Gavin Cato, was struck and killed by a Jewish driver from the ultra-Orthodox Lubavitch community; three hours later, a gang of blacks fatally stabbed Yankel Rosenbaum, a rabbinical student.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 84. Actress Debra Paget is 78. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 77. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 76. Actress Diana Muldaur is 73. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 72. Singer Johnny Nash is 71.

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ACROSS

1 Quarrel

6 Big gulp

10 Fezzes and fedoras

14 Isle near Curaçao

15 ___ avail (useless)

16 Field of expertise

17 Financial crime

20 Hosp. readout

21 One in an order

22 Pancho Villa contemporary

23 German auto pioneer

24 "Dear" group

25 Marshall Islands locale

29 Witnessed

32 Major happening

33 The whole enchilada

34 Girl Scout accessory

35 Loiter, with "out"

36 Nissan rival

38 Metamorphosis stage

39 Part of AD

40 Printer's purchase

41 "The Age of Anxiety" poet

42 Starfish arm

43 Starfish dubbed "King of Soul"

46 Send out

47 Microbrewery products

48 Lease signer

51 Top off

52 NFL scores

55 Factor in successful commercials

58 Austen novel

59 Greek cuisine staple

60 Yogi Bear co-creator

61 Dostoevsky denial

62 In quick succession

63 Informal warning

DOWN

1 Corresponding

2 Nile beast

3 Hierarchy level

4 Presidential nickname

5 Contract detail

6 Sonnet section

7 The Caine Mutiny novelist

8 Wayside stop

9 Monster-film icon

10 Concert instruments

11 Oratorio piece

12 Temporary shelter

13 Long story

18 Actress Anderson

19 Grey title

23 "You got it!"

24 "You got it!"

25 The View co-host

26 Trump ex

27 Big name in jazz sax

28 Loses on purpose

29 Riyadh resident

30 Poplar tree

31 Cymbals sound

34 Sources of fries

36 Become cordial quickly

37 Taking care of business

41 Long Island university

43 It means "all"

44 Chew out

45 Satchmo collaborator

46 Really bother

48 Many a minor

49 Tube trophy

50 Seward Peninsula city

51 Dietary concern

52 Part of TVA

53 X-Files agent

54 Do in

56 Museum-funding org.

57 Roman god of peace

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