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Alon files suit again

Refiner contests appraisal district's tax valuations

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Attorneys for Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — have filed a lawsuit in 118th District Court against the Howard County Appraisal District contesting the most recent valuation of the facility, which was placed at approximately \$215

Chief Appraiser for the district Brett McKibben confirmed Thursday he has been told the suit has been filed, but said neither he nor the appraisal district have been served with legal papers concerning the matter.

"I set the valuation at \$215 million, at which time Alon took the matter to the district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB)," McKibben said. "There were a lot of different numbers flying around during that meeting, so it's unclear to me what amount they felt was fair. However, the ARB did not reduce the valuation, leaving it at \$215 million."

Alon USA and the local appraisal district are anything but strangers when it comes to litigation revolving around property valuations. The oil refiner filed similar petitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008.



The dispute went to trial in 118th District Court in 2008, with former District Judge Robert H. Moore III ruling the appraised value of the facility was \$218 million at the beginning of 2007. The appraisal district had claimed the value of the Big Spring Refinery was \$320 million during the trial, with Alon officials claiming the valuation should be approxi-

mately \$152 million. According to Blake Lewis III, spokesperson for Alon USA, filing the suit is the only recourse the

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HERALD file photo

The Rev. Ken McIntosh has been named to represent District 3 on the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

McIntosh named to BSISD board

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

You can toss the "Vacancy" sign in front of the Big Spring Independent School District board room. BSISD trustees voted unanimously during their

Thursday meeting to name the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh the school district's representative from Dis-McIntosh, a native of Tulsa, Okla., has been pastor

of Big Spring's First Christian Church for the past five years. He replaces Alan Partee, who declined to seek re-election, on the school board.

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Firefighters fete Saturday Food, auctions, music planned at local fundraiser

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

It's a feast fit for a king ... in this case, it's a banquet for firefighters.

Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will turn into a place

of honor as the Firemen Benefit Auction and Dance kicks off

"We all know how hard our firefighters have been working and the surrounding counties have come and helped us out as well as we've gone to help them out in their county's fires," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "This is just a way of saying thank you."

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Healthy Woman puts focus on kids

□ Outdoor program set for 8 a.m. Saturday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Child safety — particularly, keeping your child safe in an automobile — is the subject of this month's Healthy Woman event, scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the north parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Healthy Woman, a program sponsored by SMMC, hosts monthly events that spotlight various issues concerning women and their families.

And few issues are more important to women than the safety of their children. To that end, Saturday's event will focus on child car seat safety.

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Volunteers sought to help clean lake

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be showing love for the

Comanche Trail Lake Saturday morning. Members of KBSB have been helping clean up the lake

area at Comanche Trail Park for the past four years in order to prepare for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon. The triathlon is scheduled for Sept. 10.

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Obituaries

Mary Kay Halfmann



Mary Kay Halfmann was born in San Angelo, Texas, on May 24, 1959. She was a premature baby and came into the world fighting. She was so small she fit in a shoebox. She weighed 2 pounds, 14 ounces. She grew up in St. Lawrence, Texas. She graduated from Garden City High School in 1978 and attended Odessa College.

It was also in St. Lawrence that Mary Kay met and married the love of her life, Lynn Halfmann on Aug. 5, 1978.

They lived in Coyanosa, Texas, for six years and made many lifelong friends there. They moved back home to St. Lawrence, where they continued to farm. Mary Kay worked with Bruton Aerial and she was Bert's first flagger. She also was a bug

In 1988, Lynn and Mary Kay moved to Midkiff and in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania. made many friends and were members of St. Thomas Catholic Church, where she was a very active member, involved in the church parish council and the St. Theresa Alter Society.

Mary Kay loved to spend time with her family and grandkids. They were the highlight of her life: daughter Marla Halfmann and her children, Becca, Triston and Shannon Haire; their son, Marcus and his wife Amy and a son, 4-week-old Byler Lynn Halfmann; their daughter, Michelle and her husband Chase Chastain of Midland; Mary Kay's parents, Joe and Rose Marie Schwartz of Garden City; mother and father-in-law, Cecil and Wilma Halfmann of St. Lawrence; Mary Kay's brothers, Ernie and Debra Schwartz, Floyd and Martha Schwartz, Jody and Gail Schwartz; Mary Kay's sisters, Brenda and Eddie Holik Jr., Lynette and Mitchell Jansa; and many nieces and nephews and cousins. She also had five godchildren: Tracy Machicek, Hannah Halfmann, Juan Hernandez, Chasity Jansa and Jamie Gulby.

Mary Kay was involved in community activities wherever she lived. She was active in the consecration of Mary prayer group, Rankin Hospital board, spiritual prayer group and was a parish council member of the St. Lawrence community. She was a volunteer EMT for 20 years. She was also an election judge. Another highlight of her life was when she was crowned Texas Farm Bureau queen in

Mary Kay passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. A rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial

donations be made to ABC Ministry, HC-34, Box 183A, Midland, Texas 79706.

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

Paid obituary

Charley D Hunt



ASHTABULA, Ohio — Charley D Hunt, 54, of Lake Avenue died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, at his home.

He was born July 16, 1957, in Garden City, Texas, the son of LeRoy and Daisy (Hare) Hunt and had been an Ashtabula resident for the past 15 years.

Prior to his retirement, he worked as a well tester in the oil fields of

His survivors include his former wife. Bonnie Hunt of Jefferson; step-children, Raelene Jezior of Oklahoma and Jennifer and David Anderson of Ashtabula, Ohio; a special grandson; and two brothers, LeRoy "Bud" Hunt Jr. and Jack Edward Hunt, both of Big Spring, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Hunt; a brother, Joe Robert Hunt; and his parents. No calling hours or services will be held at this time. He will be laid to rest with his mother in

Texas at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Ducro Funeral Services and Crematory, 4524 Elm Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004, which is in charge of arrangements.

Police blotter

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

- ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON, 24, of 3700 Connally, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 27, of 3700 Connally, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and expired registration.
- RAMON MAGALLANES, 18, of 1511 Vines, was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving without a safety belt and failure to appear.
- MARKQUIN EARL HARRIS, 25, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license - when unlicensed and theft - shop-
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported

Sheriff

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

- NICHOLAS LOYA, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of
- FRANCISCO CERVANTES, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on an Austin warrant for parole violation. • KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 40, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid. ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON, 24, was transferred
- to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal
- warrants for expired motor vehicle license plate, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility. MARKQUIN HARRIS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsi-
- bility, no driver's license and theft shoplifting. RAMON MAGALLANES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warraznts for violation of a promise to appear and no seat belt – driver.
- NOLAN-CASEY RAYMON MOORE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - language and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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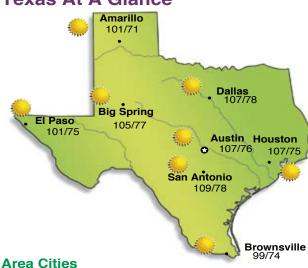
The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the area near the VA Medical Center. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to **SMMC**
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.

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Brownwood	108 76	sunny	Midland	104	78	sunny		
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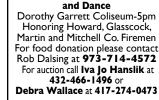
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- •TRAFFICACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 25th Street and Rebecca. Service
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- reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported



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oil company has in the situation.

"Unfortunately, whether you're an individual or a business, the only process available to reach an agreement once the appraisal board has ruled is to go to court," Lewis said. "We don't believe the Howard County assessor's valuation of the assets of the Big Spring Refinery is appropriate, so we're asking the court to rule on this disagree-

According to McKibben, the 2008 trial cost taxpayers approximately \$850,000. In 2009, Alon once again filed a petition against

the appraisal district, claiming the 2009 valuation of \$169 million was inflated, as well. The oil company came back in November 2009, however, dropping the case and agreeing to pay taxes on the assessed value. Alon USA filed petitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008,

agreeing to pay taxes on values of \$130 million for 2006, \$185 million for 2007 and \$175 million for 2008. The property was appraised by the district at \$320 million in 2007 and \$275 million in 2008.

Following the 2008 trial, Alon ended up with tax bills of \$1.869 million for 2006, \$2.569 million for 2007 and slightly more than \$3 million for 2008.

The Howard County Appraisal District is being represented by local attorney Drew Mouton.

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FETE

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A few months ago, several members of the community and numerous churches joined together to organize a way to say thank you to all volunteer firefighters. This past year has been a busy one, for not only local fire departments, but surrounding county volunteer firefighters. The most notable fire was the Boykin Road fire, where several county departments came to the rescue, including Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Mitchell County, Glasscock County and Martin County. The Texas Forest Service had several personnel assisting as well. "We are thanking the people who

saved our town, our livelihood," Rob Dalsing, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, said. "This is our chance as a community to say thank you to those who are doing this out of the pure want to and not because of the money they are making, because they aren't getting paid. "It truly has impressed us that

these people have done all that they have and this is in their honor."

The evening will begin with



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno Vicki Slaton, member of the Firemen Benefit planning committee, displays one of the many auction items for Saturday's event, which starts at 5 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

a meal at 5 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony around 6 p.m. in which the firefighters will be honored. The meal will include brisket, hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza. The event will include a live auction, silent auction, dessert auction and live music.

Donations will be accepted throughout the evening. Boots will be set up around the coliseum in order for people to place their donations in. The goal, according to Iva Jo Hanslik, is set at \$100,000 in order to purchase a new truck for the volunteer fire department. All proceeds will benefit the Howard County Volunteer Fire De-

"Really, the best thing people can do besides donating to the event is to show up," Dalsing said. "This is an opportunity to say thank you and the more people there the more the firefighters will know just how much we appreciate them."

partment.

Boy Scouts, cheerleaders and football players will be on hand, offering their assistance during the benefit. They will help people with carrying their food trays, provide assistance at the tables and more, according to Dalsing.

"This is the least we can do," Dalsing said.

To find out more information or to donate food, call Dalsing at 973-714-4572. To donate an auction item, stop by the chamber or contact Hanslik at 432-466-1496 or Debra Wallace at 417-274-0473.

CAR SEATS

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Catie Wiedenhofer, director of the Safe Kids San Angelo program at San Angelo Community Medical Center (SMMC'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.

"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."

SMMC and Healthy Woman will provide free car seats, while supplies last, to those needing them.

"I don't want to call it a first-come, first-served situation, because this not about getting a free car seat, this is about making sure your kids are safe," said Kim Howell, Healthy Woman coordinator. "But we will have a limited number of car seats."

Wiedenhofer urges parents to take advantage of the 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.

Parents must have their children with them when they have the car seats inspected, Howell added.

For more information on the event, contact Howell at 268-4842.

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

BSISD

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The position had been vacant since the May general election.

McIntosh was selected over two other applicants — Natalie Permenter and Lucy Odom — for the position. He will serve until at least

next May, when a special election will be held for the remainder of the District 3 term.

"We thought Ken was the right choice," said Jeff Brorman, president of the school board. "He's gone out of his way to implement programs to help keep kids off drugs and he's been a strong supporter of this community, as well." McIntosh, an ordained

Disciples of Christ minister for the past 30 years, was director of the Fort Worth Council of Churches for 10 years before coming to Big Spring in 2006. "I thought about (serv-

ing on a school board) for a number of years, both here and when I lived

in Fort Worth," he said. "When I heard about the vacancy, I gave it some serious thought."

His interest in serving on the board increased when the school district received an "academically unacceptable" rating from the Texas Education Agency.

"I just want to see what I can do to help turn things around," McIntosh said.

He and his wife, Eulaine, have two children, Wylie and Mariah, attending classes at Big Spring High School, while oldest son Tap is a recent BSHS graduate.

Also Thursday, trustees approved:

• The budget and tax rate for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

- · A student code of conduct for the new school year.
- Teacher appraisal schedules.

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"Having a clean area just gives off a better image," said Janice Bishop, KBSB president. "It's kind of like when you have guests over at your house and you do some cleaning. You want the area to be presentable for your guests; it's the same thing here. We want the area to be presentable for the triathlon participants." Cleanup will begin at 8

a.m. and all those wanting to take part should meet at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Volunteers need to remember to wear protective clothing, sunscreen and take whatever other protective measures they feel is necessary. Trash bags will be provided.

"The more people we have, the more area we can cover and the less amount of time it will

take," Bishop said. "People need to remember this is something that can be a family event. It's something the entire family can take part in.

"People think just because they aren't the ones throwing trash out the vehicle or littering around town it's not their problem, but that's not the case," Bishop said. "Trash is going to blow around, fall out of dumpsters and someone is going to have to pick it up, otherwise it will never be picked up."

Saturday's cleanup is one of the two main projects KBSB takes part in throughout the year and volunteers are always needed.

"We are not asking someone to come and spend their entire Saturday cleaning up the lake, but if we can get people to come out and pick up one trash bag or even spend an hour helping us clean up, a big difference can be made," Bishop said. "It doesn't necessarily have Bureau director. to take a lot of time."

Numerous volunteers are needed and Bishop said they hope to be wrapping up around noon, but it all depends on the amount of help is received and how much trash is at the lake.

"The important thing is to get the beach area cleaned up and make it safe for the swimmers at the triathlon," said Debbie Wegman, Convention and Visitors

According to Wegman, part of the cleanup involves raking the beach area in order to clear out any fish hooks and broken glass.

"We really want people, especially those who fish around there, to remember to keep the area clean for all who use it," Wegman said.

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All the hang gliders who took part in this year's hang gliding competition and all the residents who went out and supported the event.
- Debbye ValVerde for her 20 years of service at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.
- United Way of Big Spring and Howard County for their support to the 15 agencies and the successful kickoff at the Boots and Bling event this past Saturday. Also, to all those who supported the United Way this past year and those who have already started contributing to this year's
- To all area teachers, faculty and students going back to school.
- All those driving through school zones and adhering to the school zone laws pertaining to speed and no cell phone usage.
- Evamor for bringing in 100,000 bottles of water and distributing them to the residents of Big Spring at no charge.
- To all city and county officials who helped dispense the water during Tuesday's distribution at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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 Your help, Lord, we can make a lasting impression on others.

Amen

Killing at the corner grocery

corner grocery store last Sunday, the crime tape had already gone up and half a dozen police cars were parked in front. By the time I drove back home an hour later, there was a biohazard truck, along with a half-dozen more police cars and officers diverting traffic from the lot. "What happened?"

I said. "An incident," the traffic officer answered, and then refused to tell us what kind of incident. A biohazard vehicle at the corner grocery? Literally a dozen police cars? The TV trucks

arrived the next morning. As it turned out, the nice African-American lady who always smiles at the checkout line allegedly had been stabbed by an African-American male. The reports said she was in critical condition, and gave his height

By the next day, she was dead, and her estranged husband had been arrested.

In one terrible way, it was a relief. There wasn't a random murder on the corner of my quiet street. Some terrible criminal was not at-large. It wouldn't have mattered if I or, worse, one of my kids had been at the store on Sunday afternoon. It wasn't a hold-up gone bad. Shoppers were not the target.

In another way, it was a terrible reminder. When a woman is killed, the first suspect is always the significant other. Women worry about strangers, but it is

the wrong men in their lives husbands and lovers, especially the estranged kind — who are by far the most dangerous.

In the old days, we used to complain that the system didn't take domestic violence seriously. Family quarrels, they were called. Arrests were rare, as were restraining orders. Many women didn't even bother to complain, knowing that it was more likely to make things worse than to accomplish any-

Times have certainly changed. Police are trained to take incidents of domestic violence seriously. Women get all the help they need from courts in securing restraining orders against the men in their lives who threaten them; such requests are almost never denied.

Indeed, these days, it is common to hear complaints from those men, sometimes legitimately so, that such charges are used as bargaining chips in contentious divorces, even when unsupported by evidence.

The problem is that too often it doesn't matter. All the restraining orders in the world won't prevent a man from surprising his wife at work, approaching her and stabbing her 20 times. The news reports haven't said (at least not yet) whether that nice lady had such an order, but it's hard to see that it would have made much difference. Had she had time, she could have called the police, and he would have been arrested and held. But most of the time, women have no time. Even when they do, the men aren't locked up forever.

Oh, yes, there are the three-day lockups, the required angermanagement programs and the

like. It's better than it used to be But not good enough. Too many women are still afraid to use the tools that are available. Too many women still find that those tools are not enough. When you have children, when you are financially dependent, when the bad guy knows where you work at a job that you need, when you can't, for all kinds of reasons, go underground and hide and disappear, a restraining order is just a piece of paper that doesn't save your life.

I don't know the answer. Lock them up longer in the first instance? Sure. Hope the first instance is the last? Absolutely. Improve those anger-management courses? Why not?

But there are no guarantees. I tell young women to beware the tough guys who look so attractive at first, to pay as much attention to who they let into their lives as they do to who they would let into the house if the doorbell rang. If it sounds like blaming the victim, that's not what I mean. Just protect yourself. If any good is to come of the tragedy on my corner, perhaps it will be that someone reading this, or someone who shops at my local store, will remember that bad guys rarely turn good, that violence tends to escalate, and that in most cases, the only answer is to get out at the first

In the meantime, I will miss the smiling lady at the corner

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Obama snaffles the Hispanic vote

'ithout having to attend a big banquet or host another White House summit to deliver pandering rhetoric. President Barack Obama finally addressed the Hispanic community last week — with action instead of words.

When his administration announced that it would suspend

deportation proceeding against illegal immigrants who pose no threat to national security or public safety, Obama finally demonstrated the kind of leadership many Americans expected from the "Si Se Puede/Yes. We Can" president.



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On numerous occasions during the past few months. Obama went out of his way to explain to immigrant rights advocates that they were asking him to do the impossible. He told them that, without action from Congress, there was no way he could make administrative changes that could ease the government's persecution of thousands of non-criminal illegal immigrants who were getting deported every year. His administration was breaking deportation records, but there was nothing he could do about it, or so he claimed.

Obama had become the "No Se Puede" president.

And then last week, voila, the impossible became the Obama administration's new deportation policy — one that came at least two years late, one that is obviously politically motivated, but one that will clearly put Obama back in contention for overwhelming support from Hispanic voters.

Under the new directive, the government will conduct a caseby-case review of some 300,000 undocumented immigrants who are currently in deportation proceedings. Officials will use "prosecutorial discretion" to separate those with criminal convictions from those who, for example, were detained for minor traffic

violations.

It doesn't eliminate the need for comprehensive immigration reform, it doesn't give anvone permanent legal status, but it should provide some relief for undocumented immigrants who came here as children and are still struggling to pursue a college education or even to serve in the military. It should give peace of mind to some members of our military who are fighting our wars while worrying about having their spouses deported.

It sounds like a logical, just and humane thing to do, right?

The real criminals still will be deported, and perhaps much more efficiently, because they will be at the top of a list that will not be clogged by so many non-criminal, low-priority cases. Although the Department of Homeland Security insists that its priority has been the capture and deportation of criminals, of the 400,000 immigrants deported last year, less than half of them had criminal records.

The rest were mostly "collateral damage:" innocent, undocumented immigrants detained in raids that were meant to catch criminal immigrants.

The new policy is likely to diminish collateral damage. From now on, those whose only violation was either entering the country illegally, or staying here when their visas expired, will have their deportations suspended and will be issued work permits.

Although this only applies to undocumented immigrants in deportation proceedings, millions of others still living in the shadows also stand to gain from the new policy — the government will be less likely to start deportation proceedings against immigrants who have no criminal records and pose no threat to national security.

Of course, anti-immigrant zealots already are accusing Obama of granting "backdoor amnesty," usurping the authority of Congress and "putting illegal aliens ahead of unemployed Americans."

The president will take a lot of heat for this new policy, but it will come from people who were not likely to vote for him

anyway. Let's face it: Given the fact that the GOP nominee is likely to emerge as xenophobia peddler, molded by right-wing demands during the primaries, Obama doesn't have to do much to win the overwhelming majority of the votes that will be cast by Latinos in 2012.

His problem is with the number of Latinos who may chose to stay home on Election Day, especially those who no longer believe that Obama can effect the changes he promised in 2008. A low Latino voter turnout in

2012 could be lethal for Obama. Yet this gutsy move by the president could be enough to tip the voter scales for him in the key swing states, especially since his Republican opponent is likely to be one of those zealots

who oppose the new policy.

To demonize Obama among Republican extremists, watch for GOP presidential candidates to continue to scapegoat undocumented immigrants, to falsely portray them as welfare leaches. to ignore their hard work, their American dreams and their enormous contributions to our economy.

And watch how they hand Obama the Latino vote on a silver platter!

Obama didn't deliver the comprehensive immigration reform he promised — mostly because of Republican opposition — but now we can see that he is trying to help. At least now there is action to back his pro-immigrant rhetoric.

Besides, now Latinos have a new and very compelling reason for voting for Obama: If the president is not re-elected, how long could we expect his new deportation policy to survive under a Republican administration?

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is pleased to be participating in the Volunteer Firemen's Benefit scheduled for Saturday evening at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus. Our sincere thanks go out to all those volunteers and first responders who give their time and effort to protect our homes and property. Take time to show your appreciation by attending this event.

Pastor Bill Ivins will be bringing the message at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. His sermon "Keeping it Real" is based on Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28. We have Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday afternoon's schedule includes chancel choir practice at 3 p.m., praise team rehearsal at 4:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. bell choir practice. Contact Eddie Vanderwalker for more

Wednesday's noon Bible study and lunch is held in Garrett Hall, with serving beginning at 11:50. This weeks meal will be served by Cowboy's. Pastor Bill will be continuing the Bible study series, "Revelation for Dummies.'

Our re-named youth group will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Now known as '' EPIC'' (Equipping People in Christ) launched into their new program format last Sunday evening with a dinner and concert featuring the Christian concert group, FADE. Weekly meetings are held in the Partee Building youth room. For more information contact Beau at the church office.

Pastor Bill will lead a special series on Wesleyan and Methodism, "A Heart Transformed Can Change the World," beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6. with a movie on the life and time of John Wesley in Garrett Hall. Subsequent meetings will be during the Sunday school hour for those who

There is a task force hard at work on plans for "Real Life" a Wednesday evening meal, Bible study and activities. This will be in addition to our regularly scheduled study and luncheon held at noon Wednesdays and is for all ages. We hope to have this under way by the first week in October if possible.

We are located in downtown Big Spring.

Spring Creek **Fellowship**

Last Sunday, Robert Highley was guest speaker and Emme Schooler sang a beautiful solo. Everyone enjoyed a delicious "pot-luck" lunch after worship.

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

Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, contact Donna Wennick. Nursery care is available during Sunday school and worship.

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

Youth "Connection Groups" meet Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" will continue to meet at various times and locations during the week for all ages, interests and schedules. Contact the church office for more information.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes our new Worship Pastor

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry which allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at cost that does not include retail mark up. Orders for Angel Food placed last week will be distributed Saturday. If you have questions contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@ nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Our Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

We also have all church prayer time Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and come and go prayer time Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

School has begun and we pray the teachers and students in all of our area schools have a wonderful, safe

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. All the children and youth were promoted into new classes last week and were very excited. Our morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, concludes his series of sermons on faithfulness Sunday. Our congregation has been blessed to hear testimonies from several of our church members who have shared about God's faithfulness in their lives. Sunday, Erven and Dean Fisher will share testimony.

Sunday evening at 5 p.m., First Baptist Church is celebrating birthdays ... lots and lots of birthdays during our Birthday Banquet. The banquet will take place in the Family Life Center. We'll all be sailing on the SS Love Boat with our cruise director and his crew. Each month will present a short skit preceded by a meal.

We will celebrate the M&M Kickoff next Wednesday. This is for the children and will given them an opportunity to sign up for the music and mission programs held Wednesday evenings. A meal begins at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There is Bible study for adults and youth while the children's programs are in progress. Choir practice is at 7 p.m.

Don't forget the Firemen's Benefit tomorrow evening at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. If you have any guestions, call 267-8223.

Spring Tabernacle

Spring Tabernacle is celebrating 26 years of ministry Sunday. Lunch will 10 a.m.

We want to say thanks to the people of Big Spring for all the recent donations of furniture, clothing and offerings.

We now have six ministries in addition to the church. We have remodeled the flooded rooms we had last Christmas and are now preparing for the big Christmas giveaway for kids this year. We are ministering to the men and women at the county jail. We have a rehab after the food and clothing ministry Thursday. We also have church with the people who come to the food ministry.

With these ministries we feel it's people helping people.

We are located at 1209 Wright St.

First Christian Church 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. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Pastor Ken McIntosh will bring the message from "Mark 1: 29-39 "The Gospel of Golf." ISAIAH 58 Food Pantry will be open

Monday and Tuesday for food delivery from the Odessa Food Bank on Monday. Come by at 107 Runnels St. from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Monday to help unload the truck. We are looking for help from any one who can come in for any one of the three sessions ISAIAH 58 has to volunteer.

Choir practice will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the choir room.

Church Board Meeting for the month will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We have our regular meeting for the month and we will hear from the Rev. Robert "Bobby" Hawley, who is vice president of the Christian Church Foundation. He will bring information about the Barnett Fund, The Walker Building Management Fund and our general endowment funds. All church members are welcome to come to this meeting to here from the Rev. Hawley. We need all board members to be there.

We are still sending out invitations to past members of First Christian Church for the Blast from the Past set for Sept. 4, which will have the Rev. Clyde Nichols being the guest preacher for that special Sunday service and then we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the Sunday service. If you know the address of someone who has moved away from Big Spring, let someone at the office know and we will make sure they get

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

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Bread alone is not enough

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quoted more often, misquotby bread alone."

There is just something about the phrase that sounds incomplete and many have tried to finish the thought by adding their own words and ideas to the phrase. One of the best known completions was made by James A. Garfield, the 20th President of the United States, who said, "Man cannot live by bread alone; he must have peanut butter."

Although history does not record whether or not Garfield's philosophy about bread and peanut butter had anything to do with his death, the president was assassinated Sept. 19, 1881, just two hundred days after he took office.

Since that time, and probably before, many have tried to add to the necessity of having food to eat, by buttering their bread in a variety of ways. Some have added wealth, power and fame to the basic need for nutrition. Others have tried to supplement their bread with entertainment, work or activity in order to feel satiated.

While many have distorted the idea that bread alone is insufficient for a balanced life, the concept is as old as the Bible itself. When Jesus was

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erhaps no phrase has been tempted in the wilderness to turn stones into bread, he answered the ed, or partially quoted than tempter by quoting scripture. He said, the words "man cannot live" It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4 NASB).

> While Jesus used the verse to refute Satan, God first gave the words to His servant Moses who led the Israelites out of Egypt and guided them through their 40 years of wilderness wanderings. Speaking through Moses, God reminded the children of Israel He had provided manna from heaven when they were hungry. Then He commanded them not to live by bread alone. They needed to heed every

> word that came from God's mouth. Perhaps these words are just as timely today as they were in the days of Jesus and Moses. When we have enough bread to eat, we tend to forget we must rely on God for all of our needs. Bread alone, or bread plus anything else, won't satisfy our hunger. Only bread that has been buttered with God's admonition and instruction can fill our need. Bread alone is not enough.

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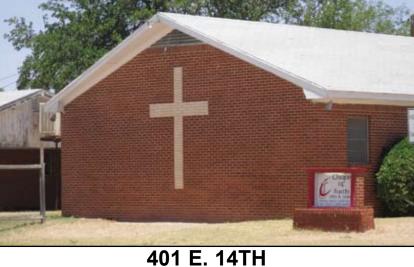
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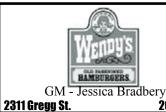
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What would you do if Jesus came back today?

eyond confessions of faith, hymns and sermons, the Second Coming of Christ remains virtually irrelevant to daily life.

We pursue our educations, work at our careers, raise our families, worry about retirement and prepare for the inevitable: death and taxes. The lives of believers and nonbelievers show little marked difference beyond church attendance. But what if He comes today?

What if He comes tomorrow? What if He came yesterday? No, I am not suggesting you missed the "rapture." But, He did, in fact, come yesterday and He will, in fact, come today.

Before you dismiss this as crazy, let me explain.
This is exactly what Jesus taught His disciples before His ascension into Heaven.
Jesus said when He returns, "the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I

was hungry and you gave me

something to eat, I was thirsty

and you gave me something to

drink, I was a stranger and you

invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick

and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "Then the righ-

teous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty

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see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

"When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' (Matthew 25:31-46)

Jesus comes to us everyday if we are looking for Him.

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Yesterday He came to me in the

person of a young Hispanic employee at Wal-Mart who needed words of encouragement.

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A couple of weeks ago He came in the form of two brothers in their sixties who stopped to help me work on my 1977 VW bug when it quit running.

A month ago He came in the form of a Chinese woman named Chiu who was fishing on a pier with her mentally handicapped daughter. Last year He came in the

form of a teenage unwed mother who had given birth to a son who died a few days later. How many times I have

missed Him and did not recognize Him? I don't know.
He comes every day in many

ways and forms that we are likely to miss if we are too focused on our own agendas. We might even miss Him by

being too focused on our opinions about eschatology. If we live our lives alert and ready to receive Him each and every day in the small encounters with the "least of these" we will be ready to receive Him in that day, when He appears like lightning from east to west.

We might even hear Him say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

▶ Religious Briefs

Pacifist Goshen College in Indiana picks 'America the Beautiful' to replace national anthem

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — A small college in northern Indiana that decided to stop playing the national anthem at sporting events will play "America the Beautiful" instead.

Jim Brenneman, president of Goshen College, said

that "America the Beautiful" was more fitting with the pacifist traditions of the Mennonite Church affiliated school and also honored the country. Leaders of the 1,000-student college decided in June to quit playing an instrumental version "The Star-

to quit playing an instrumental version "The Star-Spangled Banner" after starting to do so for the first time last year. Some students and graduates were against the song being played because its lyrics contain references to using war to defend the country.

Propognan said the use of "America the Requisite!"

Brenneman said the use of "America the Beautiful" will begin with sports events this fall and the U.S. flag will be present.

Polygamy town officials plead not guilty to Arizona charges of misusing public funds SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A defense attorney says

two officials from the polygamous sect-run town of Colorado City, Ariz., have pleaded not guilty to criminal charges stemming from allegations that they misused public funds. Fire Chief Jacob Barlow and City Manager David

Darger entered the pleas during a Tuesday hearing in Mohave Superior Court in Kingman. Barlow and Darger were indicted separately on

charges of violating the duty of a custodian of public money, participating in a criminal syndicate and assisting in a criminal syndicate.

Barlow faces 30 counts and Darger faces 13.

CHURCH

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St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship is Sunday morning at 9

a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school, led by Pastor Don Rosentreter, is in the parish hall after worship.

Wednesday noon Bible study studies "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.
We continue to collect supplies for

the Candelaria Medical Mission and a complete list is available at the church.

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.

September session meeting is Thursday in the social hall at 5:57 p.m.

The lectionary is Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the parish hall.

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

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/.

Church service on Sundays is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preach-

ing Sunday. His sermon topic is "Knowing the Truth is not the same as Understanding the Truth." from Matthew 16:21-26.

David Carlisle will READ the litur-

gy. The readings are Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26, Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Ac-

olyte is McKenna Alsobrooks. Elders are Bobby Roever and Richard von Hassell. We need door greeters for the next two Sundays.

The flowers this week are given in

honor of Billy and Gerry Marino's 39th anniversary on Sept. 8. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Pastor Carroll Kohl is on KBYG every morning for a devotion sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. each morning to hear "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

The Board of Education has been postponed until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

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

"Wall Builders" scheduled for Sept. 24 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

The LWML and Board of Trustees will be having a Garage Sale on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the church in order to clear out the storage building. Start planning to help with this sale, as well as donating any items you may have been wanting to get rid of. We will need lots of help to get everything moved and laid out. For more information, contact Jaunell Roever.

The next information class will be held during the fall. This class titled "Cross Talk" which is a DVD study led by Pastor Kohl. If you have a preference as to day of the week or time, please complete the survey form and return to an elder or to Pastor Kohl.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings for September at the church include: The LWML will meet Sept. 8. Sept. 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 Assimila-

tion will meet Sept. 27.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

We are located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will be led by Bill Lovelace. We are completing a study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. This week's lesson is "Respecting Community Standards." The scripture lesson comes from Ruth 4:1-10.

Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Billy C. Bates.

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.

Deborah Jones 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 annual church picnic is set for Saturday at the Mike Robinson home at 1300 Douglas, 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 Sunday lunch in fellowship hall after Sunday worship. Contact Danny at 254-3981 or Dick at 253-8411 or 267-2035. Everyone is invited to the Saturday picnic and Sunday lunch.

Rally Day, the annual kick-off for the year's Sunday school programs, is Sunday. Sunday school

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The lectionary is Evedus 2:1.15

The lectionary is Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28. The choir will offer "Come Down, O Love Divine" by William Harris and "Awake My Heart" by Jane Marshall for the offertory. The Noisy Offering will be collected during worship. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. Everyone is invited to stay for BBQ lunch after the service.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

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News in brief

Irene's arrival prompts memories of 1938's 'Great New England Hurricane'

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — What Evelyn Katzman remembers most about the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 are the floating store man-

A self-described Army brat, she had recently moved to Providence with her parents from Atlanta. She was 30, newly employed at Cherry and Webb, a specialty store downtown. It was Sept. 21,

The elevator wasn't working — the power had just cut out — so she went to tell her supervisor. That's when she saw them: two human forms, from the coat shop across the way, floating down West-

The manager of another department store had just called to sound a warning.

"He said, 'Lock the doors, the water's coming in," said Katzman, now 103 and living in Providence at an assisted living facility not far from the head of the Narragansett Bay.

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In abandoned hospital in Libyan capital, piles of dead bodies testify to Tripoli's chaos

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Dozens of decomposing bodies were piled up Friday in an abandoned hospital in Tripoli, a grim testament to the chaos roiling the capital as Libyan rebels clash with forces still loyal to Moammar Gadhafi.

The four-story hospital was in the Abu Salim neighborhood, which has seen some of the heaviest fighting this week, although the facility was empty and it could not be determined when the men had been killed. The floors were covered with shattered glass and bloodstains, and medical equipment was One hospital room had 21 bodies lying on gur-

neys, while 20 others were in the hospital's courtyard next to the parking lot — all of them darker skinned than most Libyans, covered with blankets. Gadhafi had recruited fighters from sub-Saharan With Gadhafi still on the run and vowing to fight

to the death, the rebels have struggled to take complete control of the Libya capital after sweeping into the city on Sunday. The fight in Abu Salim has been particularly bloody.

Perry gets high marks in AP-GfK GOP poll

WASHINGTON(AP) — After grousing for months, Republicans are growing more satisfied with their choices for president and, so far, they like what they're hearing from the newest candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

An Associated Press-GfK poll released Friday found that two-thirds of Republicans and GOPleaning independents are pleased with the party's presidential field, compared with just half in June. And they're paying more attention, with 52 percent expressing a "great deal" of interest in the GOP nomination fight — compared with 39 percent earlier this summer — after a period that saw Perry enter the race and Michele Bachmann win a test vote in Iowa, the lead-off caucus state, threatening Mitt Romney's standing at the top of the pack.

The poll shows Perry — who has never run a national campaign and is just now introducing himself to most people — benefiting from wall-to-wall news coverage over the past few weeks as he became a candidate and jostled the until-then sleepy contest. Just 12 percent of Republicans and GOPleaning independents have a negative impression of the Texas governor. And 63 percent of Republi-

cans view him in a positive light, compared with 33 percent in June.

Beyond that, Republicans didn't change their impressions much about Romney. Nearly 2 in 3 still view the former Massachusetts governor positively, while just under a quarter view him negatively as he runs a cautious, methodical campaign that's facing its first true test in Perry.

Silicon Valley sees continued success for Apple after Jobs' resignation — at least for now CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple headquarters

is still standing in this leafy Silicon Valley suburb even after Steve Jobs' industry-rattling announcement that he was resigning as chief executive of the company he co-founded in a garage more than three decades ago. That news comes as little surprise in the Valley,

where few doubted Thursday that despite the loss of its legendary leader Apple would continue to succeed — at least for the next few years. "I don't think in the short term it will suffer," said

Ethan Salter, 35, an engineering consultant who had stopped in at a Starbucks just down the road from the Mountain View headquarters of Google Inc., a major Apple competitor. "In the long term, things change really quickly around here." Tech workers interviewed by The Associated

Press said they were not shocked to hear Wednesday that Jobs was stepping down. His health troubles, which have included pancreatic cancer and a liver transplant, are well known.

Old Guard troops photograph Arlington graves to document burials, update cemetery maps

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Night after night this summer, troops from the Army's historic Old Guard have left their immaculately pressed dress blues, white gloves and shiny black boots at home to slip into Arlington National Cemetery in T-shirts and flip-flops to photograph each and every grave with an iPhone.

The sometimes eerie task to photograph more than 219,000 grave markers and the front of more than 43,000 sets of cremated remains in the columbarium is part of the Army's effort to account for every grave and to update and fully digitize the cemetery's maps.

The Old Guard performs its work at night to escape the summer heat and to avoid interrupting funerals.

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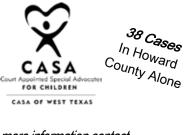
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Growth estimate could spook

investors WASHINGTON (AP) The economy likely grew at a weaker pace this spring than the government first estimated. The anticipated revision could rattle an already edgy Wall Street and exacerbate fears that the U.S. economy is dangerously close to another

recession. Economists forecast that the economy expanded at an annual rate of 1.1 percent in the April-June quarter, according to a survey by FactSet. That's lower than the government's first growth estimate of 1.3 percent.

If economists are correct, growth could fall below the scant 0.8 previously estimated for the first half of the year — the worst since the recession officially ended two years ago.

The Commerce Department will release the report Friday at 8:30 a.m. Eastern. The estimate is the second of three the government issues for each quarter. The biggest drop in exports in more than two years is the main reason economists expect weaker second-quarter growth.

Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase, has pointed out that nine of the 11 recessions since World War II were preceded by a period of growth of 1 percent or less.

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Bulldogs' bark not enough in loss

Coahoma falls 50-35

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Even a storm strong enough to delay the start of the game for an hour and a half was not enough to keep things cool in Midland Thursday night, as tempers flew late in the game between Coahoma and Greenwood.

A bad call by the refs, a personal foul, and for a moment, it looked like both sidelines were going to meet in the middle of the field. However, cooler heads prevailed and the last two minutes of the game were played out, leaving Coahoma on the short side of the 50-35 tempest.

The Bulldogs made a game of it in the second half, but were never really in it, trailing 28-7 at halftime. But the style of game that Coach Trey Gardner has his boys playing, that clockdraining, steady real estate grinding approach, is not the style of offense that comes from that far behind. However, it is the style Coahoma plans to use when they play the other teams in District 2-2A, so it was never changed in Thursday night's game.

"We played really good in that second half," Coach Gardner said. "I was not happy with the outcome, but the effort the boys gave in that second half was impressive."

Though Coahoma did have some big plays in the game, Greenwood always had the answer to them. In the second quarter, Aaron Acevedo made a big run up the middle, setting up a touchdown run by Justin Coker to bring the Bulldogs to within seven points, but the Rangers immediately marched down the field and scored again.

With under two minutes to play in the half and Coahoma with only one time out remaining, Greenwood came out throwing after being pinned inside their own five yard line by an excellent Marco Molina punt. Then Greenwood's Kam Williams, a big six-footer, runs a quarterback draw right up the gut of the Bulldog defense for 70 yards. Williams had 122 rushing yards and threw for 99.

The Rangers scored on the following play and when Coahoma's drive stalled with an interception at the eight yard line, the two teams headed into their respective locker rooms, only halfway through what appeared to be an already decided 28-7 game.

The second half started like the first one ended, with Greenwood scoring, but the Bulldogs were just getting



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

Coahoma senior Sheigh Cravens fights his way through a line of defenders for some tough yards in Thursday's game against Greenwood.

> started in this one, as they ramped up there running attack, driving the length of the field for six points.

> Still, the 35-14 loomed heavy from the scoreboard. When Greenwood returned the ensuing kick-off back to Coahoma's six yard line and immediately scored again, it was all but

Coahoma would go on to score three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but it would not be enough against a 3A team that played very tough and physical. Coker scored from one, 28 and 65 yards out in the game.

"Don't take anything away from Greenwood," Coach Gardner said. "They played a great game. We have a few things we need to clean up in the next few weeks, quit missing tackles, hang on to the football. It's best to get that out of the way before the district

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Briefs

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.

Lady Steers Booster meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers' Booster Club will have its monthly meeting Monday at 6:00 pm in the library at Big Spring High School. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Cheri Reibe at 432-268-9587.

lanagan's death ruled suicide

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Cy Young award winner Mike Flanagan died of a self-inflicted shotgun wound to the head, the Marvland medical examiner ruled Thursday.

A police investigation revealed the 59-year-old pitcher was upset about financial issues. He left no note.

Flanagan's body was found Wednesday afternoon about 250 feet behind his home. An investigation showed he was home alone when he took

"It's very tragic. He was a good friend. I just wished I'd known he was having a struggle," former Orioles player and manager Davey Johnson said. "I'd sure liked to have talked to him. It's just a terrible loss. Everybody who

He was always a delight Yankees series coming to be around." Now manager of the Na-

tionals, Johnson spoke about Flanagan before Washington hosted Ari-"I was pretty shaken."

Johnson said. "I wished I had a chance to talk to him, and cheer him up like he's done me in the past." Flanagan won the Cy

Young Award in 1979 and helped the Baltimore Orioles win the 1983 World Series. After his retirement, he worked for the Orioles as a coach and in the front office before settling into a job as color commentator on the team's broadcast network.

Flanagan was scheduled to work this weekend's series against the New York Yankees.

"He was looking forknew Flanny loved him. ward to broadcasting the

up. He was doing something he loved," said Jim Duquette, who teamed with Flanagan from 2005-07 to attempt to rebuild the Orioles.

According to police, Alex Flanagan last spoke to her husband about 1 a.m. Wednesday. She told police he sounded upset, and he promised he would talk to her later.

When Alex Flanagan did not hear from her husband, she called a neighbor to check on him. The neighbor went to the home and called 911 after failing to find him.

Police discovered a body on the property but could not immediately determine the identity because the wounds were so severe.

There was a moment of silence at Yankee Stadium on Thursday before

New York faced the Oakland Athletics. Flanagan's picture was posted on the video board.

Flanagan was a crafty left-hander who went 167-143 with a 3.90 ERA over 18 seasons with Baltimore and Toronto.

He was 141-116 with Baltimore and is a member of the team's Hall of Fame. Flanagan was also the final Oriole to pitch at Memorial Stadium, Baltimore's home from 1954-

During that appearance out of the bullpen. Flanagan struck out Detroit's Dave Bergman and Travis Fryman, much to the delight of the 50,700 fans that filled the old ballpark one last time. The Baltimore Ravens showed a video of that final pitch before their preseason game against the Washington Redskins.

Astros' Sosa gets first win against former team

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Astros pitcher Henry Sosa finally got his first career win at the ballpark he envisioned playing in for a long time.

It just came in a different uniform than the rookie right-hander expected — and on only three days' rest.

Sosa, who spent seven seasons in San Francisco's minor league chain before being traded to Houston in July, allowed only four hits - all singles — and kept a sold-out crowd at AT&T Park mostly silent as the Astros held on to beat the Giants 3-1 Thursday night.

Not that he had anything to prove against his former club.

"I don't know if the Giants felt like I could do the job as a starter," said Sosa, who walked three and struck out three in six strong innings. "But the Astros gave me a chance and I'm grateful for that."

Sosa (1-2) pitched with runners on base every inning but limited the damage with a crisp fastball and slider that baffled the Giants most of the

night. That, along with a big night from leadoff hitter Jordan Schafer, helped the Astros to their third win in four games against the defending World

Series champs. Schafer homered, scored three times

and stole a base, one of a season-high four steals by Houston. The Astros. who also turned three double plays, still own the worst record in the ma-

"There was a lot of good things tonight and it was sure nice to see," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "The way (Sosa) went after hitters was impressive. He came out and went right after guys with all of his pitches."

Sosa's performance might have been the most encouraging. He worked in and out of trouble,

allowing the leadoff runner to reach base in five consecutive innings. Sosa limited the damage each time by attacking the strike zone, something he failed to do in his previous three starts. Sosa's best work came in his final

inning.

Orlando Cabrera walked to start the sixth and was sacrificed to second, putting the potential tying run on base. Sosa, who had a no-decision against the Giants last Sunday, retired Carlos Beltran on a comebacker and then got Pablo Sandoval to ground out to third.

"This was special because it's my first win after two losses," said Sosa, who kept the game ball and lineup card as souvenirs. "The last couple games, I don't know why, but my velocity was low. Today I felt really

J.D. Martinez doubled twice and had two RBIs for the Astros, who ended a four-game losing streak.

Cabrera drove in San Francisco's only run with an RBI groundout in the third. The Giants, losers of five of seven, fell three games behind firstplace Arizona in the NL West.

"We just couldn't keep the line moving," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We've been talking about it for a while. One run is not going to cut it. We need to score runs." Sosa got just enough support from

his teammates.

Schafer singled and scored in the first, walked and scored in the third and then homered off Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong in the seventh. It was Schafer's second home run for the Astros and the fourth of his career. He had gone 148 at-bats since his last home run on June 13, with Atlanta.

Wilton Lopez pitched two scoreless innings and Mark Melancon worked

the ninth for his 14th save in 18 chances. San Francisco had the potential tying run at the plate in the ninth after

Beltran's leadoff single but Sandoval

hit into a 3-6-3 double play before Aubrev Huff flied out to end it.

Vogelsong (10-4) gave up six hits over 7 1-3 innings and lost for the third time in four starts.

After beginning the season 8-1, Vogelsong is 1-3 with a 4.00 ERA over his last four starts. The Giants have scored only one run in the three loss-

"It was definitely a grind," Vogelsong said. "It's not for lack of effort. We are trying everything we can to get some runs across."

It was just the latest setback for San Francisco's pitching staff, which has been beset by a rash of injuries late-

The Giants, who have lost the opening game in their last 11 series, have even bigger issues with their offense. Besides the three double plays, San Francisco also had two runners caught stealing.

Martinez doubled in Schafer in the first, then added a sacrifice fly in the third to drive in Schafer again.

The Giants, held to two runs or fewer in four of their previous eight games, cut the gap to 2-1 on Cabrera's RBI groundout in the third. They got some help from Sosa, called for a

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Rangers' losing streak threatens AL lead

ARLINGTON (AP) — Adrian Gonzalez and the Boston Red Sox powered their way to some payback in Texas.

Gonzalez homered twice to give him five in four games, Andrew Miller pitched three-hit ball in a spot start and the Red Sox beat the Rangers 6-0 on Thursday

Miller threw 6 1-3 impressive innings and the Red Sox took the final three matchups in a four-game series between AL division leaders.

Boston was swept in a three-game set at Texas to begin the season en route to an 0-6 start. Now, that seems a distant

"We have a lot of respect for (the Rangers) and they really beat us up a little bit, especially down here," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "But we played good tonight and that's what we wanted

Gonzalez hit a solo shot in the first inning and a two-run drive in the third off Alexi Ogando (12-6), giving him homers on three consecutive swings — including one in the eighth inning of Boston's 13-2 rout Wednesday night.

Gonzalez, who had his 13th career multihomer game, had gone 84 at-bats without a long ball before homering in the first inning of Tuesday night's 11-5 win.

"I hit them in spurts, everybody knows that," Gonzalez said. "When I have a good swing, it's just a feeling you have. You hit them in bunches, and this is a time right now when I feel good and hopefully I can keep swinging like that tomorrow.'

David Ortiz and Jarrod Saltalamacchia also connected for the Red Sox, who have won six of eight and remain one game ahead of New York in the AL East. The Yankees pummeled Oakland 22-9 earlier Thursday.

Miller (6-1) struck out six and walked two in his 10th start of the season. The lanky left-hander, who has also pitched in relief twice this season, got the assignment because Francona pushed Tim Wakefield back a day, giving the knuckleballer his sixth shot at his 200th victory at home Friday night against Oakland.

Miller said the early run support was most welcome.

"It's huge when those guys go out there and score runs like that," Miller said. "It's certainly easier as a pitcher. You attack, you're aggressive and you're not pitching to avoid one run, you're just pitching to get out of the inning as quickly as you can and get those guys back to the plate."

The Rangers, who have dropped five of six, held a seven-game lead in the AL West over the Los Angeles Angels on Aug. 17. That margin has shrunk to two games entering Friday night's opener of a three-games series between the teams in Texas.

The streaking Angels, who have won six straight, were idle Thursday.

> Ogando allowed a career-high four homers — the same number he yielded in his previous 12 starts — among his six runs and six hits in four innings as he failed to join C.J. Wilson as the Rangers' second 13-game

Texas was a 4-0 winner in the opener of the series, but Boston took the final three games by a total score of 30-7.

"They whipped our butts for three days," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We couldn't pitch to stop them and we couldn't get anything going offensively."

With two outs and nobody on in the first, Gonzalez lofted Ogando's fastball onto the grass hill beyond the center-field

Ortiz led off the second with a drive into the right-field seats for his 25th homer to give Boston a 2-0 pad. Ortiz had missed nine games because of bursitis in his right heel before returning to the lineup Wednesday night, when he went 2 for 5 and scored twice.

Ortiz has his eighth 25-homer season for Boston, second in club history behind Ted Williams' 14. Ortiz started the night tied with Jim Rice at seven.

With Jed Lowrie on first after a walk in the third, Gonzalez pounded another Ogando fastball 448 feet into the Red Sox bullpen in left-center for his 23rd homer and a 4-0 edge.

Gonzalez is on a tear, going 8 for 15 in the series and knocking in eight runs to reach 103 RBIs.

"That was impressive," Francona said. "He leaned all over those pitches. He's a good hitter. Sometimes they come in bunches. If you could figure it out and bottle it, it would happen more."

Carl Crawford opened the fourth with a single and Saltalamacchia, traded by the Rangers to the Red Sox in July 2010, launched a two-run shot for his 13th of the season to stretch the lead to 6-0.

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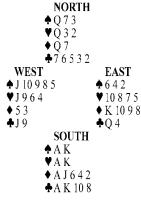
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By Steve Becker

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under the ace at trick five, an entirely different approach is needed. You lead the jack of diamonds at trick six. If East takes the jack with the king, the gueen of diamonds becomes an entry to dummy, and you finish with 12 tricks regardless of what East

Let's suppose, therefore, that East refuses to take the jack of diamonds when you lead it. In that case, West becomes your pigeon. You cash the ace of diamonds to extract his last diamond, then lead the eight of clubs.

This forces West to win with the iack (or nine, if he has retained that card) and put you in dummy with a spade or a heart. As before, you discard your K-10 of clubs on dummy's major-suit queens, cash the 7-6-5 of clubs and so score 12 tricks.

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balk after Eli Whiteside singled and was sacrificed

Schafer made it 3-1 with his two-out homer in the

NOTES: San Francisco's last win in a series opener was on July 18 against the Dodgers. ... Giants closer Brian Wilson played catch briefly before the game but Bochy is unsure if the All-Star closer will be ready to come off the disabled list when he's eligible next week. "I wouldn't rule it out, but it's

going to be tough for him to be ready to go when his time is up," Bochy said. ... LHP Barry Zito (midfoot sprain) may throw off the mound in Arizona as early as Friday. ... Whiteside was activated from the disabled list. Backup catcher Hector Sanchez was optioned Class-A San Jose to make room. ... The Astros called up LHP J.A. Happ from Triple-A Oklahoma City to start Friday. Happ (4-14) had a 1.50 ERA in three starts in the minors.

The Astros optioned OF J.B. Shuck down to make room for Happ.

LHP Madison Bumgarner (7-12), who has a 3.51 ERA over four starts in August, goes for the Gi-

COAHOMA

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games start."

The Bulldogs compiled 427 yards of total offense in the game, all

Quarterback Tanner Ruiz was five out of 10 in the air with two interceptions and one touchdown.

Ruiz also ran five times for 45 yards. Marco Mobut 53 yards of it on the lina was Coahoma's top

receiver, catching four passes for 57 vards, including one touchdown. On the ground, the

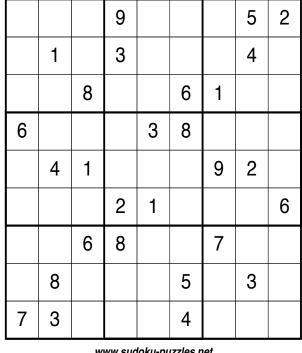
Bulldogs relied heavily on Justin Coker. The Coahoma senior carried the ball 29 times for 204 yards. Sheigh Craven ran 15 times for 66 yards Aaron Avevedo had three carries for 59 yards. Coahoma had 18 first downs to Green-

Coahoma gave up the football four times in the game, but were unable to force any turnovers from the Rangers.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's almost always easy for you to give because you enjoy the feeling so much. You strive to reach the level of development personal where you never expect anything in return for your generosity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think someone needs help, and you offer it before the person has a chance to ask for it. This act of graciousness is one of the reasons people identify you straight away as a gem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have faith in others, so you extend the benefit of wherever doubt possible. The situation will

do, and you have energy to call for you to stand back and watch for a while — to see how things get handled without vou.

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be up for an important role in someone's life. It is your previous success in school or family life that qualifies you for the job, but it's your careful listening skills and charm that will get you the position.

> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in the mood to take a risk and feel the exhilarating high that comes from putting yourself on the line. Whether or not you win is irrelevant. Your life will improve either

way. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's much spinning in your head. Empty it onto a list. This will help you focus on the pleasure in each activity, instead of on remembering what else you must accomplish in order to call this day a success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The effects of your gallantry and kindheartedness will endure. As your sign mate and fellow philanthropist John Ruskin suggested, "It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you occasionally indulge, the indulgence has a special feeling. Do it too often, and the act ceases to be a treat. It's a fine line, and one you navigate well this week.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 26). You are happy for the most part, and yet things get better still. This year brings improvement to your intellectual, monetary and social status. You have amazing powers concentration in September and will bound ahead in a study or project. October brings a chance to travel. December brings purpose. Capricorn and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25. 1. 50 and 35.

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Dear Margo: When to stop stewing and air grievance

Dear Margo: My father made a comment to me the other day that hurt my feelings.

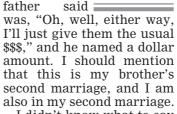
I didn't know whether or not to say anything, so I didn't, but now I wonder if I should have. My brother is getting married next month, and while most of the family is just glad my

brother is happy, we wonder whether their relationship will last because of the little time they've known each other.

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I didn't know what to say because he never gave me anything toward either of my weddings, and now my feelings are hurt. I think the only reason it hurt so much is because I take care of my father a lot.

He is legally blind and lives alone. My brother lives two hours away, so that leaves me to help him grocery shop, pay bills, take him doctors' to appointments, etc. Also, when my brother does come up for a visit with family, he rarely stops by to see our father. Should I have said something? — *Lola*

Dear Lo: If there are no

big chunks missing from this story, I would say that your hurt feelings are justified, especially since you are the child who really goes out of your way for him.

I think the only way to continuing have a relationship without smoldering resentment is to tell your father of your hurt feelings. It will be a difficult conversation, but I think one worth having. He may have been totally unconscious or unaware of his inadvertent oversight and implied favoritism. His response, whatever it is, will answer your questions, and getting it off your chest will clear the air. He might even try to make it up to Margo, optimistically

Easier Said than Done

Dear Margo: I have a warning for your female readers, based on personal experience. I had a good friend and co-worker who was in a bad relationship with a brilliant man who specialized in mental cruelty.

Babs) would call me at all hours sobbing out her heartache over his latest mentally abusive behavior. and she could not see her way to either stand up to him or end the relationship. The few times she did stand up to him, he backed right down and treated her like a queen for weeks, but then went back to his old tricks (which she accepted for months at a time).

Babs was model-beautiful, smart, fun, funny, kind,

considerate and successful in a normally maledominated profession, and vet she wasted years with someone who didn't love her but needed a constant in his life. She was (obviously) insecure enough to need that constant herself and couldn't see that she allowed him to mistreat her. Over time, fractured friendships and eventually lost her position at our company because she was such an emotional wreck.

Babs would probably say I was a bad friend because I could no longer listen to her heartache and provide emotional support. couldn't stand seeing her wasting her time with someone who didn't care. I would urge such women to both evaluate how an unhealthy relationship is affecting all other aspects of life, and then work up the courage to move on and have a better shot at a happier life. I hope you tell vour women readers to put higher value on their themselves and emotional well-being. My friend (I'll call her E.H.S.

> **Dear E.:** I don't have to because you just did — and in a most sensible and thoughtful way. I would add, however, that this particular situation is one of those most often figured out by trial and error and I would stress "error." Margo, concurringly

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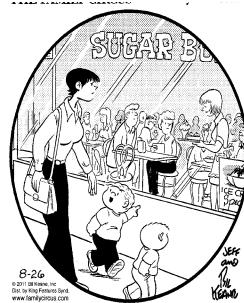
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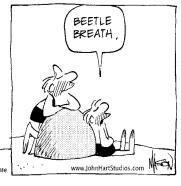
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2011. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, with only limited success. In 1883, the island volcano Switzerland (it was abrogated by Egypt in 1951). In 1958, Alaskans went to the

polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood. In 1961, the original Hockey Hall of Fame was opened in

Toronto. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right

at the Democratic national con-

vention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1971, New Jersey Gov. William T. Cahill announced that the New York Giants football team had agreed to leave Yankee Stadium for a new sports complex to be built in East Rutherford.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani (al-BEE'-noh loo-CHYAH'-nee) of Venice was elected pope following the death of Paul VI. The new ponover a month later.)

Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 90. Actress Francine York is 75. Singer Vic Dana is 69. Rhythmand-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 65. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 62. Actor Brett Cullen is 55. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 52. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 51. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 50. Actor Chris Burke is 46. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 45. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 45. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 45. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 42. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 41. Latin pop singer Thalia is

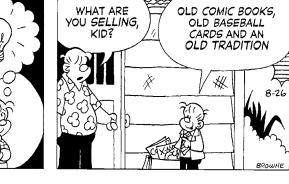
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