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Council to consider election call

Vote could change how EDC money is distributed

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is set Tuesday evening to consider final approval of an ordinance calling for a special election in November to consider nixing the existing Type A economic development sales tax and to replace it with a Type B corporation.

The council approved first reading of the ordinance during its July 24 meeting on a unanimous vote — with District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson absent due to health issues — despite a strong public outcry from local officials and citizens to allow the existing EDC to continue operating as a Type A corporation.

The sales tax was adopted by Big Spring voters May 5, 1990, and designated solely for use on Type A projects,

which include:

- Manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, and small warehouse facilities.
- Research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, primary job training facilities operated by higher education institutions, job training classes, telephone call centers and career centers not located within a junior college taxing district.
- Certain infrastructure improvements that promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises.
- Aviation facilities.
- Commuter rail, light rail or commuter bus operations.
- Port-related facilities, railports, rail switching facilities, marine ports and inland ports.
- Maintenance and operat-

ing costs associated with projects.

According to the comptroller's office, the Type B sales tax may be used for any project eligible under Type A rules and several other project types, including quality of life improvements. Type B corporations may pay for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements for:

- Professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks.
- Related store, restaurant, concession, parking and trans-

portation facilities.

- Related street, water and sewer facilities and affordable housing.

According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, with voter approval, Type A EDCs may fund projects eligible under Type B without voting to abolish the Type A tax and impose the Type B tax. The city recently went through this process when it held a special election to fund a multi-million overhaul of the municipality's water and wastewater facilities.

As part of the agreement between the council and the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors, the EDC



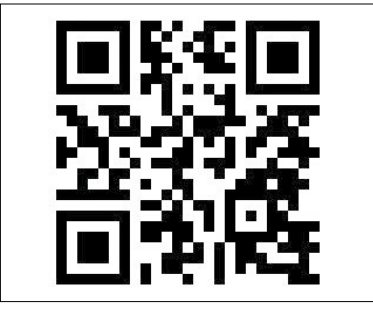
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The Big Spring City Council will consider second reading of a resolution calling for a special election on a proposed reorganization of the Economic Development Corporation when it meets Tuesday.

will provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue — with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab.

The overhaul — which was ultimately approved by the voters in the form of a Type B (or 4B) funded project — was agreed upon by both the city and EDC to the tune of 40 percent of the corporation's annual budget, but not before the city included a provision guaranteeing it would not seek further funding.

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Ryan's Medicare plan returns to the forefront

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Paul Ryan's blueprint for Medicare could prove as polarizing in the campaign as President Barack Obama's health care overhaul has been. Even Mitt Romney may not want to go there.



Ryan

Romney's new running mate has built a strong reputation on Capitol Hill for bold ideas to restrain health care costs and federal spending overall. His centerpiece idea is to steer future retirees into private insurance plans, with a fixed payment from the government that may or may not cover as much of a retiree's costs as does the current program.

Ryan, a conservative Wisconsin congressman and chairman of the House Budget Committee, calls his idea "premium support." Democrats call it a voucher plan. In theory, Ryan's plan could work, economists say. But the devil's in the details. Lots of them, and yet to be ironed out.

Ryan would also turn Medicaid over to the states, and sharply limit

the growth of future spending on that safety net program. Between them, Medicare and Medicaid cover about 100 million people, touching nearly every American family in some way.

While expressing support broadly, Romney has yet to spell out where he stands on specifics of his running mate's proposals. And that could get tricky.

Mindful of the risks, Romney put gentle but unmistakable distance between his agenda and Ryan's hot-potato budget proposals on Sunday, a day after announcing his running mate's selection. The presidential candidate singled out Ryan's work "to make sure we can save Medicare." But Romney never said whether he embraced that plan himself. During the Republican primary, Romney had called Ryan's budget a "bold and exciting effort" that was "very much needed."

Democrats wouldn't let them off the hook, criticizing the "Ryan-Romney" Medicare plan at every turn.

"From the standpoint of public understanding, the Romney-Ryan ticket has a hill to climb," said health

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Leadership application deadline approaching

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Learning more about the inner workings of a community doesn't have to be hard or impossible.



Valverde

For those wanting to learn a little bit more, an opportunity is fast approaching — the next session of Leadership Big Spring is set to begin Sept. 13 and is open to 25 participants.

"Taking part in Leadership Big Spring is one way for members of the community to find out what's going on right in their own backyard," said Debby Valverde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore different areas of the community, from the prison systems to the education and medical fields to a police ride

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Hamilton, Darvish power Rangers past Detroit 8-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With Josh Hamilton and Yu Darvish regaining their form from the first half of the season, the Texas Rangers are beginning to pull away in the American League West.

Hamilton hit his 32nd homer and drove in three runs, Darvish struck out eight and the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 8-3 Sunday.

The Rangers are 10-3 since having their division lead cut down to three games on July 31. After Oakland lost Sunday, the Rangers now top the AL West by 6½ games.

"I just hope we can maintain what we have been doing," Hamilton said.

Hamilton is a big reason for Texas' surge. He was mired in a lengthy slump when manager Ron Washington gave him a mental day off on July 28. The slugger was then briefly dropped to the fifth spot in the line-

up for the first time in two years.

The 2010 AL MVP has responded since then, hitting three home runs with 15 RBIs in 11 games. The Rangers have gone 8-3 in that span.

Hamilton had a two-run drive in the first inning, taking the major league lead and matching his career high. He added an RBI single to give him 99 RBIs, which is also tops in baseball.

Darvish (12-8) allowed six hits and walked five to snap a personal two-game losing streak and help the Rangers take two of three from the Tigers.

After starting the season 10-4, Darvish went 1-4 with a 7.04 ERA in six starts before Sunday.

"He was the king and he acted like he was the king on the mound," Washington said.

Ian Kinsler drove in two runs and Elvis Andrus scored three times. The Rangers, who

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Texas slugger Josh Hamilton connects for a two-run homer during Sunday's 8-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Pitcher Yu Darvish snapped a two-game losing streak.

AP photo

Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly playday last Monday.

Jo Ann Hillger shot low gross, Annie Ward took low net and Trish Gabbard had the fewest putts.

The team of Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth and Ray and Sue Russell took first place at Thursday's couples play outing after shooting a 4-under par.

Coming in second were Donnie and Shirley Long and Annie Ward and Jerry Roach with a 2-under par. Third place went to John and Gus Leonard and Billand Bobbie Holden with a 2-over par.

Comanche Trail's Trish Gabbard also won first gross in the third flight of a recent Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association playday at Hogan Country Club with a score of 98.

Astros help Milwaukee snap road losing streak with 5-3 flub

HOUSTON (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers don't have a defined closer in a bullpen that's already blown 22 save chances this season.

Now each reliever has to be ready in case the task of holding a ninth-inning lead falls to him.

On Sunday it was Kameron Loe's turn and, after a couple of hiccups, he shut down Houston to preserve a 5-3 win and end Milwaukee's 11-game road losing streak.

"It keeps us on our toes right now," he said. "I think there's been a learning process this year for a number of guys, myself included,

and you've just got to accept the challenges that come along and take it with a smile."

Yovani Gallardo handled Houston once again and Corey Hart homered for the Brewers.

Milwaukee won on the road for the first time since July 8 at Houston in its last game before the All-Star break. The Brewers had been swept at the Reds, Phillies and Cardinals since then to extend their losing streak to the second-longest in franchise history, and the longest since they lost 17 straight in 1970.

Gallardo (11-8) won his 10th straight start

against Houston. He's the first pitcher to win 10 or more consecutive starts against one opponent since Roy Halladay did it against Montreal/Washington from 2004-11, according to information provided to the Brewers by the Elias Sports Bureau.

The right-hander allowed three runs and struck out eight in 7 2-3 innings.

Things got a bit dicey for Loe and Milwaukee's beleaguered bullpen in the ninth inning after a hit and an error left the tying on record base. But he retired Marwin Gonzalez to get his first save in six tries.

U.S. wins medal count with 104, 46 of them gold

LONDON (AP) — Red, white and blue was everywhere in London.

For the Americans — and for the British, too.

The most medals, and the most gold medals. That's what the U.S. Olympic Team wanted, and it's what they delivered. As for the home team? Riding the wave of home-field advantage, the British put together their best Olympic showing in over a century.

The competition is over. The U.S. was best, but the success stories from London truly spanned the globe.

"I think these games were absolutely fabulous," International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said.

The final numbers: 104 medals for the United States, 46 of them gold, their highest total at a "road" Olympics. China won 87 medals, 38 of them gold, down from what they did as the home team in 2008. Britain won 29 golds,

third-most of any nation, and 65 overall — fourth in that category behind Russia, a winner of 82 medals, 24 gold.

Grenada had its first gold medalist, and six other nations sent athletes to the Olympic podium for the first time. Meanwhile, Australia took another step back in its Olympic freefall after a scintillating show in Sydney 12 years ago.

In all, 85 nations won something in London, from the U.S. to Tajikistan and dozens of points in between.

"We are immensely proud of the success that our athletes had in London," U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun said Sunday.

So were the hosts, who delivered on a promise of greatness in 2012.

"What I've witnessed in the last couple of weeks has been both uplifting and energizing," London Games chief Sebastian Coe

said. "I don't think any country that has staged the games or any city that staged the games is ever the same afterwards."

Neither are the athletes who win them. A boxer from Thailand protested losing a gold-medal fight to a Chinese opponent, and shed tears of disbelief when the decision was announced. He cried again 10 minutes later, holding his silver medal for the first time.

"I'm happy. I'm still really happy that I've got this silver medal," said the Thai fighter, Kaeo Pongprayoon. "I'm really proud. It might not be gold, but it's a medal I can bring back to the Thai people."

The U.S. brought a whole slew of hardware back to the American people. The 46 golds in London were one more than the gold haul from Paris in 1924 and Mexico City in 1968.

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London puts out Olympic flame; next stop Rio de Janeiro in 2016

LONDON (AP) — And now, on to Rio!

London brought the curtain down on a hugely entertaining Olympics with a sensational rock 'n' roll nostalgia tour of a closing ceremony that thrilled the London night with top-of-the-chart classics, supermodels and psychedelic mayhem.

After a glorious two weeks of never-to-be-forgotten moments that left Britain exhausted, exhilarated and deeply proud, organizers handed the baton to 2016 host Brazil, which must now take up the Herculean task of matching them.

Judging by the swaying samba of Marisa Monte and

the sexy baritone of Seu Jorge in Brazil's eight-minute musical and visual postcard for the 2016 games, they look to be off to a foot-stomping start.

But Sunday was all about Britain.

The three-hour extravaganza offered a sensory blast including rock 'n' roll rickshaws, dustbin percussionists, an exploding yellow car and a marching band in red tunics and bearskin hats.

The Spice Girls staged a show-stopping reunion, and Monty Python's Eric Idle sauntered through "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" — accompanied by Roman centurions, Scottish bagpipers and a human can-

nonball.

It all made for a madcap mashup that had 80,000 fans at Olympic Stadium stomping, cheering and singing along. Organizers estimated 300 million or more were watching around the world.

What a way to end a games far more successful than many Londoners expected. Early security glitches were conquered with the help of the military, road traffic was manageable and the wettest early summer on record gave way to mostly sunny skies. More importantly, British athletes overachieved.

It all came with a price tag of \$14 billion — three times the original estimate. But no-

body wanted to spoil the fun with such mundane concerns, at least not on this night.

"We lit the flame, and we lit up the world," said London organizing committee chief Sebastian Coe. "When our time came, Britain, we did it right."

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge declared the Olympics over with praise for the athletes.

"Through your commitment to fair play, your respect for opponents, and your grace in defeat as well as in victory, you have earned the right to be called Olympians," he said, adding: "These were happy and glorious games."

But the night was about splash more than speeches.

Festive and fast-moving, the ceremony opened with pop bands Madness, Pet Shop Boys and One Direction, a shout-out to Winston Churchill and a tribute to the Union Jack — the Olympic Stadium floor arranged to resemble the British flag.

Monochrome recreations of London landmarks were covered in newsprint, from Big Ben's clock tower and Tower Bridge to the London Eye ferris wheel and the chubby high-rise known as the Gherkin.

Street percussion group See **FLAME**, Page 10

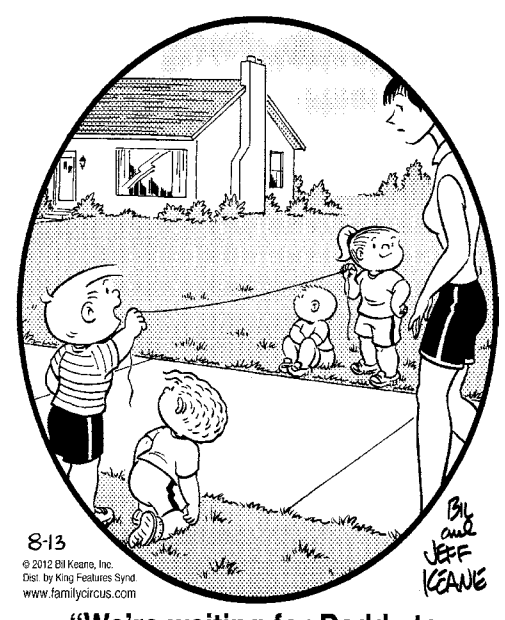
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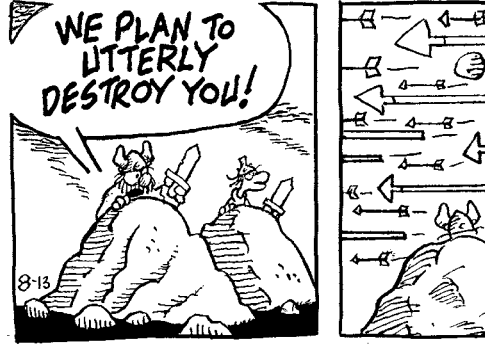
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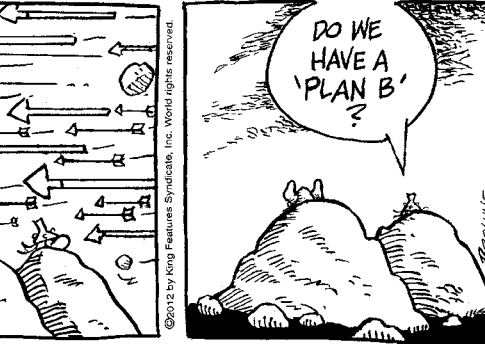


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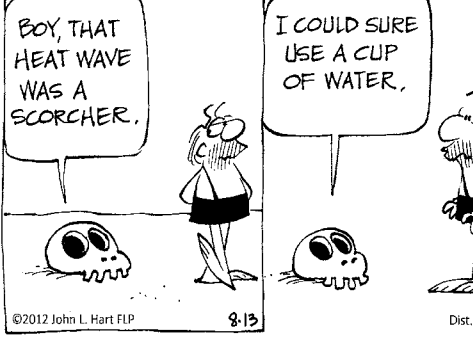
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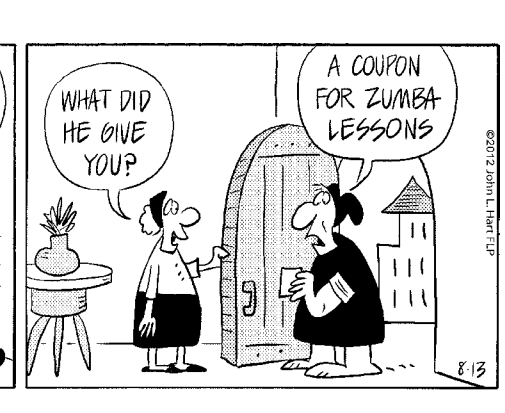
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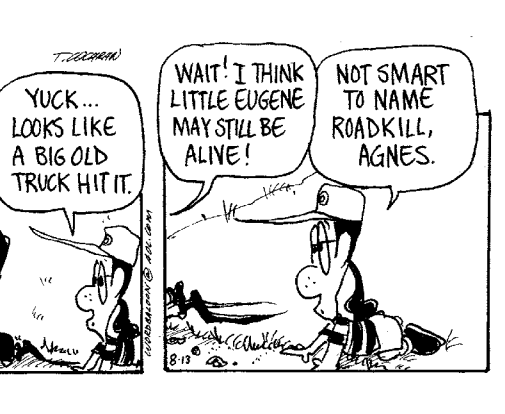
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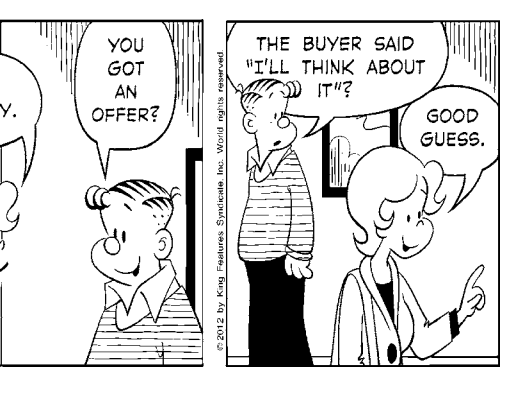
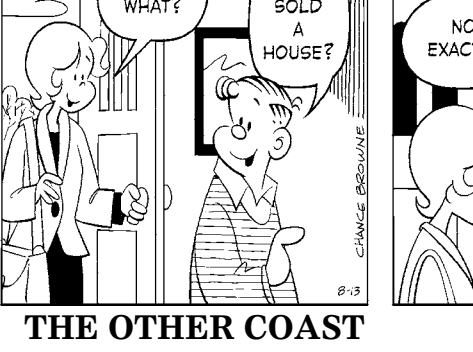
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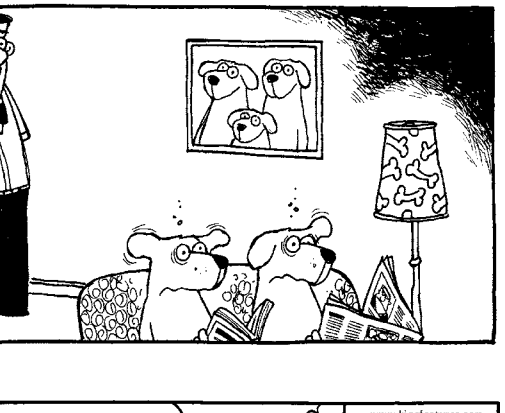
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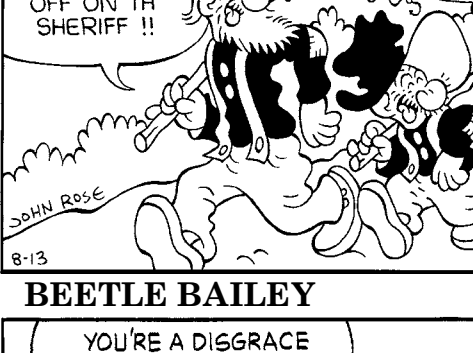
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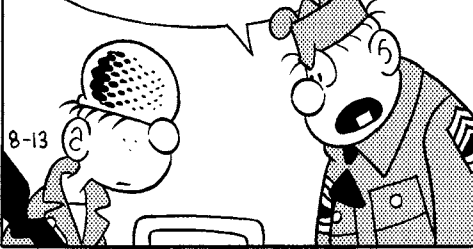
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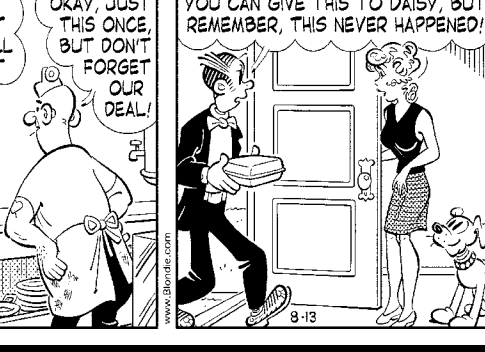
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 13, the 226th day of 2012. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 13, 1942, Walt Disney's animated feature "Bambi" had its U.S. premiere at Radio City Music Hall in New York, five days after its world premiere in London.

On this date:

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured Tenochtitlan (teh-natch-teet-LAHN'), present-day Mexico City, from the Aztecs.

In 1624, King Louis XIII of France appointed Cardinal Richelieu (ree-shuh-LYOO') his first minister.

In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English-led forces over French and Bavarian soldiers.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold it "for all or nothing."

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors and began building a wall that would stand for the next 28 years.

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

In 1989, searchers in Ethiopia found the wreckage of a plane which had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 other people — there were no survivors.

Today's Birthdays: Former Cuban President Fidel Castro is 86. Actor Pat Harrington is 83. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 79. Actor Kevin Tighe is 68. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 65. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 64. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 63. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 63. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 57. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 57. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 53. TV host/weatherman Sam Champion (TV: "Good Morning America") is 51. Actress Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 51. Actor John Slattery is 50. Actress Debi Mazar is 48. Actress Quinn Cummings is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

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37 Striped black-and-white animals
41 Hurricane center
42 Tot watcher
43 Scissors sound
44 Like very old bread
45 Visitors
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