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Sherry Hodnett, center, bids on one of the several silent auction items at the Boots and Bling United Way Kick-off held Saturday night at the Big Spring Country Club. During the evening, it was announced that the goal for the 2013 campaign would be \$300,000.

UW goal: \$300,000

Officials confident 2013 goal will be met

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer

Let the campaign begin ... well, almost. United Way of Big Spring and Howard County hosted its annual campaign kickoff, Boots and Bling, Saturday night. During the event, the organization's new campaign goal — \$300,000 — was announced through the words of Dr. Seuss. "So let's get on our way of kicking of our campaign of \$300,000," Ann McClarty, United Way first vice president, said. "Will we succeed? Yes, we will succeed, 100 percent guaranteed." Money raised in the 2013 campaign will help support 16 local agencies:

- American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, which provides disaster victims with emergency assistance. It can be contacted at 432-553-1439
- Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America and Girls Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Both groups provide educational and character build-

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Don't expect bold party platforms

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Don't look for many bold pronouncements when Republicans and Democrats adopt party platforms at their national conventions. Platforms are supposed to reflect the core values of the party and maybe provide some red meat to fire up the base, getting activists excited about supporting their presidential nominee. That's what Democrats

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Linda P. Schacht

hope to do by embracing gay marriage in their platform, a position that President Barack Obama only recently has adopted. But no candidate wants to provide political fodder for opponents by including something in the platform that might turn off the sought-after undecided swing voters who could decide the election. "You don't want a sentence or paragraph or phrase from your

platform to be used against you in an ad or in a speech as a wedge issue," said Linda P. Schacht, a veteran of many Democratic conventions who worked on Jimmy Carter's campaigns in 1976 and 1980. That could present a challenge for Republican Mitt Romney, who will have to contend with supporters of Rep. Ron Paul at the GOP convention in Tampa, Fla., at month's end. See **PARTY**, Page 3

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School supply drive ends Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The local Salvation Army is currently taking applications for its annual back-to-school supply drive, as the charity hopes to send area children back to class with all the materials necessary for a successful school year. According to Bessie Flores, social worker for the charity group, the Salvation Army will accept applications for assistance through the program through Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Salvation Army office located at 811 W. Fifth St. "It's really amazing how easily the back to school season can creep up on you each year," Flores said. "It seems like it comes earlier and ear-

lier each year." Flores said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year. "It's hard enough to get back into the books after a whole summer off," Flores said. "When you don't have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids' lives, and we need to do everything we can to support them." Flores said the application process is simple and quick,



Flores

and in most cases parents who are approved can pick up the school supplies the same day they apply for them. "We'll be doing the application and distribution the same way we did it last year," Flores said. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office. "We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child. We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also,

bring proof of income and expenses and a picture ID for the person applying for the program." In the meantime, one ingredient the annual program can still use is donations, according to Flores. "If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," Flores said. See **DRIVE**, Page 3



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Obituaries

Julie Hallford Mince

Julie Hallford Mince, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012. Her services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rodney S. Garza

Rodney S. Garza, 56, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL, 35, of 1200 Madison, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SHAWN WILLIAM TOW, 27, of Oklahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FREDERICK HERNANDEZ, 42, of 1405 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).
- CLIFTON LEWIS SCOTT, 35, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 206, was arrested Sunday on charges of assault – family violence and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- MANUEL GUEVARA, 50, of 1605 Sunset, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KYRENEA HULL, 50, of 1600 S. Lancaster Apt. 205, was arrested Sunday on charges of theft and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- BOBBY CLAY BROWNE, 47, of Rising Star, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- CHRISTOPHER HOHERTZ, 37, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Monday on charges of failure to drive in a single lane and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa and the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2100 block of Runnels.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- RUBEN ROJAS JR., 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- SAMANTHA LAQUE WILLIAMS, 19, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to display driver's license, failure to yield right-of-way, failure to appear and violation of a promise to appear.

Take Note

- The Howard County Texas Tech Alumni Association will host a barbecue and social get-together at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hampton Inn, 805 W. Interstate 20. The event is open to all current and prospective association members. For more information, contact Craig Ferguson at 213-3837.

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

- Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the

pear.

- MICHAEL CRAIG COLLINS, 59, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- DAVID ORTIZ GONZALES, 33, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- GABRIELA SOLTERO SALMERON, 31, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWIN LEE MATTHEWS, 49, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BOBBY CLAY BROWNE, 47, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
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- CLIFTON LEWIS SCOTT, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- KYRENEA HULL WEBB, 50, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of theft and use/possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- MANUEL GUEVARA, 45, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to drive in a single lane and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- IVAN PAYAN GOMEZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. Contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

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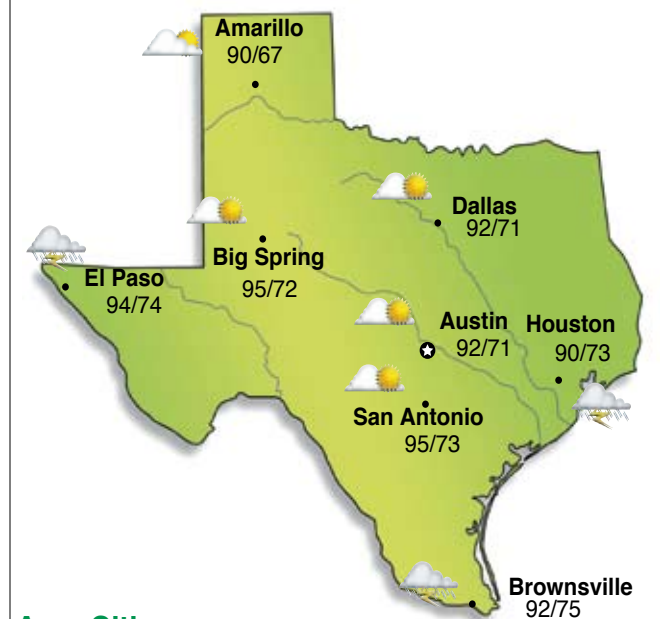
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/22	Thu 8/23	Fri 8/24	Sat 8/25	Sun 8/26
95/72 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/74 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	94/74 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	97/74 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	95/72 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	92	71	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	74	t-storm
Amarillo	90	67	cloudy	Livingston	92	68	t-storm
Austin	92	71	pt sunny	Longview	90	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	71	t-storm	Lubbock	92	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	75	t-storm	Lufkin	93	70	t-storm
Brownwood	93	70	pt sunny	Midland	95	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	77	t-storm	Raymondville	94	74	t-storm
Corsicana	92	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	72	t-storm
Dallas	92	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	95	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	71	pt sunny
El Paso	94	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	68	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	94	70	pt sunny	Sweetwater	92	70	pt sunny
Gainesville	88	69	pt sunny	Tyler	91	69	pt sunny
Greenville	91	67	pt sunny	Weatherford	90	70	pt sunny
Houston	90	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	87	70	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	63	cloudy	Minneapolis	84	67	pt sunny
Boston	80	62	pt sunny	New York	80	70	pt sunny
Chicago	85	63	sunny	Phoenix	91	77	t-storm
Dallas	92	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	54	mst sunny
Denver	89	62	t-storm	Seattle	67	57	pt sunny
Houston	90	73	t-storm	St. Louis	91	67	sunny
Los Angeles	80	64	sunny	Washington, DC	85	70	pt sunny
Miami	90	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 8/22	Thu 8/23	Fri 8/24	Sat 8/25	Sun 8/26
10	11	11	11	10
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Support groups

TUESDAY
 • Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

DRIVE

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said. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they

also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

For more information on the program, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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PARTY

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Paul's supporters are determined to make their mark on the convention, and the Texas congressman has pointed to the platform as a good way to do it.

The GOP platform committee meets Monday and Tuesday in Tampa, ahead of the start of the convention Aug. 27.

Romney will have enough delegates to win any battle over the platform. But if Paul's supporters aren't placated, they could become an unwanted distraction, forcing public debates over foreign policy and the fight against terrorism at a time when Romney would rather focus on the struggling economy and his efforts to defeat Obama.

Many of Paul's libertarian views dovetail nicely with mainstream Republican ideas on limited government and low taxes. But Paul breaks with much of his party when he rails against American intervention abroad, calling the wars

in Iraq and Afghanistan illegal because Congress never passed a declaration of war. Paul also calls for abolishing the Federal Reserve and repealing the Patriot Act, legislation enacted after the Sept. 11 attacks to give law enforcement more tools to fight terrorism.

Don't look for any of those positions in this year's Republican platform.

But party leaders could make some concessions, perhaps agreeing to a plank that calls for an audit of the Fed or a broad statement that calls for respecting civil liberties in the fight against terrorism.

Would that be enough to appease most Paul supporters?

"The delegates are individuals. They're going to go in there, the ones we have on the platform committee, they're going to go in there and fight for what they actually want," said Marianne Stebbins, a delegate who coordinated Paul's campaign in Minnesota. "I think you're going to see — I'm hoping — quite a different platform (from 2008),

where we're talking about civil liberties a little more, whether it's Internet privacy or warrantless wiretaps,"

But, she added, "You don't turn the barge around in a day."

Paul has a dedicated following, even though he didn't win a single Republican presidential primary.

Nevertheless, his supporters took control of several state GOP conventions where they elected delegates to the national convention. Paul has 160 delegates, compared with 1,552 for Romney, according to The Associated Press count.

The Romney campaign treads lightly around Paul, careful not to offend his supporters but insistent that the national convention is Romney's affair.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell will head the GOP platform committee. Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota and Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee will serve as co-chairmen.

The Democratic platform committee met a week ago and approved the platform that will be

presented at the party's national convention in Charlotte, N.C. The platform endorses same-sex marriage for the first time and calls for the repeal of a federal law that denies federal marriage benefits to same-sex couples.

The same-sex marriage plank represents a milestone for advocates who have watched the platform's position on gay rights gradually evolve. Democrats first mentioned gay rights in their 1980 platform when the party quietly added two words, "sexual orientation," to the list of reasons why people should not be discriminated against.

Cory Booker, the mayor of Newark, N.J., who is co-chairman of the platform committee, said the plank is important but he questioned its impact on the outcome of the election.

"At the end of the day it'll maybe repel some and attract others to be more engaged," Booker said. "This campaign is not going to turn on gay marriage. This campaign is going to turn on who has the best ideas for the economy."

GOAL

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ing programs, providing training in citizenship, personal fitness and responsibility. To contact Boy Scouts, call 432-212-3577. Girl Scouts information can be obtained by calling 432-550-2688.

• CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of West Texas is a program which promotes and supports quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of the abused and neglected children in court. Its goal is to provide a safe, nurturing permanent environment for those children. To find out more, call 432-263-4162.

• Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center provides outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy and cardiac rehabilitation to children and adults on a sliding scale ability to pay. To find out more, call 432-267-3806.

• Emergency Services Chaplain Corp Services, a new agency in 2012, helps counsel those needing assistance in a crisis situation. For more information, call 432-264-2244.

• Howard County Council on Aging/Meals on Wheels provides well-balanced meals five days a week to homebound seniors in the area. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 432-263-4016.

• Howard County Humane Society takes care of the four-legged members of the community, providing shelter and care for abandoned, abused and neglected animals. The shelter arranges pet visitations for the elderly and dis-

abled, as well. To find out more, call 432-267-7832.

• Isaiah 58, a local food pantry, strives to provide hunger relief and Christian counseling in the local community. To find out more information, call 432-263-4758.

• North Side Community Center provides clothing, household articles, rent and other assistance, emergency shelter and counseling. To find out more information, call 432-263-2673.

• Salvation Army/Community and Emergency Services provides meals for the hungry as well as lodging for the homeless. There is a food pantry, domestic crisis shelter and substance abuse counseling. More information can be obtained by calling 432-267-8239.

• Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club offers educational and recreational programs, after-school care and summer day camp. For more information, call 432-264-7344.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corp is a newer agency providing educational support services and vocational counseling for participants in order for them to become valuable employees. More information can be obtained by calling 432-517-4627.

• Rape Crisis Victim Services of Big Spring provides immediate af-

ter-crisis support for victims of rape and sexual assault. The agency also provides self-help for adults and adolescents in group sessions and self-protection awareness presentations. The agency is also involved in Shattered Dreams, an anti-drunk driving program aimed at area schools. For more information, call 432-263-3312.

• Westside Community Day Care Center and YMCA of Big Spring provide services to the area's youth. Westside provides day care and education for children of working parents through the age of 12. More information can be obtained by calling, 432-263-7841. YMCA not only offers child care, but also has summer activities, including aquatics, sports, gymnastics and more. To contact the YMCA, call 432-267-8234.

As part of the celebration, each of the agencies was presented with a bonus check in addition to their funding which was granted earlier this year.

"Because our community was so generous we exceeded our goal from last year," McClarty said. "By doing so we are allowed to

give our agencies bonus checks."

More than \$295,000 brought in for the 2012 campaign, exceeding the goal of \$275,000. All funds were raised through pledges, private donations and fundraising events such as Empty Bowls.

Empty Bowls, a special event started by the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh, will continue for a sixth year. Because of increased support of the program, it will be moved to a new location to be announced at a later date.

"We look forward to another great campaign," McClarty said. "Thank you for supporting our community, our agencies and United Way."

After the meeting, it was noticed that three Girl Scout vests with patches were gone. If anyone attending that evening knows what happened to them, call the United Way office at 432-267-5201.

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

sudoku

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

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

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By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
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♥ J 9 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ Q 8 7 2
WEST
♠ A Q 10 9 3 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 3
EAST
♠ 8 7 6
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ J 9
♣ A J 10 4
SOUTH
♠ K
♥ A 10
♦ A K 8 7 5 4 3
♣ K 6 5

led the queen of diamonds and continued with a diamond to South's king. South then played a third diamond, on which West discarded the heart as North ruffed with the jack.

North returned a low heart to South's ace, and South led a fourth round of diamonds. West discarded a club as dummy ruffed with the six, and a trump lead from dummy allowed West to claim the rest of the tricks after the king appeared.

At the second table, where B. Jay Becker and Dorothy Hayden were seated North-South for the U.S., the bidding took a dramatic turn:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♠ Pass
Pass 2♦ Pass Pass
2♣ Pass Pass
Pass 3 NT!

Mrs. Hayden's three-notrump call, though highly unusual, was well-judged. With the expected low-spade lead — assuming West had the ace, which seemed likely — she could count nine tricks in notrump.

West led the queen of spades, and Mrs. Hayden, thanks to her bold bid, eventually finished with 10 tricks to net the American team a gain of 770 points. It is true that, with the jack of spades in the North hand, three notrump could not be defeated with any lead, but getting there was nevertheless a coup of the first order.

Tomorrow: Strictly a matter of logic.

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Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

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Romney and Ryan plan town hall meeting with NH voters

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are ready to face New Hampshire voters and answer their questions, especially about the Republican plan for Medicare that has left some seniors skittish.

Romney and Ryan on Monday will try to explain to voters — particularly seniors, who reliably cast ballots — that their proposal to offer a private alternative to Medicare would not affect anyone over age 55. Some 14 percent of New Hampshire residents are over the age of 65, and this state, which holds the nation's first presidential primary, is known for its voters' sharp questioning of candidates during such town hall-style events.

President Barack Obama spent Saturday in New Hampshire, casting doubts on what the GOP ticket would do for older voters.

"You would think they would avoid talking about Medicare, given the fact that both of them have proposed to voucherize the Medicare system," he said Saturday in Windham. "But I guess they figure the best defense is to try to go on offense."

"So, New Hampshire, here is what you need to know: Since I have been in office, I have strengthened Medicare."

Paul Ryan's strong views on abortion add to campaign's polarization on women's issues

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Since Mitt Romney selected Paul Ryan as his running mate, the presidential campaign's focus has largely centered on the Wisconsin congressman's ambitious plan to

transform Medicare and slash government spending.

But President Barack Obama's re-election team and its allies have also been highlighting the congressman's staunchly anti-abortion stance, hoping to buttress its argument that the Republican ticket is hostile to women's rights.

Ryan has earned a perfect rating from the National Right to Life Committee for his votes during his 14 years in Congress. The National Abortion Rights Action League tallied 59 votes that Ryan took on abortion-related bills. On each measure, he voted against abortion rights.

"I'm as pro-life as a person gets," Ryan told The Weekly Standard, a conservative magazine, in 2010.

Chinese, Japanese activists up stakes in escalating regional dispute over islands' ownership

TOKYO (AP) — When Tokyo's nationalist governor suggested buying uninhabited islands at the center of a long-simmering dispute with China, Beijing immediately denounced him and even Japan's government played down the plan, fearing an international firestorm.

Now activists on both sides have put the islands front-and-center in one of the biggest territorial flare-ups between the two Asian giants in years, a collision of the persistent animosities over Japan's imperialist past and the new fears of China's rising economic and military clout.

An unauthorized landing by Japanese activists on a tiny island in what the Japanese call the Senkaku chain — and the Chinese call the Diaoyu — has sparked an outpouring of anger and anti-Japanese

protests across China and fueled calls for aggressive government action that some fear could lead to a dangerous escalation of tensions.

Japanese authorities on Monday questioned the 10 Japanese, including Tokyo city assembly members, who swam ashore on the disputed island the day before. News of the landing prompted thousands of Chinese to hold demonstrations in 10 cities, where protesters sang the Chinese national anthem or carried banners demanding Japan give up the islands.

Ousted Chinese politician's wife gets suspended death sentence for murder of UK businessman

HEFEI, China (AP) — The wife of a disgraced Chinese politician was given a suspended death sentence Monday after confessing to killing a British businessman by poisoning him with cyanide in a case that rocked the country's top political leadership.

A suspended sentence is usually commuted to life in prison after two years.

Sentenced along with Gu Kailai was a family aide who was given nine years' imprisonment for his involvement in the murder of Neil Heywood, a former family associate, Hefei Intermediate People's Court official Tang Yigan told reporters.

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Griffin III gets sacked three times behind weak Redskins O-line

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Griffin III: three sacks, no touchdowns.

Kirk Cousins: three touchdowns, no sacks.

If preseason stats could be taken at face value, one could have fun cobbling together yet another Washington Redskins quarterback controversy, this one involving a pair of rookies.

For one thing, fourth-rounding Cousins from Michigan State is naturally more comfortable in the pocket than No. 2 overall pick Griffin, who didn't get a chance to learn the nuances of a pro-style offense at Baylor.

Of course, there is no such QB competition. Griffin played with and against starters during the first half of Saturday night's 33-31 loss to the Chicago Bears, while Cousins was on the field in the second half with quite a few players who will soon be looking for work. Griffin would have to be inept or injured not to remain the No. 1 guy when the regular season opens, and so far he's been neither.

But he did get his first taste of NFL pressure after a relatively smooth quarter of work in the preseason opener the week before. He lost a fumble deep in Redskins territory on one of the sacks and completed 5

of 8 passes for only 49 yards.

"We never really got into a rhythm," Griffin said. "I think everyone on the (first-string) wanted to go back in the second half."

Growing pains aside, Griffin can't flourish if he's always on the run. The game reinforced an ongoing concern about an offensive line that was missing three projected starters — Kory Lichtensteiger, Chris Chester and Jammal Brown.

The Redskins (No. 25 in the AP Pro32) are reasonably hopeful that Lichtensteiger and Chester will be healthy when the regular season starts Sept. 9.

And Griffin is also going to need more help from the starting defense, which gave up big plays and lost two starters — two-time Pro Bowl linebacker Brian Orakpo and strong safety Brandon Meriweather — to injuries in the first quarter.

Orakpo and Meriweather were both scheduled for MRIs on Sunday, with coach Mike Shanahan expected to divulge the results when the practice reconvenes for practice on Monday.

Orakpo reinjured his left shoulder trying to tackle Bears receiver Devin Hester; it's the

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Kubiak looks to shore up Texans run defense

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Gary Kubiak said Saturday's win over San Francisco had a regular-season feel and offered a helpful gauge of where the Texans stand three weeks before the games count.

Kubiak liked most of what he saw in the Texans' 20-9 victory — the continuing improvement of receiver Lestar Jean, developing depth on the right side of the offensive line and sharpness from quarterback Matt Schaub and star receiver Andre Johnson.

But the second-team offense sputtered and the 49ers broke off a handful of first-down runs, new areas of concern for Kubiak.

"It is the preseason," Kubiak said Sunday, "but that was a very real picture for us, as a team, of where we're headed and where we have to be here in a couple of weeks."

Linebacker Brian Cushing bruised his ribs in the game, but Kubiak said the rest of the Texans came out of the game without injury. Kubiak is hoping nose tackle Shaun Cody (back) and defensive end J.J. Watt (dislocated elbow) can return to practice this week.

Houston (No. 6 in the AP Pro32) plays at New Orleans (No. 9) on Saturday, and Kubiak plans to play his starters about three quarters.

Watt, a first-round draft pick, had 5½ sacks and two fumble recoveries during his rookie regular season, then provided the signature moment of the Texans' season when he returned an interception for a touchdown in Houston's 31-10 rout of Cincinnati in the playoffs. Watt hurt his elbow early in training camp, and Kubiak said Watt is "very close" to returning to work.

Cody hurt his back in Houston's preseason opener against Carolina, and Kubiak said Cody will run on Monday, though he cautioned that he's still "day to day."

Schaub and Johnson, who both missed much of last season with injuries, looked to be in midseason form in the first half on Saturday.

Schaub completed 11 of 14 passes for 128 yards, including a 43-yard hookup to Johnson, who fended off two defenders to make the catch.

Johnson sat out the first week of training camp with a mild groin strain, and Kubiak is happy to see the two regain their chemistry so quickly.

"They've practiced really good the last 8-10 days," Kubiak said. "Andre missed the time and had been rusty, and you could see them in practice coming together a little bit. That's very important, because that gives confidence to our whole offense."

Jean caught a short TD pass from Schaub, one of his four catches.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's volleyball squad traveled to Abilene this past weekend to compete in the Bev Ball Classic Tournament. The Lady Steers performed well, bringing their record to 4-4 for the season and defeating San Angelo, Lubbock High and eventually Grape Creek in the championship to earn a first place finish in the silver bracket. Big Spring will host Lubbock High and Andrews on Tuesday with varsity set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Young, Harrison lead Rangers as they pummel Toronto 11-2

TORONTO (AP) — Matt Harrison set the tone with a terrific start, and the best offense in baseball took care of the rest.

Michael Young hit a three-run homer and added a two-run double to help the Texas Rangers beat the slumping Toronto Blue Jays 11-2 on Sunday.

"We really fed off of (Harrison) today," Young said. "Usually when you have a good offensive performance you feed off the starting pitcher."

Harrison (14-7) pitched eight strong innings to match his career high for wins, set last season. The left-hander allowed two runs and two hits, struck out seven and walked one.

"Tremendous," Rangers manager Ron Washington said of Harrison. "He worked fast, he got quick outs, he pounded the strike zone, he used all his

pitches."

David Murphy also connected and doubled twice, and Geovany Soto had three hits as baseball's highest scoring team passed 600 runs for the season. The AL West leaders sit atop the majors with 606 runs scored.

"Offense is always a hot-button issue in Texas with the culture we've built up with offense over the years," Young said, "but we're no different than any other team in the sense that starting pitching is always the biggest key. We get that kind of effort, we like our chances."

Held to four runs while splitting the first two games of the series, Texas pounded out 19 hits in the finale, two shy of their season high.

Harrison entered with an 0-2 record and a 12.00 ERA in five career games against Toronto,

including a loss May 2 at Rogers Centre when he allowed a season-high eight runs in 3 1-3 innings.

A slight tweak to his windup didn't deliver results in the bullpen, but things came together once Harrison took the mound.

"I kind of turned more toward first base out of my windup," Harrison said. "I was having trouble staying over the rubber and this helped out a lot."

"I was a little worried warming up today because I was all over the place," he added. "I probably threw 20 balls in the dirt. It ended up working out so I can stick with it."

Harrison became the first lefty in Rangers history to win 10 road starts in a season. He's 10-4 in 15 outings away from home,

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OKC's Durant goes from Olympics to red carpet

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant is going from representing the red, white and blue to walking the red carpet.

Adding to a resume that already includes being a three-time NBA scoring champion and Olympic gold medalist, Durant was the star as his movie "Thunderstruck" premiered in Oklahoma City's entertainment district Sunday night. It opens in other theaters Friday.

Durant strolled down a red carpet in a black T-shirt, grey vest, white jeans and black sneakers to answer questions about his acting skills instead of the deadly shooting ability that

propelled the Oklahoma City Thunder to the NBA Finals last season.

"Of course, people are going to look at it a little different because I'm a basketball player and I'm doing something different," Durant said. "A basketball player is what I do. It's not really just solely who I am. I like to do other things."

Harrison was getting his first chance to see the completed project, which was shot in Louisiana during the NBA lockout last year and then during the season in Oklahoma City in January.

It also features Nickelodeon star Taylor Gray and Brandon T. Jackson from "Big Momma's House".

DeFrancesco hired as Astros interim manager

HOUSTON (AP) — Tony DeFrancesco helped Houston's Triple-A affiliate find success.

The Astros hope he can do the same for their young, struggling major league club.

DeFrancesco was chosen interim manager Sunday, a day after Brad Mills was fired.

"There's going to be a commitment to excellence," DeFrancesco said. "Believe me, I want to be the guy that changes the environment around here. I get up a winner, I had success in the minor leagues, and it's time for it to translate to the major league level. I'm sure I'm going to make mistakes, but that's part of baseball."

DeFrancesco managed Oklahoma City to a 67-60 record and has the RedHawks contending for a playoff spot this season. Houston has the worst record in the major leagues at 39-83.

He takes over an Astros club that is the youngest in the National League at 26.5 years — and even younger than the Oklahoma City team, 27.3 years.

In his third season running the Astros, Mills was dismissed Saturday night after Houston lost to the Diamondbacks 12-4.

Hitting coach Mike Barnett and first base coach Bobby Meacham were let go along with Mills. Dan Radison will take over in the interim as first

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There are but two more days of the Leo sun. This year's passage is ruled by the moon in Libra, who seems intent on tallying up all that's happened so far this summer. The most thorough accounting will involve another person recounting and fact checking. This process will likely be casual and could take the form of friends



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reminiscing.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Not everything you endeavor will be something you do for the long haul. Knowing this might take the pressure off, freeing you to follow curiosity and enjoy what you learn, no strings attached.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Right now it's better to be an expert at one thing than to scatter your knowledge in many directions. It will pay to narrow your focus and master a certain skill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Action doesn't look like action now. It's occurring in your head, where it should be occurring. Strategy will win in the end. Time will count all your "thinking it over" as progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you think about all the times that something positive came out of unexpected changes, it will be easier for you to embrace change and have faith that it is happening for the good of all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your visual sense is strong now, and you will find pleasant ways to use it in real time, in retrospection and in prospect. You will have a wonderful time

seeing, remembering and imagining.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friends and casual contacts make you aware of a way in which you might earn or save money. Invest in learning. The more you know the more control you'll have over your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your timetable is very different from that of a friend, and yet you'll be able to meet up and have a grand time. This requires you to relax and the other person to speed up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Magnetism is an important part of a relationship, but it's not the only thing that matters. Interact on many levels, and you'll be able to bridge the inevitable dips of attraction that happen in

every relationship.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're nice to the one who is nice to you. You're also nice to the one who's not, which proves that being nice is who you are and not what you do to get what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The future will be fundamentally different from the way it appears in your mind's eye, but this is no reason to stop imagining it. Doing so gives you focus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your nearest and dearest buddies are highly suited to your humor and personality. Today it shows. You realize that when you were choosing your friends, you did an excellent job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You and the fish for

which your sign is named have something in common now. Neither of you is very concerned about the future, because you are managing what the water brings you in this moment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). The serendipity starts immediately. September places you in opportunity's path. You'll turn an ordinary situation into an extraordinary moneymaker within 10 weeks. Family news is stellar in November. New influences, especially from books, will lift your work to new heights in 2013. Taurus and Aries people bring laughter and good times. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 39, 50 and 14.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: My 32-year-old daughter is getting married for the second time. My daughter and I have a good relationship, but my ex-wife and I barely speak. She and my daughter



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made all the wedding preparations and paid for the whole thing without any assistance from me. I received a wedding invitation, but it excluded my fiancée, "Greta."

Greta and I have been together for the past six years. During this time, my daughter has visited us often and always seemed comfortable with the relationship.

Greta is very hurt and angry that she was not invited to the wedding. She asked me to speak to my daughter about the "oversight" and said that if no invitation was forthcoming, I should not go to the wedding, either. I spoke to my daughter,

who told me it was the expressed desire of her mother, my ex-wife, not to invite Greta.

My daughter receives a lot of financial help from her mother and is obviously reluctant to go against her wishes.

What should I do? If I attend the wedding alone, Greta will think I let her down.

If I don't go at all, my daughter will assume I favor my fiancée over her and will be crushed. Any suggestions would be appreciated. — Dad in Bonita, Calif.

Dear Dad: Greta should have been invited to the wedding, since she has been your significant other for six years.

She was not invited, however, which means she is not welcome. It would be classy of Greta

to say, "Go — have a good time, and bring me a piece of wedding cake." If she does not choose to be gracious, go anyway. This is your daughter's day, and her wish to have you there takes precedence.

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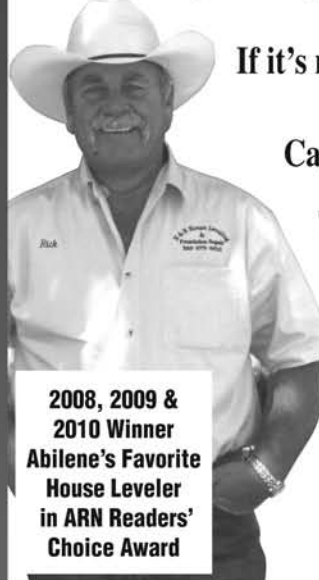
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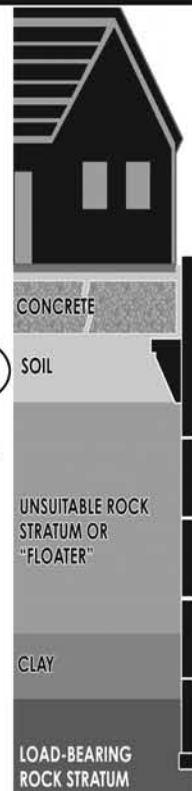
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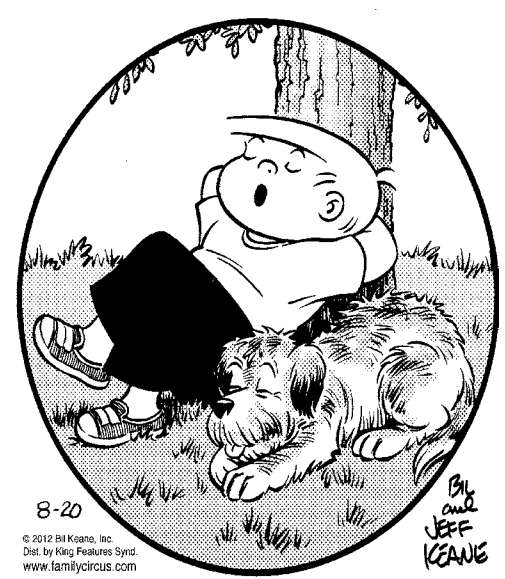
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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Un Refugio	Big Bang	News Ent	Caso Cerrado	News Seinfeld	Seinfeld	McDonald	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Fast N' Loud			The Closer		Phineas		Monday Night
7:PM	Bachelor Pad	Por Ella Soy Eva	Hotel Hell	How I Met Broke Girl	Rosa Diamante (SS)	America's Talent	Fam. Guy	Antiques Roadshow	Remodeled	Remodeled	BBQ Pitmasters	Movie: Groundhog Day, Chris Elliott	Major Crimes	Major Crimes	Movie: A Low Down Dirty Shame, Jada Pinkett	Movie: Cats & Dogs	Little League Baseball	NFL Preseason Football: Eagles at Patriots
8:PM		Abismo de Pasión	Hell's Kitchen	Broke Girl Mike	Corazón Valiente	Stars Earn Stripes	Fam. Guy	Market Warriors						Perception		Gravity		
9:PM	The Glass House	Amor Bravo (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	Hawaii Five-0	Escobar Rostro de	Grimm	Fam. Guy	Antiques Roadshow		Cops 'Til Death	Fast N' Loud			Major Crimes	Movie: Belly, Taral Hicks	Vampire Jessie	MLB Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers	SportsCenter
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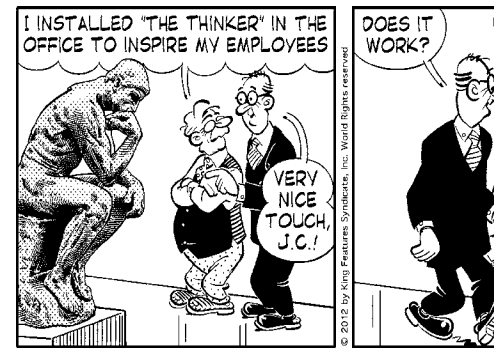


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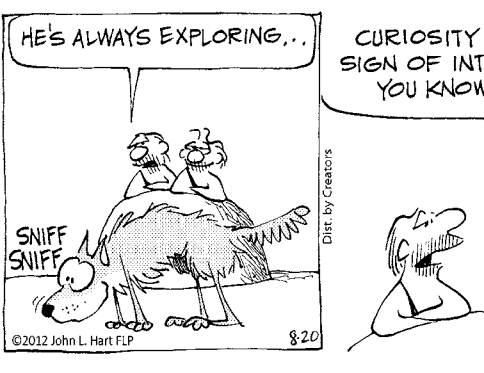
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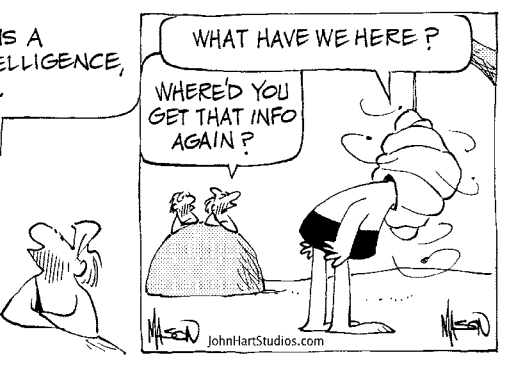
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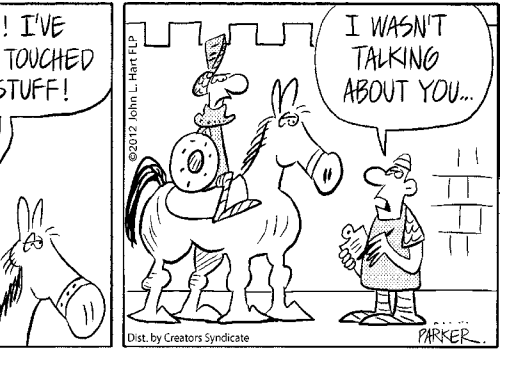
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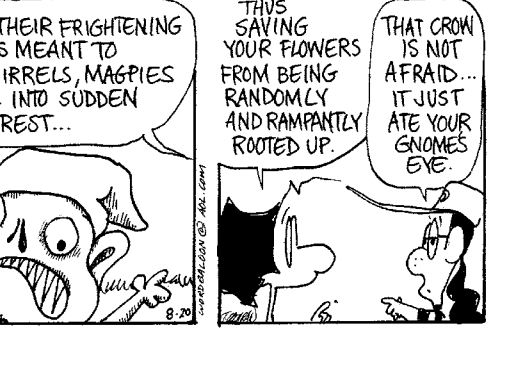
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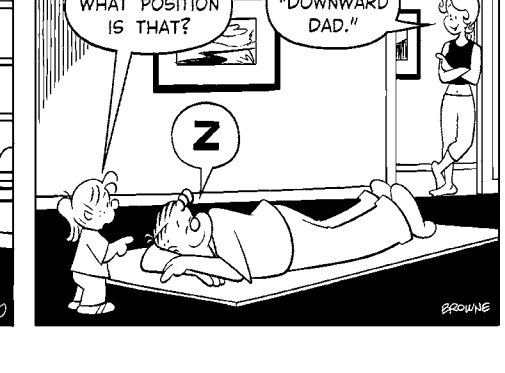
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 20, the 233rd day of 2012. There are 133 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On Aug. 20, 1862, the New York Tribune published an open letter by editor Horace Greeley to President Abraham Lincoln titled "The Prayer of Twenty Millions"; in it, Greeley called on Lincoln to take more aggressive measures to free the slaves and end the South's rebellion.
- On this date: In 1833, Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend, Ohio.
- In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.
- In 1882, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" had its premiere in Moscow.
- In 1910, a series of forest fires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- IN TWO by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS
- 1 Wagers
 - 5 Speak unclearly
 - 9 Close with a bang
 - 13 Small donkey
 - 14 Dog that went to Oz
 - 15 Remote button
 - 16 Prickly shrub
 - 17 Military squad
 - 18 West Coast sch.
 - 19 Budget reduction
 - 22 State north of Okla.
 - 23 Sermon subject
 - 24 Investment firm worker
 - 26 Ambitious plans
 - 31 Nondescript
 - 32 Working busily
 - 33 Jury member
 - 35 Pulsate
 - 38 Rural hotel
 - 39 Window-washing flaws
 - 41 Swelled head
 - 42 Good reasoning
 - 44 Roughly
 - 45 Alert to danger
 - 46 Goofs up
 - 48 Long bar on a computer
 - 50 Retailer's price add-ons
 - 53 Experiment site
 - 54 Commercials
 - 55 Ice cream shop treat
 - 61 Dryer trap contents
 - 63 Issue a challenge
 - 64 Brownish gray
 - 65 Frog's cousin
- DOWN
- 66 Just manages, with "out"
 - 67 Urge to continue
 - 68 Poisonous cobras
 - 69 Chair or sofa
 - 70 Marsh plant
 - 10 Hoped-for opportunity
 - 11 Map book
 - 12 Intended
 - 13 Air rifle pellets
 - 20 Bungle-prone
 - 21 Little pies
 - 25 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
 - 26 Amount set by a judge
 - 27 "Pay ___ mind"
 - 28 Spicy cookie
 - 29 Prefix for dynamic
 - 30 Crystal ball gazers
 - 34 Speak hoarsely
 - 36 Storybook brute
 - 37 Not filleted, as fish
 - 39 Clean thoroughly
 - 40 Australian marsupial
 - 43 Annoy
 - 45 Online site
 - 47 Black card suit
 - 49 Furniture wheel
 - 50 Island near Sicily
 - 51 "Goodbye, amigo"
 - 52 Python or copperhead
 - 56 Region
 - 57 Treetop home
 - 58 Olympic sled
 - 59 Digital music device
 - 60 ___-speed racing bike
 - 62 Six-pt. football plays

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MANAGER

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base coach and Ty Van Burkleo will be the hitting coach.

General manager Jeff Luhnow said he made the decision not to bring Mills back for next season about a week ago.

"Once that decision was made, it made a lot of sense to make these decisions sooner rather than later," Luhnow said. "We didn't want to have a lame-duck administration and wanted to get some new blood in here."

He told Mills after the game Saturday night that he was being let go in what was about an hour-long meeting.

"I have a great deal of respect for Brad, and he's a great baseball manager," Luhnow said. "He'll have a long career moving forward. To a certain extent, I sensed some relief, but I'm not going to speak for him. It's been tough."

Luhnow called DeFrancesco a winner, and the new manager is looking forward to improving this team.

"We want a staff that is able to work with young players who are on their way up and get them better," Luhnow said.

Morale has sagged for the Astros as they've gone into a tailspin during the summer after trading several high-priced veterans mostly for prospects. They have slashed almost \$40 million from their opening-day roster and have a remaining payroll of just \$21.3 million.

Francisco Cordero and Jed Lowrie, two of Houston's three highest-paid players, are on the disabled list. That leaves Ben Francisco as the only active player making more than \$750,000.

Luhnow traded Carlos Lee to Miami on July 4 as the Astros went all in on their rebuilding effort under new owner Jim Crane. They have gone 7-32 since that deal, including a franchise-worst 12-game losing streak.

Lee, however, was only the first piece to be jettisoned.

Astros fall to D'Backs in DeFrancesco's debut

HOUSTON (AP) — First-year owner Jim Crane believes firing manager Brad Mills and replacing him with interim manager Tony DeFrancesco will help the hapless Houston Astros win more games.

That plan got off to a slow start Sunday.

Houston dropped its first game under DeFrancesco when Aaron Hill homered twice to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to an 8-1 win and a series sweep.

DeFrancesco was the manager at Triple-A Oklahoma City before being promoted. The major league-worst Astros (39-83) fired Mills late Saturday night.

"We need fans in the building and we want to win more ballgames," Crane said following Houston's fourth consecutive loss.

"We think this is a process that will help us win more ballgames. The team was really struggling and the demeanor in the clubhouse wasn't what you want it to be. If there's a message to the fans, it's that we're going to make

good decisions and we want to win."

Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said he made the move to "bring in a new environment" to the National League's youngest team. But it was more of the same Sunday as the Astros fell to 7-33 in their last 40 games.

DeFrancesco, who has managed in the minors for 17 seasons, said he "almost fell to the floor" when Luhnow offered him the position and that it's something he's been waiting for his entire career.

"My first major league managing game didn't work out the way I wanted it," he said. "But it was an honor to put the Astros uniform on and be part of the organization. I'm excited to get it going."

Arizona won its ninth in a row against the Astros.

The Diamondbacks hope this sweep will give them momentum as they look to make a late-season surge. Arizona is currently third in the NL West, trailing the Dodgers and Giants.

"We'd like to be closer, we're

not right now, but we're going to push it right until the end," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "I think we've got a good feel for ourselves."

Hill, who hit a three-run shot in Saturday's 12-4 victory, hurt the Astros again. He led off the five-run fourth with a drive against Armando Galarraga (0-4) and added another solo homer in the eighth. He also doubled.

Chris Young hit an RBI single, Ryan Wheeler drew a bases-loaded walk, pitcher Ian Kennedy hit a sacrifice fly and Gerardo Parra doubled home a run in the fourth to chase Galarraga.

"Once you're down early, you feel the vibes from the players," DeFrancesco said. "It's an uphill battle that they've been doing all season. I'm trying to keep these guys motivated for nine innings, every single out."

Galarraga remains winless in five starts for the Astros after being tagged for six hits and five runs in 3 2-3 innings.

He said Sunday was a bit of a whirlwind for the team.

RANGERS

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including two shutouts.

"The most important thing was my mechanics and I was able to hone those in pretty quick," he said. "It definitely kept me in the strike zone more and built confidence, and I was able to be more aggressive with all my pitches."

Young's fourth homer in the fifth gave him as many RBIs with one swing as he had collected in 17 previous games in August. The drive also snapped a career-long 88-game drought between home runs. Young last went deep in a win May 7 at Baltimore.

"I saw him use his hands the way he's able to," Washington said. "Before he had a lot of body and today it was hands. Hopefully he's about to come around."

Murphy went 3 for 4 with a walk and hit a solo drive in the ninth against rookie Chad Jenkins for his 11th homer of the season. Mark Lowe completed the two-hitter as Texas won for the third time in four games.

"David has been swinging the bat extremely well," Washington said of Murphy.

Mike McCoy hit a solo homer and drove in two runs as the Blue Jays lost for the 16th time in 21 games. Toronto went 3-7 on a 10-game homestand against the AL's three division leaders, New York, Chicago and Texas.

GRIFFIN

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same shoulder that

required surgery after the linebacker tore a pectoral muscle in the final game of last season.

Meriweather, a significant offseason free agent signing, hurt his left knee when a player fell on him during a touchdown run by Mi-

chael Bush.

In addition, linebacker London Fletcher added more intrigue to his recent spate of missed practice work by sitting out the game. Shanahan said Fletcher was "not feeling right" and declined to give any more details.

The Redskins can't afford to lose any of those players for long — because the defense is expected to keep games competitive while Griffin deals with the inevitable ups and downs of his rookie season.

Not that Griffin appeared rattled by his uneven night. Shanahan's best compliment about the rookie's performance had nothing to do with a particular throw.

"I liked the way he handled himself," the coach said. "He is very poised. He is cool, calm, collected. He never seems to lose his composure."

About to take the field with the Redskins trailing 20-10 at halftime, Cousins said he told his fellow second-teamers: "Let's go down swinging." He went on to complete 18 of 23 passes for 264 yards and a 154.1 rating, leading a comeback that actually made the waning minutes of the fourth quarter somewhat interesting.

While he's no threat to overtake Griffin anytime soon, Cousins could make a strong challenge to Rex Grossman for the No. 2 job.

"There were a lot of plays that I liked, and a lot of where I'm still learning and needing to grow and get better from," Cousins said. "There were some rookie mistakes, but a good preseason game and a lot to build off of."

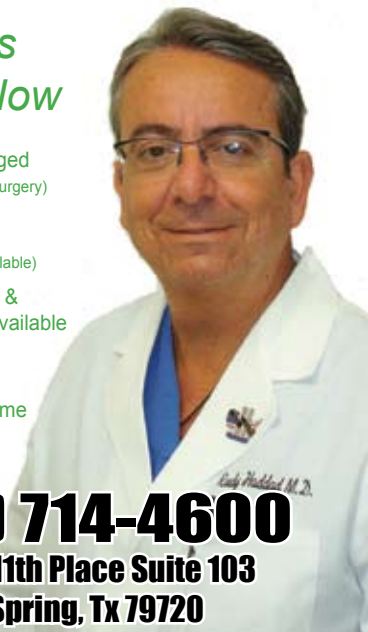
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