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# Standoff ends; two arrested

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

An eight-hour standoff with Big Spring police officers ended with the arrest of two people this morning.

Jesse Lopez, 45, and Teresa Lang, 30, were in custody following the standoff that began when Big Spring Police Department narcotics investigators, acting on a Crimestoppers tip, responded to Room 101 at the Plaza Inn, 700 W. Interstate 20, at about 6:30 p.m. Monday.

"The information received stated that a wanted subject, identified as Lopez, was in the room," BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said. "Lopez was wanted on a parole revocation



Lopez



Lang

warrant stemming from drug charges." When officers knocked on the door, Lopez refused to open it, saying he had a gun and would kill himself.

"At this point, officers backed off and called support personnel," Everett said. "Because of the circumstances, the SWAT team was called to the scene, as were negotiators."

While negotiators talked to Lopez, police established a perimeter, evacuated people in nearby rooms and obtained a search warrant, Everett said.

"It was learned that a female was in the room with Lopez, but was not a hostage," he said. "A second male was believed to be in the room, also, but this turned out to be false."

The female in the room was subsequently identified as Lang, who police learned was wanted on a warrant for drug charges.

Negotiations between Lopez and police

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Two people were arrested early today following an eight-hour standoff at the Plaza Inn on W. Interstate 20.

## Council sets meetings this evening, Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this evening to discuss the following matters:

- A public hearing to address amendments to the zoning ordinance amending the definition of "Intermodal Shipping Container" and the use of them as living quarters, allowing for special applications and special use permits. The council is also expected to consider first reading of amendments to the zoning ordinance amending the definition of "Intermodal Shipping Container" and the use of them as living quarters, allowing for special applications and special use permits.

- A presentation by V.V. Water Company LLC regarding the sale of water to the city of Big Spring. The proposal entails building a pipeline from Val Verde County to Midland and its surrounding towns — including Big Spring — through to Snyder. According to their mission statement, this proposal would bring volumes of water greater than 150,000 acres per foot per year or (roughly) 48 billion gallons from southern Valverde County to San Angelo where it can be distributed across most of the cities and towns of West Texas using the present infrastructure.

- Consideration and approval of an agreement with

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## City employees could see 6 percent pay boost

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A tax rate identical to last year's and an increase in sanitation rates headlined Monday night's special meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the municipality began its week-long trek to lay out its fiscal plan for 2013-2014.

The proposed tax rate — at 86.5043 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as the tax rate adopted for the 2012-2013 budget and approximately 2.32 cents below the effective rate — is expected to generate approximately \$5.27 million in revenue for the city, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker. The rate

will generate approximately \$550,600 more than last year, thanks to increases in values delivered by the Howard County Appraisal District.



However, the \$550,600 windfall in revenues won't last long, as the council recently directed the city administration to make employee retention one of its central aims for the 2013-2014 budget, according to City Manager Todd

Darden. "The employee compensation plan we've developed will provide for a 6 percent increase in pay for city employees across the board," Darden said. "Our hope is this plan will help reduce the turnover rate, help eliminate understaffing and overtime costs and bring the city's pay plan closer to the market."

"We've retained an independent contractor to evaluate pay plan, job duties and responsibilities so we could bring these recommendations back to the council. It's possible adjustments to the

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# Have any need for a spare clinic?

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Manager Todd Darden said if anyone is interested in purchasing and operating the Malone and Hogan Clinic, he and the rest of the city staff are all ears.

That was the message delivered Monday night during a budget work session held by the Big Spring City Council,

as the government body looks to develop its 2013-2014 fiscal plan.

According to Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, the clinic — which was given to the city by its prior owners in lieu of its closure — represents a significant liability for the municipality.

"It's our responsibility," McLellan said. "I hope we don't have any problems. I think it's very important to Big Spring and it's important to our medical community. I'd hate to see it closed up and I think it was a very positive move when West Texas Centers was able to go in there and rent out 6,000 square feet.

**"With your direction, we would like to move forward with efforts to find someone who will take the building and not board it up. Someone who will use it for doctors and have space available for medical services."**



—Todd Darden, city manager

However, I know the liability is there. We could easily spend \$2 million on that building and we lost \$100,000 in tax revenue when we took it off the tax roll. I think it's going to be a tremendous problem and we need to get rid of that building. Hopefully someone will come in and see the light

at the end of the tunnel before something (unfortunate) happens."

Unfortunately, the obvious buyer for the facility — Scenic Mountain Medical Center — would be unable to make the purchase, even if it wanted to, according to Darden.

"I wish we didn't have the

restrictions that prevent us from selling the facility to Scenic Mountain Medical Center," Darden said. According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the deed to the facility carries a clause that prevents the owner from selling it to SMMC for a minimum of 100 years. "Surely we can find a suitable buyer (for the clinic).

"With your (the council's) direction, we would like to move forward with efforts to find someone who will take the building and not board it up. Someone who will use it for doctors and have space

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## Obituaries

### Albert Christianson

Albert Christianson, 87, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- JULIAN JAY TORRES, 19, of 500.5 Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of terrorist threat.
- MISTY DAWN CLAYTON, 32, of 117 West First, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass – property, building, aircraft, vehicle.
- MATTHEW CASEY OBRIEN, 34, of 805 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- MONTY GAGE TIMMINS, 18, of 102 North Second Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of reckless driving.
- ROBERT ANTHONY GRIEGO, 23, of 1017 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse and a warrant from another agency.
- DOUGLAS VIRGIL PAXTON, 29, of 820 Timothy Lane, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERESA LORENE LANG, 31, of 13360 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JESSE RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ, 47, of 605 Douglas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON, 26, of 304 Hoover, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of cruelty to animals.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported at the 1300 block of Stanford Avenue.
- THEFT was reported at south Rural Route 33, 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 900 block of Baylor.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at Fourth Street in Coahoma.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 800 block of East Eleventh Place.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1700 block of West Third.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1800 block of East FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.
- IRENE JIMENEZ HINOJASA, 48, was booked by the HCSO on a motion to revoke community supervision.
  - ALLEN WESLEY EDMONDSON was booked by the HCSO on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals.
  - MONTY GAGE TIMMONS was booked by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
  - MATTHEW CASEY OBRIEN was booked by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
  - EDWARD LEE JONES, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
  - ROBERT ANTHONY GRIEGO was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - DOUGLAS VIRGIL PAXTON was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

- Friday
- MEDICAL was reported at the 500 block of Northwest 10<sup>th</sup> Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 1300 block of Tucson. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - STRUCTURE fire was reported at the 1000 block of East 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Saturday
- MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of Cardinal. One patient transported to SMMC.
- Sunday
- MEDICAL was reported at eh 1600 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 1600 block of Kentucky Way. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - TRAUMA was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 1300 block of Hilger Road in Glasscock County. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.
  - TRAUMA was reported at the 100 block of Collins. No transport.
  - MEDICAL was reported at the 1000 block of Goliad. One patient transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• The Chalet is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Donations are needed for Rene Hinojos and Deborah Pearce, who lost everything in a fire. Donations can be made to account 6705393395 at BBVA Compass Bank, 1500 Gregg St., Big Spring. Make checks payable to Shannon Galan in care of Hinojos/Pearce.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

• Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

• Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East Second St., Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• 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. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negrón at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedi-

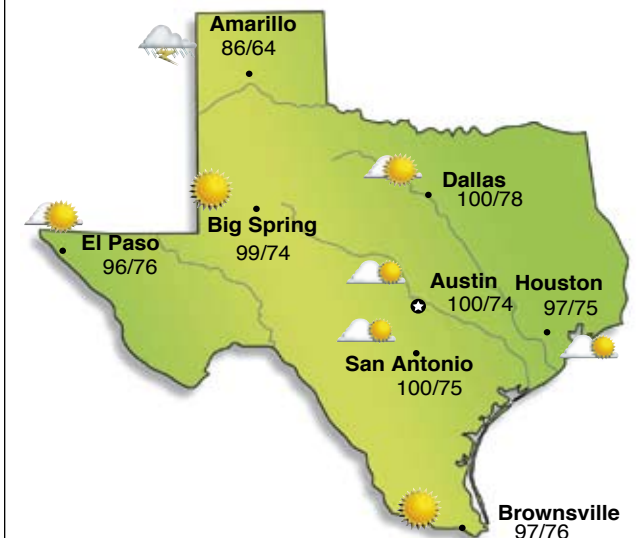
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### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 8/14	Thu 8/15	Fri 8/16
 <b>99/74</b> A mainly sunny sky. High 99F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	 <b>94/72</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 <b>94/73</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:09 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:10 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:31 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:10 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:30 PM

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### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	75	sunny	Kingsville	99	76	sunny
Amarillo	86	64	t-storm	Livingston	99	73	pt sunny
Austin	100	74	pt sunny	Longview	96	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	95	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	94	68	sunny
Brownsville	97	76	sunny	Lufkin	98	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	101	76	sunny	Midland	98	75	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	99	76	mst sunny	Rosenberg	98	75	pt sunny
Dallas	100	78	mst sunny	San Antonio	100	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	80	sunny	San Marcos	101	75	pt sunny
El Paso	96	76	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	75	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	95	73	sunny	Sweetwater	96	73	sunny
Gainesville	96	74	pt sunny	Tyler	96	77	pt sunny
Greenville	97	74	pt sunny	Weatherford	99	76	mst sunny
Houston	97	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	72	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	77	54	mst sunny
Boston	74	61	t-storm	New York	78	64	t-storm
Chicago	72	57	sunny	Phoenix	103	78	sunny
Dallas	100	78	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	56	pt sunny
Denver	77	55	t-storm	Seattle	79	58	pt sunny
Houston	97	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	85	60	mst sunny
Los Angeles	81	64	sunny	Washington, DC	86	66	t-storm
Miami	90	80	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

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• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Big Spring City Council is meeting this week to discuss the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

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pay plan will be made at mid-year. Each 1 percent of an across-the-board pay increase will cost the city approximately \$131,000, so a 6 percent increase will cost \$785,000, which is still more than \$200,000 more than the increase we'll see in revenue."

Among the projects expected to be funded during the coming fiscal year are:

- Construction of the east cell at the existing landfill and work on a new landfill site are expected to cost approximately \$3.4 million.
- Expansion of the road seal coat program from the budgeted \$250,000 to \$500,000, with approximately eight to 10 miles of roadway expected to be coated. This is an increase from the four miles originally planned for.
- Water and sewer line replacement is estimated at \$1.45 million, which includes a recent grant won by the city in the amount of \$350,000.
- Expanded replacement of sanitation containers, including \$130,000 in expenditures.
- Demolition and removal of the north side water tower.
- Upgrades for the Municipal Auditorium, including improvements to sound, lighting and curtains.
- Replacement of municipal equipment, including eight police cars, two sanitation trucks and mowing equipment.
- Upgrades to the playground equipment for the north side community park.
- Grants for the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Airport, including funding for a fuel farm, apron overlay and new T-hangars.

The proposed budget also includes an increase in sanitation rates for both residential and commercial accounts. The increases include \$3 a month for residential customers, which would generate \$259,000 a year and a \$5 increase for commercial accounts, generating approximately \$120,000 a year.

While the council didn't disagree with the need for the increases, Mayor Larry

McLellan said he'd like to see them implemented once problems with the municipality's sanitation services are ironed out.

"We currently have a consultant looking at our sanitation routes and our services to see where we can make improvements," McLellan said. "I think we should wait and implement these increases until after we've been able to make those corrections and get back to twice-a-month pickups, or at least once a week on a scheduled day."

Darden said it's unclear how long it will take for the city to make those types of improvements to the sanitation department — which has been hard hit by a lack of qualified drivers, as the oilfield continues to out-pay commercially licensed drivers — although the change is by no means a deal breaker for the proposed budget.

"The funding those increases will provide will go to future landfill projects, so it's not a situation where waiting until we've improved sanitation pickups will sink this proposal," he said. "Eventually, we're going to have to come up with the funding, but these increases can wait."

While the proposed budget provides for many of the city's infrastructure needs, there are several challenges facing the municipality in the coming years, including the cost to operate the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, located on the airpark.

According to Darden, annual increases to the cost to operate the facility, coupled with state and federal grants which have failed to grow alongside sharp inflation, cause the subsidy needed by the facility each year to grow copiously.

"The grant revenue covers less than 30 percent of the cost to operate the senior center," Darden told the council. "At the end of this fiscal year, we'll be looking at a \$75,349 deficit despite a \$225,000 subsidy from the city's general fund."

"When you look at the number of meals the facility generates — 120 of them are delivered to homes and approximately 40 of them are congregate meals, served at the senior center, for 41,600 meals a year — and the cost to operate, that would come

out to approximately \$11.38 a meal. Obviously, we aren't charging that."

District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald said the Senior Center is a vital part of the community, however, with rising costs it may be necessary to determine how much is too much.

"Where do you say, 'Stop,'" McDonald asked. "Where do you draw the line on something like this?"

Darden was quick to point out the facility offers much more than just meals.

"You have to take into account all of the services the Senior Center offers to the community and at now additional cost," he said. "They hold social functions for the seniors, they house the annual tax preparations program ... it's hard to put a price on those types of services when you're looking at what the center does for Big Spring and Howard County."

The city-run emergency medical services fund was another that garnered the attention of the council Monday night, as the annual deficit for the department continues to grow each year.

"There is a very serious problem with bad debt when it comes to ambulance service," Darden said. "Low collection rates are a problem, not just for us in Big Spring, but across the board for the industry. Despite subsidies, the deficit at the end of the 2012-2013 budget will be \$809,076. That includes debts from previous years, as well."

District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan asked city officials if the the municipality has considered using a private company to provide ambulance service.

"Even with these shortfalls, it is still more cost effective for the city to run the ambulance service," Fire Chief Craig Ferguson told the council. "Even a private agency will ask for a subsidy, which could run between \$300,000 to \$500,000 or more."

According to Walker, the ambulance service is able to collect on approximately 45 percent to 55 percent of its debts.

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## COUNCIL

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Parkhill Smith & Cooper Inc. for professional services to develop the east cell at the Municipal Landfill and authorizing the city manager to execute any necessary documents.

Wednesday, the council will also hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. to address final reading of the amendments directed at the use and development of intermodal shipping container

structures for use as living quarters.

Following the special meeting, the council is expected to hold its second and final night of budget work sessions. The council began work on the 2013-2014 budget Monday evening.

Tonight's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call 264-2401. A complete copy of the meeting agendas for both nights can be found online at www.mybig-spring.com

## STANDOFF

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continued for several hours without success and, at one point, officers reported seeing Lopez through the window holding what appeared to be a gun to his head.

Finally determining that negotiations had reached an impasse, police decided to introduce chemical agents (tear gas) into the room, Everett said.

"At about 1:50 a.m. (today), Lang opened the door and fled the room and was taken into

custody," Everett said. "About one hour later, Lopez came out and was taken into custody."

Lopez and Lang were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency for treatment, then were jailed at the Howard County Detention Center.

They were in custody awaiting booking as of 9 a.m. today, jail officials said.

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## CLINIC

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available for medical services."

The clinic recently got a potential boost to its long-term viability, as the council approved a 10-year lease with West Texas Centers for a 6,500 square feet area in the Malone and Hogan Clinic, part of an effort which could land the mental health agency a large federal grant.

"The lease is part of a grant application being submitted by West Texas Centers," Darden said. "The funds come from the federal government and are dispersed by the state of Texas. However, to qualify for the grant, West Texas Centers — and all of the agencies currently vying for the funding — had to show it has a lease for the space, which is what the council approved."

The lease calls for West Texas Centers to occupy much of the first floor of the facility, with the clinic pharmacy — owned by Leonard's Pharmacy — expected to move to a location near the intersection of

Westover Road and FM 700 soon, according to city officials.

Darden said the lease — which calls for West Texas Centers to pay the municipality \$12 per square foot, for an annual fee of \$78,000 — is a step forward for both the mental health agency and the city of Big Spring.

While the lease is certainly a step in the right direction for the facility, which has remained at approximately 50 percent occupancy for some time now, Darden said it remains to be seen if it will happen.

"They haven't been awarded any funding yet," Darden said. "They had two hurdles they had to get over. They needed a project and they needed a building to put it in. Now, the chances of them getting

the grant are very, very good. I don't think there are any doubts that West Texas won't get the money."

In the meantime, however, Darden said the city administration would be more than willing to sit down with interested parties.

"Malone and Hogan Clinic could represent a huge opportunity for the private sector," Darden said. "Obviously, our main desire is to see to it the facility remains open. I believe that's what the council had in mind when it accepted the facility

from its prior owners. The last thing anyone in the medical community here wants to see is it closed and boarded up. It's just a situation where we need to find the right buyers for the clinic."

The council is expected to convene during its regularly scheduled meeting tonight, with a special session — followed by a final budget workshop — slated for Wednesday evening.

For more information, call 264-2401. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

# Let the conversation begin

In his new book, "The Liberty Amendments," my friend Mark Levin is offering a bold plan for the re-establishment of America's founding principles and a restoration of constitutional republicanism through a series of amendments to the Constitution.

I know of no one who has a greater reverence for our Constitution and for the scheme of limited government and personal liberties it established. Mark has been a student of America's founding and its constitutional history since he was a young boy, when he and his friends would visit Philadelphia, where it all started, and study the history.

I had many outstanding professors in both undergraduate and law school who were experts in the Constitution and constitutional law, and I know and read many constitutional scholars today. But I've never met anyone so steeped in this subject or so attuned to the minds of the Framers as Mark. He understands our system and the issues underlying its creation more intimately than anyone else.

Mark has written two books, "Liberty and Tyranny" and "Ameritopia," in which he expounds on our founding principles and the threat they are currently under from the forces of liberalism and statism. But in "The Liberty Amendments," he proposes an action plan.

Like Mark, I was originally skeptical of the idea that we should support the calling of a constitutional convention in an effort to rein in the federal government and restore the power of the states and our individual liberties. But that's because I hadn't fully explored what that process would entail.

In fact, Mark is not calling for a constitutional convention. He's suggesting we have a national dialogue with the goal of amending the Constitution under its Article 5. As he points out, Article 5 provides for two methods

of amending the Constitution, but in neither case does this process provide for a constitutional convention.

One method is for Congress to pass a proposed amendment and then forward it to the state legislatures for ratification — a process that has occurred 27 times. The other — and the one Mark is proposing — involves the direct application of two-thirds of the state legislatures for a convention for proposing amendments, which, if proposed, would also have to be ratified by three-fourths of the states. This method has been tried but never successfully in our history.

Perhaps my earlier confusion — and the confusion of others about this process — lay in the fact that the language includes the word "convention," but it's critical to understand that this is a convention not for some de novo constitution but for the proposal of specific and defined amendments.

Of course, there is some risk in opening up even this limited type of convention, but this risk is mitigated by several factors that Mark delineates and is warranted, in any event, by the urgency of our current state of affairs.

The most important check, to which I've already alluded, is that none of this can occur without the approval of three-fourths of the states.

We also should derive some comfort from the fact that the Framers themselves included this amendment process because they knew that they could not anticipate every difficulty the republic would encounter and that only experience and history could serve that purpose.

Another important check against this process's turning into a playground for statisticians is, in the words of former law professor Robert G. Natelson, that "a convention for proposing amendments is a federal convention; it is a creature of the states or, more specifically, of the state legislatures. And it is a limited-purpose convention. It is not designed to set up an entirely new constitution or a new form of government."

Finally, the likelihood that

this process could be hijacked by those hostile to our founding principles is greatly reduced because Congress' role in the state application process that Mark is proposing would be minimal and ministerial.

Most importantly, Mark is not calling for a new constitution or any kind of revision of our founding principles. He seeks to restore our timeless founding principles and shore up the constitutional edifice to preserve them.

But we must first acknowledge that the federal government is out of control, acting far outside its constitutional powers, and has become unmoored from its constitutional foundation — as few patriots would dispute — and that this condition is urgent and, if untreated, will result in the end of the American republic.

In addition to making a compelling case for the amendment process, Mark has proposed 10 specific amendments designed to restore and refurbish our founding principles, and all the ideas — or some similar variation of them — I dare say, would be enthusiastically embraced by the Framers.

He has done an incredible job of drafting these proposed amendments aimed at re-establishing the balance between the federal and state governments and restating the social contract between the governments and their citizens — in such a way as to reinvigorate our individual liberties.

Mark modestly insists that these proposals are not set in stone and that he is trying to launch a national conversation to consider the amendment process and specific amendments.

In terms of the viability of our current system as originally crafted, we are in perilous times. Let our national conversation begin, and let us thank Mark Levin for initiating it.

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## GOP's immigration schizophrenia

On immigration, the Republican Party is trapped in two trains of thought, each speeding along the wrong track. At the tea party end, there's absolute resistance to normalizing the status of illegal immigrants. On the cheap-labor side, there's this big push to admit as many unskilled immigrants as possible.

The first view, that putting millions of illegal immigrants on the path to citizenship rewards lawbreakers, is unhelpful. It is true that they broke the law by taking jobs in the United States. It is also true that their employers broke the law in hiring them. An honest gathering of all the lawbreakers would make for an interesting roundup.

The building of this 11-million-strong population of undocumented workers had another player — the federal government. Until Barack Obama assumed office, no president took enforcing the ban on hiring illegal workers very seriously. Also making the job difficult is the loophole letting employers accept any reasonably good-looking Social Security card as proof of right to work here. Social Security cards are often stolen, and plausible ones are easy to counterfeit.

The proposed reforms would end all that. Companies would have to send the information to a central database confirming a

prospective hire's right to work here. Tougher sanctions, meanwhile, would motivate employers to follow the law.

Without passage of the immigration reforms, none of this will occur. The Swiss cheese system by which undocumented workers and their employers slip through the law will remain. If you really want to end illegal immigration, the reforms offer the only reliable route. And politically they won't happen if there's no path to citizenship.

This is pretty obvious, but in many cases, animus toward Latinos trumps even self-interest. Iowa Rep. Steve King has built quite a repertory of ethnic insults, most recently referring to border crossers' calves as "the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana."

The other Republican track wants lots and lots of legal, low-skilled workers to ensure that restaurants, hotels and other service businesses need never raise their wages. Though the hourly pay of cooks and hotel maids is actually falling, there can never be "low-enough" for the cheap-labor rump of the Republican Party.

The bill that passed the Senate provides for a new class of visas for up to 200,000 low-skilled workers. That number was reached through a delicate compromise with labor, which understandably doesn't like the idea. But Republican Reps. Ted Poe of Texas and Raul Labrador of Idaho want more, many more, low-skilled workers. They're proposing about 400,000 visas a year. This pleases the American

Hotel and Lodging Association — to an extent.

"Ideally, there should be no cap," association official Shawn McBurney told The Wall Street Journal. "It should be driven by the market."

By market, McBurney presumably means not the United States labor market, but the Western Hemispheric labor market. Hey, throw in the other hemisphere, too.

Labrador plays an interesting double game — on one hand breathing fire against the path to citizenship; on the other, opening a wide highway for imported cheap labor. Perhaps there's some consistency here: Expanding the low-skilled visa program and keeping illegal immigrants vulnerable both depress wages.

Sympathy goes to that minority of Republicans who understand what it takes to get immigration reform passed and the stakes in not succeeding. They include Arizona Sen. John McCain and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham. Under assault by their party's radical wings, these lawmakers deserve an extra star for bravery.

Of course, demonizing Latinos while ignoring the economic interests of all blue-collar workers is also not great politics. A Republican party unable to change these directions is chugging into oblivion.

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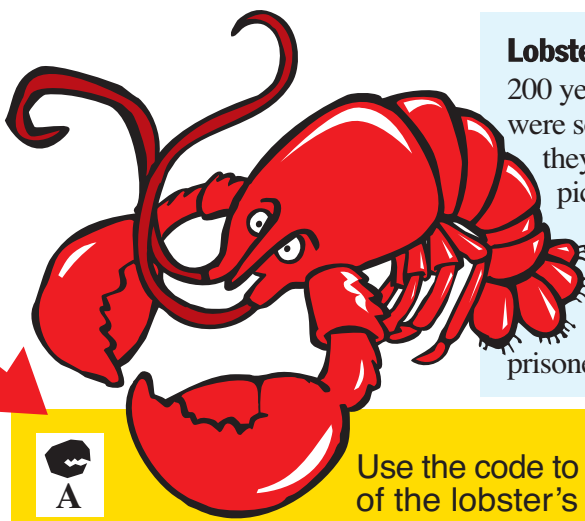
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**COMPLETE THIS STORY!**

**The Claw!**

Strong claws and a hard outer shell make the American lobster one tough crustacean. It is aggressive and territorial. Whenever it can, it steals bait from traps and food from the homes of other lobsters. This has earned lobsters a nickname.



**Lobster Dinner, Again?**

200 years ago, lobsters were so plentiful that they could easily be picked up from New England beaches. Back then lobsters, were served to prisoners!

**Little Lost Lobster**

Help Leroy find his way (safely!) to the family reunion.



During its first month of life, a lobster is part of the plankton (clouds of tiny plant particles and sea creatures floating in the water near the surface). Most lobsters are eaten by fish and other animals at this stage of life.



A lobster starts life as an egg, no larger than the head of a pin. Its mother carries it around on the underside of her body.

**DANGER!**

Lobsters are a favorite food of the octopus!



**Bone Body**

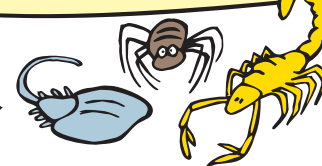
It doesn't take x-ray vision to see a lobster's skeleton. The lobster wears its bones on the outside. That crusty outer shell of bones is what gives lobsters, crabs and shrimp the name crustaceans.



**A Really Big Bug?**

All crustaceans belong to a bigger group of animals called **Arthropoda**, which include spiders, insects, scorpions and horseshoe crabs!

ARTHROPODA FAMILY REUNION



**What's Cooking?**  
Americans eat over 10,000 tons of lobster every year.



Standards Link: Life Science: Understanding the life cycle of different organisms; living groups of organisms can be classified by shared characteristics; animals eat other animals for food; animals have structures that serve different functions in survival. Reading comprehension: Follow simple directions.

The American lobster has two strong claws: a big-toothed crusher claw for pulverizing shells and a finer-edged ripper claw for tearing soft flesh.

**Claw Facts**

Lobsters also use their claws to fight with each other. If one fighter gets another into a claw-lock, the loser can "throw" (or release) its claw and walk away. Lobsters are cannibals; the winner will eat the dropped claw. The loser will grow a new claw the next time it molts (sheds its shell and grows a new one).

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Following simple directions.



A fight has left Leroy feeling loopy and lopsided! Help him "grow" a new claw by drawing it.

**Extra! Extra!**

**Word Clipping**

Look through the newspaper for five different contractions—two words that are clipped and made into one word. Then look through the newspaper for the two whole words that made up each contraction you selected.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Word Recognition; read and understand contractions.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

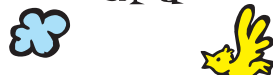
**How Big Was The World's Largest Lobster?**

Count the number of times each object below appears on this page. Then write the number above that object to get the answer.

More than \_\_\_ pounds.



Between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ feet long.



It may have been \_\_\_ years old.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Following simple directions.

**Double Double Word Search**

- BAIT
- PLANKTON
- LOBSTER
- SPIDERS
- CRABS
- SKELETON
- LOOPY
- CLOUDS
- CLAW
- GROW
- CRUSHER
- RIPPER
- MOLTS
- EGG
- BUG

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Standards Link: Writing: Write a narrative recounting a sequence of events.

**Kid Scoop-doku™**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word CLAWS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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**Find the Question**

Read an article in today's newspaper and find a quote from a person being interviewed. What question do you think the interviewer asked?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotations in expository text.



What do you get when you cross a **LOBSTER** with a **BASEBALL PLAYER**?



ANSWER: A Pinch Hitter

**Write On!**

**Life with Claws**

What would your life be like if you had lobster claws instead of hands?

# Bird Poop: The hawks who ran out of gas

Its first year had been successful. In spite of the ongoing drought, it had struggled through summer and migrated southward. Returning this spring, it weathered strong winds and pounding rains. By the first of July, however, its spirit was nearly broken.

After endless days of searching for prey, and weakened by lack of food, it landed near a large house nestled among the few trees seen on a vast area of grassy plains. Nights had been its only reprieve from the searing heat.

Walking along the fence line that defined a clear area around the home, the raptor searched for insects in the dried growth accenting some of the fence posts. Nothing stirred.

When the homeowner looked out her back window later in the day, she noticed a big, brown hawk standing in the shade of one of her trees. Since raptors were usually soaring in the sky or perched atop fence posts or telephone poles, she wondered if this one could be hurt.

Calling from Andrews, the game warden said he had just picked up a large hawk. "It didn't move when the woman walked near it. She thought maybe it was injured."

When he arrived at the ranch, he discovered he had forgotten to put his gloves back in his vehicle. Easily throwing a towel over the hawk and placing it in a carrier, he was both grateful and amazed that the bird had offered little resistance.

Knowing Juli Marshall was the closest rehabber, I asked him to deliver it to Odessa. Soon, her call was describing a Swainson's hawk. After telling me the raptor acted as if it were somebody's bird, I told her when birds are weak and absolutely desperate, they are often very passive and seem to be tame.

Since it wouldn't perch on a log and she thought its grip was weak, I asked her to look at its feet. Juli's exclamation over the condition of the talons was worrisome.

Having handled hundreds of dogs as a vet tech, she recognized the wear patterns on the blunt ends of its nails. "They're worn just like that of a dog that's been on concrete in a kennel." Continuing, she

said the talons were of varying lengths and not a one had a point left. Soon, pictures in an email showed the extent of the problem.

For four days, the Swainson's ate ravenously and exercised. Turned loose in our double garage, at first it could only master rising about three to four feet from the floor. With each passing day, it gained more strength and elevation.

When it greeted me one afternoon from the door rails at the top of the garage, it was time for its trip to Lubbock and a mew in the barn. Only two drawbacks would follow it: its clumsy landings and the question of whether it would be able to kill its prey.

Upon alighting, its uneven talons were affecting its grip. Thankfully, its wings compensated for balance while its feet finally locked onto a surface.

Hopefully, with time, the talons would lengthen enough to provide the stability it needed.

As the bird gained in stamina, we hoped it would also regain the powerful grasp required to suppress and hold a wiggling mouse or evasive grasshopper.

After one day at the wildlife center, the hawk was flying to the highest perches. The next week, it was using the rafters at either end of the room as an excuse to fly from one side to the other. Dispelling any notions that it was "somebody's bird," it was standoffish to any-

one entering the mew.

In another five days, it was placed in the flight cage. The criteria for release would be its activity in easily flying the length of the facility, and the killing of the largest rats the center provided.

During its developing rehabilitation, another Swainson's had joined it. From an Ector County oil field, the hawk had displayed similar symptoms of dehydration and weakness from hunger. Together, the hawks could offer each other the common bond of their specie, as well as challenge each other's endurance in flying the length of the building throughout the day.

Having met the means for a return to the wild, both were taken to farmland that was being plowed. As the earth was being turned for future planting, burrows of mice were exposed. To the Swainson's hawks, the sight of tractors meant an opportunity to hunt. Previously, they had reaped the insects and mammals disturbed by this activity.

To have held these feisty raptors was to appreciate the identifying marks of their specie. Across their creamy upper chests, their chestnut-brown bibs were becoming more noticeable. Their brown upper parts and head were a sharp contrast to their pale bellies.

In the moments before they took flight, one could see the dark bands accenting their

grayish tails. As they rose to their freedom, their light wing linings contrasted sharply against their dark flight feathers. For two hawks that had literally "run out of gas," the opportunity to soar again, and to continue to fulfill their part in nature's plan, had been realized.

*Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*



## Notice of Public Hearing on GLASSCOCK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Budget

The Glasscock County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 26, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. at the Glasscock County Appraisal District Office, 124 South Myrl, Garden City, TX. 79739.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	<u>\$388,652.00</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$102,352.00</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>2</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>1</u>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 124 S. Myrl, Garden City, TX 79739.

The phone number of the Glasscock County Appraisal District is: 432/354/2580.

The address is: 124 S. Myrl, Garden City, TX 79739.

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# 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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**Big Spring's Stevie Ward hits the ball over the net during a scrimmage Saturday. The Lady Steers will be traveling to Abilene over the weekend for the Bev Ball Classic Tournament. Coahoma volleyball will welcome Wellman-Union on Friday.**

### Sports Calendar

#### FRIDAY

##### Football

- Lubbock High at Big Spring, scrimmage, 9th and J.V., 6 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.
- Coahoma at Jim Ned, scrimmage, varsity and J.V., 10 a.m.
- Forsan at Grape Creek, scrimmage, time TBA.

##### Volleyball

- Big Spring at Bev Ball Classic, Abilene, through Saturday.
- Wellman-Union at Coahoma, J.V., 2 p.m.; varsity, 3 p.m.

## Local briefs

### Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration open

Kids ages 3-15 are invited to participate in the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association.

Sign-ups are slated at the Big Spring Mall starting Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Additional times include Monday, Aug. 19 through Friday, Aug. 23 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Cost is \$75 per child. For more information, contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

### BSHS season tickets on sale now

Steer football fans can now pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center. The books — which can be purchased Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., until Aug. 23 — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

### Over 80 Scramble to be held at C.C.

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting the Over 80 Scramble — meaning the combined age of each two-person team must add up to 80 or more — Saturday and Sunday.

A shotgun start will be held each day, with the field flighted by first round score.

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## Darvish fans 15 in near-no-hit of Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — With every swing and miss, this looked as if it might be the day Yu Darvish pitched a no-hitter against the overmatched Houston Astros.

And then with one out in the eighth inning, Carlos Corporan ended Darvish's latest bid with a home run.

Darvish once again neared perfection versus Houston, striking out a career-high 15 and permitting only one hit in eight innings as the Texas Rangers won 2-1 Monday for their season-high eighth straight victory.

"A win's a win," Darvish said through a translator. "I'm just glad I was a big part of this win."

Texas won for the 13th time in 14 games and headed home atop the AL West.

In early April, Darvish

(12-5) was one out away from a perfect game at Minute Maid Park before Marwin Gonzalez singled between his legs. Darvish joined Nolan Ryan as the only pitchers in team history to have more than one start of at least eight innings with one hit or less.

Darvish became the first pitcher to have two no-hitters broken up in the eighth inning or later since it happened to Justin Verlander in 2011.

Outfielder Alex Rios chased Corporan's drive to the wall, but had to watch as it sailed about five rows into the stands. Darvish simply looked around, and then wiped his brow with his arm before preparing to throw his next pitch.

"Well, I'd like to see it happen of course," manager Ron Washing-

ton said. "But those are professional hitters over there, too, and Corporan caught one."

Until the homer, Houston's lone runner came when rookie Jonathan Villar drew a two-out walk on a full count in the sixth. Texas catcher A.J. Pierzynski was ejected for arguing with umpire Ron Kulpa about a 2-2 breaking pitch he called low — Pierzynski was tossed after Villar walked.

"Was it a strike? I don't know," Pierzynski said. "Obviously I thought it was and Ron didn't, and I was upset we walked the guy and I said a bad word and I was ejected."

Darvish was perplexed by the actions of his catcher.

"When he got ejected,

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AP photo

**Yu Darvish is shown on the mound during Monday's outing against the Astros. The Rangers won 2-1, but Darvish's no-hit bid was broken up.**

## Man dies after fall from Turner Field upper deck

ATLANTA (AP) — A man who fell more than 60 feet from an upper-level platform at Atlanta's Turner Field onto a parking lot during a baseball game died Monday night, police said.

Atlanta police spokesman John Chafee confirmed the death of the man, whose name has not been released.

The man fell during Monday night's game between the Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies.

"At this time there's no indication of foul play and the fall appears accidental," Chafee said late Monday. "It appears he fell from an upper-level platform to a secured lot below."

Chafee said police received the report of the fall just before 9 p.m. Monday. When officers arrived, they located a man who appeared to have fallen 65 feet, or about six stories.

The man was transported to Atlanta Medical Center and died of his injuries.

Chafee said the fall occurred

on the stadium's back side. He said witnesses described the fall as accidental, but that police were not releasing other details of what they said.

He said he did not know if wet conditions or alcohol were factors.

Heavy rains had led to a nearly two-hour delay of the game, which was scheduled

to start at 7:10 p.m.

A Braves spokeswoman declined comment earlier Monday night, referring calls to the Atlanta police.

Monday's accident wasn't the first of its kind to happen at Turner Field, and marked at least the third time a

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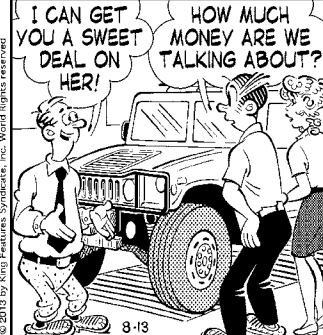
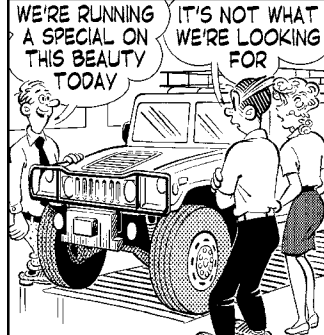


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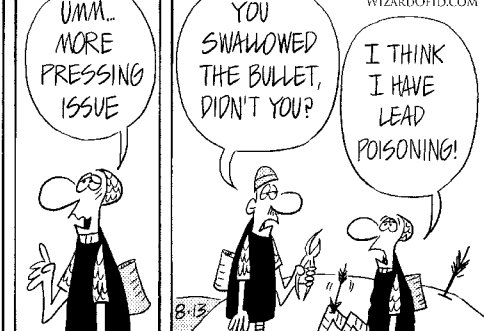
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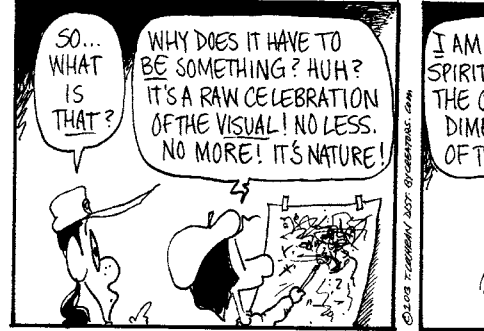
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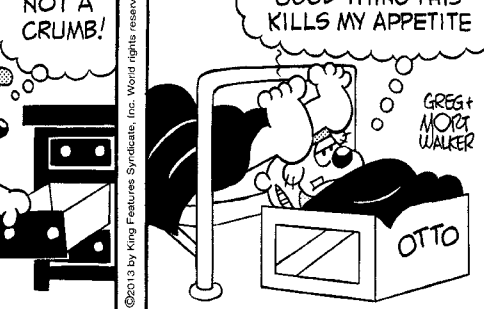
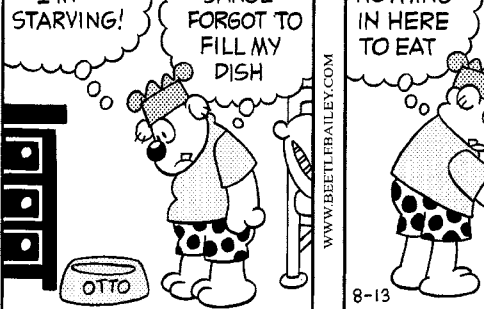
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 2013. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 13, 1913, British metallurgist Harry Brearley developed an alloy that came to be known as "stainless steel." (Although Brearley is often credited as the "inventor" of stainless steel, he was hardly alone in working to create steel that resisted corrosion.)

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 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 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was again elected Speaker of Turkey's Grand Assembly.

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

In 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.

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. Ai there were no survivors.

Today's Birthdays: Former Cuban President Fidel Castro is 87. Actor Pat Harrington is 84. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 80. Actor Kevin Tighe is 69. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 66. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 65. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 64. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 64. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 58. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 58. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 54. TV host/weatherman Sam Champion (TV: "Good Morning America") is 52. Actress Dawn Lewis is 52. Actor John Slattery is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Prepares dinner
  - 6 Weeps loudly
  - 10 Money
  - 14 Using wordplay
  - 15 Picnicker's shade source
  - 16 USC rival
  - 17 Player on stage
  - 18 Working without \_\_ (acting riskily)
  - 19 "Is \_\_ so?"
  - 20 Hot-DOGging
  - 22 Voice inflection
  - 23 SSW opposite
  - 24 Golfers' opening drives
  - 26 What "mammoth" has three of
  - 29 Jewel
  - 31 Bambi, for one
  - 32 Knocked at gently
  - 35 Wrote software
  - 39 Powerful business leader
  - 40 Toys on strings
  - 43 Vicinity
  - 44 "Great blue" marsh bird
  - 46 Unvarying
  - 48 Small fruit pie
  - 51 "Fee, \_\_, foe, fum"
  - 52 "So long!"
  - 53 Train cars with beds
  - 57 Skim milk's lack
  - 59 Bath powder
  - 60 In the DOGhouse
  - 65 Make revisions to
  - 66 Bartlett or Bosc

- DOWN**
- 1 Tax experts, for short
  - 2 "That hurts!"
  - 3 Aware of
  - 4 Widely recognized
  - 5 Injection gadget
  - 6 Party for men only
  - 7 "Believe it \_\_ . . ."
  - 8 Complained
  - 9 Fixed charge
  - 10 DOG-eat-DOG
  - 11 Sound of a sneeze
  - 12 Tilt
  - 13 Can't stand
  - 21 Impoverished
  - 25 "Hold on a \_\_"
  - 26 Engrave, as on glass
  - 27 Labyrinth
  - 28 Practice boxing
  - 30 Cow's comment
  - 33 WatchDOG
  - 34 Where Wall St. is
  - 36 Dull in color
  - 37 Start of a counting rhyme
  - 38 See socially

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# Teams implement autograph changes

(AP) — The fallout from the Johnny Manziel autograph allegations prompted Louisville and Miami to announce changes to their signing policies Monday.

At Miami's annual CanesFest on Saturday, the Hurricanes will be signing only school-issued posters and nothing else. And when Louisville has its Fan Day on Sunday, players won't be permitted to sign anything in response to what Cardinals coach Charlie

Strong called "a national problem."

Both schools said the moves are being made because of ongoing concerns about college athletes and autograph sales, and neither mentioned Manziel by name. ESPN reported earlier this month that Manziel, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, is being investigated by the NCAA amid allegations that he took money in exchange for signing memorabilia.

If true, Manziel's eligi-

bility and Heisman standing would both be jeopardized.

"We have monitored the situation closely, and we decided to protect the eligibility of our players and operate under the principle that it not permissible to accept any type of compensation for their autograph or the sale of memorabilia," Strong said in a statement released through the school. "I know this will disappoint a lot of our fans, especially the young children."

# FALL

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sports fan has fallen from the stands in Atlanta in about a year.

Isaac Grubb, 20, of Lenoir City, Tenn. died after falling over a railing at the Georgia Dome during a football game between Tennessee and North Carolina State on Aug. 31, 2012. Authorities said he landed on another man seated in the lower

level, and that alcohol was a factor.

A man fell about 25 feet over a staircase railing at a Georgia Tech-Miami football game on Sept. 22, 2012 and was not seriously injured.

In May 2008, a 25-year-old Cumming, Ga. man suffered head injuries when he fell down a stairwell at Turner Field during a game between the

Braves and the New York Mets and later died. Police found that alcohol had factored into that accident, which the Braves had said was the first non-medical fatality to happen at the ballpark.

Turner Field became the home of the Braves in 1997, a year after serving as the site of events for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

# DARVISH

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I thought, 'What is he doing?' Darvish said with a laugh.

The two-time All-Star ace from Japan was sharp all game, retiring the last two batters in eighth and exiting after increasing his major league-leading strikeout total to 207.

"He used everything today: slider, curveball, cutter, fastball," Washington said. "He moved it around, kept them off-balance. When they were looking for breaking balls he was throwing fastballs and cutters and when they were looking for cutters he was throwing breaking balls."

"I was pretty locked in," he said.

Darvish struck out 14 in four prior games this year, including his earlier gem at Houston. His 15 strikeouts on Monday matched his career-high from his professional career in Japan.

He is 3-0 with a 1.52 ERA and 37 strikeouts in three starts in Houston this season, and is 4-1 with a 1.31 ERA and 50 strikeouts in five starts since returning

from the disabled list. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 35th save.

The AL West-leading Rangers took a quick lead over the last-place Astros. With two outs in the first, Ian Kinsler and Adrian Beltre doubled and Pierzynski hit an RBI single off Brett Oberholtzer (2-1).

Oberholtzer yielded seven hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings for his first loss in three major league starts.

The Houston hitters had no such luck with Darvish.

Darvish was strong from the start relying mostly on a four-seam fastball, sliders and a cutter against the Astros' inexperienced lineup.

The 26-year-old righty fanned two each in the third and fourth innings, struck out the side in the fifth and the first batter of the sixth inning. His strikeout of Chris Carter to start the fifth was his 200th of the season, giving him a team record for fewest games (23) needed to reach the mark.

In the sixth, Darvish started walking off the mound after his close pitch to Villar. Pierzynski also began heading to the dugout, but Kulpa said it missed.

Pierzynski didn't like the call. After the walk, started yelling in Kulpa's face and was quickly tossed. Geovany Soto took over at catcher.

Darvish, a two-time MVP in Japan, flirted with perfection last Sept. 3, too, retiring the first 17 batters at Kansas City.

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### A Little Bit of Knowledge

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North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 5 3  
♥ —  
♦ 6  
♣ A Q 10 9 7 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7  
♥ Q 7 5 4 3  
♦ J 9 7 2  
♣ K J 4

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 2  
♥ 10 9 8 6 2  
♦ K 10 8 5 4  
♣ —

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 6 4  
♥ A K J  
♦ A Q 3  
♣ 8 5 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass 7 ♠ Pass  
Pass Dble 7 NT

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The bidding on this hand was certainly out of the ordinary. North's opening club bid and South's spade response were both normal, but at his next turn, North was faced with an unusual problem.

He had only 12 high-card points, but — considering his 7-5-1-0 distribution and South's tantalizing spade response — a small or grand slam loomed as distinct possibilities. There were many different bids

North could have made to try to picture his hand to partner, but in the end he concluded that a value raise to five spades would tell the story best.

South, who might have had only six points for his initial response but actually had 18, accepted the invitation happily and bid seven spades straightaway.

After two passes, East made a Lightner slam-double, asking West to lead the first suit bid by dummy. Had the bidding ended there, the grand slam would have failed after an opening club lead by West. But South realized that East's double indicated a void in clubs, so he nimbly retreated to seven notrump.

This contract could not be defeated. Declarer won the spade lead in his hand, led the eight of clubs and played low from dummy after West followed low. When the double finesse succeeded, as South expected from the bidding it would, the grand slam came marching home.

Oddly enough, had East never heard of a Lightner double and quietly passed, declarer would surely have gone down in seven spades after a normal lead. He would no doubt have opted for the percentage play of finessing the queen of clubs, instead of taking a double finesse, and would eventually have lost a club trick.

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