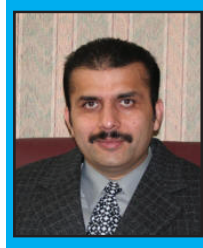




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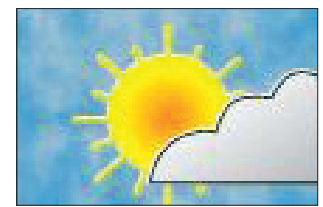


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Kentwood Elementary students Taylor Partlow, left, and Cailey Glover, perform the Big Spring High School fight song for Big Spring school trustees during their meeting Thursday evening at the high school.



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Scary state of affairs

School districts concerned legislators may target them to cope with budget shortfall

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

School superintendents aren't paid to be pessimistic, but they can be excused if they see some dark clouds gathering on the horizon.

As they consider the upcoming session of the Texas legislature, area school officials express concern on just what it will mean for school finances, both state-wide and locally.



Brown

The Texas Comptroller's Office has already alerted legislators to expect a budget shortfall of up to \$18 billion when they convene in January. What exactly that will mean for local school districts next year is anybody's guess, but optimists are in short supply at the moment.

"The people who do financing forecasts for a living are usually pessimistic, but now they're really pessimistic,"

said Randy Brown, superintendent at Coahoma Independent School District. "There's a lot of doom and gloom in the area of school financing right now."

The budget shortfall has already impacted other agencies that depend on state money for their operations, including Howard College, which was hit with a 5 percent reduction in state aid and faces the likelihood of even further cuts in the near future.

Now, public school officials are scared it's their turn to face the budget axe.

"Looking at the state budget, it looks like its going to hurt us," Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "Our (reserves) are probably going to down a bit, so we have to be careful on how we monitor our expenses."

The problem is that no one has a firm idea just what kind or how much a decrease in state aid will be approved

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Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar, left, and Jeff Borman, president of the BSISD school board, talk prior to the start of the trustees' meeting Thursday evening at the high school.

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BSISD orders technology audit

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are going to bring in an outside expert to determine the state of the district's technology.

Sandy Gregg, a software expert from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, will meet with of-



McClarty

officials next week to set the outline for the upcoming technology audit.

"She'll be looking at the technology we have in the district and evaluating its usage, as well as our needs

in this area as we move forward," said Ann McClarty, BSISD executive director for personnel and instruction. "It's something that's really needed in our district."

As anyone who's had a computer for several years can testify, making sure you have the ideal software package for

the particular platform can be a headache.

Now, multiply that problem by the thousands of computers in use at BSISD, and you get an idea of the concerns area school district officials have.

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No increase for Social Security next year

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — More than 58 million retirees and disabled Americans will get no increase in Social Security benefits next year, the second year in a row without a raise. The Social Security Admin-

istration said Friday inflation has been too low since the last increase in 2009 to warrant an increase for 2011. The announcement marks only the second year without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation were adopted in 1975. The first year

was this year.

The cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs, are automatically set each year by an inflation measure that was adopted by Congress back in the 1970s.

To make up for the lack of a COLA, the House will vote

in November — after congressional elections — on a bill to provide \$250 payments to Social Security recipients, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. But even if Pelosi can get the House to pass the

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Mustangs invade Big Spring



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The Big Spring Steers' Dayvion Young tackles a Brownwood ball carrier in last week's 56-21 loss. The Steers have some injuries this week, but hope to get back on the winning track.

Banged up Steers face "must-win" against Sweetwater at Memorial

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Going into what Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey believes is a must-win game against Sweetwater, fans won't see quarterback DaVonte Anderson running down the sideline, evading tacklers.

It'll just be Dennis Merworth doing the same thing, at least that's what Ritchey hopes.

Anderson will sit out Friday's game against the Mustangs (4-3, 0-1 in district play) at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium with an ankle injury coaches rather keep pressure off of.

Originally plays at safety, and backup quarterback Garrett Stuteville and Ritchey isn't expecting a drop-off.

"Our system is not built around one player," he said. "We feel like if we lose a quarterback, we can bring one in and still be just as successful on offense. We lose a receiver, we can plug another one in and still be just as successful because it's a system based on a lot of different positions." Indeed, the Steers (4-

3, 0-1) might not miss Anderson much for one night. The senior's 786 yards on the ground this season have come through his ability to make defenders miss.

Merworth can do the same things.

Ritchey said Merworth and Anderson have some of the attributes that will keep the offense running smoothly. Only problem is, Merworth is a key component on defense with Mike Menefield at safety.

That's where Stuteville comes in. Ritchey said the first-time varsity player will take snaps Friday and his ability to stand in the pocket and make a pass should help give Merworth rest when the safety needs it. The two actually complement each other.

"Both of them are really good quarterbacks," said receiver/cornerback Dayvion Young, who looks forward to playing the team from his hometown of Sweetwater. "No one can replace DaVonte, but we have good quarterbacks."

Stuteville said his reps in practice this week mainly have been during passing situations and he even got in on a few rushing plays Anderson would run if he were healthy.

Stuteville echoed what his coach says: The Steers shouldn't have any problems moving the ball no matter who is in at quarterback.

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**Sweetwater (4-3)
at Big Spring (4-3)**

Big Spring players to watch: QB Dennis Merworth, QB Garrett Stuteville

Sweetwater players to watch: RB B.J. Walker, QB Taylor Jones

— The Steers have some ailing injuries, prompting the Merworth start at QB

Area football schedule

Friday
Forsan
at Coahoma
7:30 p.m.,
Coahoma

Sweetwater
at Big Spring
7:30 p.m.,
Memorial Stadium

Hawley
at Stanton
7:30 p.m.,
Stanton

O'Donnell
at Sands
7:30 p.m.,
Ackerly

Grady
-Bye Week

Garden City
-Bye Week

Sweetwater on tap for Lady Steers

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers have virtually done everything right since District 5-3A play started and they have yet another team they've already beaten on the road visiting Steer Gym.

Not getting overly excited and looking past their opponents is key at this point in the season, but head coach Lynn Osborne hasn't had to remind her players of that at all.

"Fortunately I have a group of very intelligent young women," she said. "It's a very unique group of girls. It doesn't take much. They're smart, they see it. They're all on board. They all know what has to be done and they know that they're are going to have to play clean."

"They're going to have to not get over confident. You can just tell they have the right frame of mind."

The Lady Steers (18-15, 4-1 in district play) will try to make sure they keep rolling against Sweetwater at 5 p.m. today. Big Spring swept the Mustangs 25-19, 25-21, 25-18 to open district play on the road on Sept. 24.

Big Spring is coming off another sweep against Snyder Tuesday and

the regular season is winding down with four more games left including today's.

The Lady Steers look like they've come together in recent weeks, starting district play with two sweeps, a loss to No. 3 Abilene Wylie at home and a tough road win at Brownwood.

Osborne said there's always room for improvement and the first issue the Lady Steers had to tackle was put to test Tuesday against Snyder.

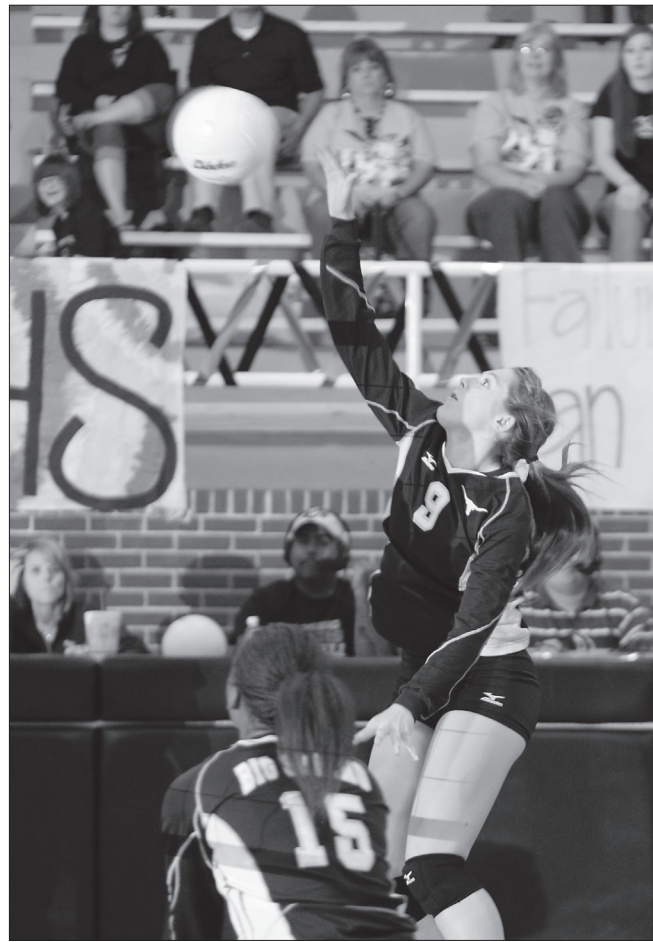
Osborne stressed how vital it is to take the first set convincingly and start the game with some intensity. The Lady Steers did that against Snyder, taking the first set 25-15, owning a 20-9 lead at one point.

But the second-year head coach is hoping that's not the last time she sees a dominant first set from her team. She's hoping the Lady Steers do it again today.

"We're really going to try to hold our intensity level up for a longer period of time," Osborne said. "Respecting this team, knowing that they're very capable of upsetting a team."

The Lady Steers also have been working on a deeper understanding

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Haley Dimidjian hits the ball in the Big Spring Lady Steers' game against Snyder.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to enter call (432) 758-3808.

details.

Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over 80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting

Golf tournament

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 6-6-6 tournament at 1 p.m. Oct. 23 and 24. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Call 267-5354 for more

Tailgate party

Coahoma is hosting a tailgate party at 6 p.m. outside the big red concession stands at the football stadium. Hamburger or cheeseburger meal cost \$6. Baked potatoes, grilled chicken salads and caramel apples are the special today, as well, in addition to the regular menu items.

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Obituaries

Joseph Robert Snyder

Joseph Robert Snyder, born Oct. 25, 1925, in Victoria, died peacefully in the presence of family at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on Oct. 13, 2010. Joe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Loyce; his son, John; daughter-in-law, Kathy; grandson, Karl; and many beloved and loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

After graduating from Patti Welder High School in Victoria, he served as a radar operator aboard the USS Wren in the Pacific theater during World War II. Joe met the love of his life, Loyce Weathers, at Abilene Christian College, where they both graduated in 1950. They were married in Abilene the following year.

Joe had a long and satisfying career as an analytical chemist, working for Dupont, Cosden, El Paso Products and Rexene. As the result of this work, he jointly held several patents.

Joe served as part-time minister and preacher for many West Texas congregations, especially the Churches of Christ in Knott and Goldsmith. He loved to sing and was a popular Bible class teacher with a special gift for ministering to the elderly. Joe also served for many years on the Board of Odessa Christian School, where his wife Loyce was a teacher.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland. A family graveside service will be held Monday at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene. Viewing on Friday will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa. Memorial contributions may be made to Odessa Christian School, Midland Christian School or Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville.

Services are entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Paid obituary

Barbara Webb

Barbara Webb, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday.

She was born Feb. 13, 1942, in Decatur, Ind., and married Max Webb on June 7, 1964, in Muncie, Ind.

Barbara graduated from the Patricia Steven's Finishing School of Etiquette and then graduated from Ball State University with a bachelors degree in library science. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1983 and had worked as a librarian for Big Spring Independent School District from 1987 until retiring in 2010.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and had served as president of the Episcopal Christian Women's Association. She sang in the church choir and was a member of the Big Spring Symphony Chorale. She enjoyed taking walks with her faithful companions and trusted friends, Oscar and Sparky.

Survivors include her husband, Max W. Webb of Big Spring; two sons, Michael Webb and Aaron Webb, both of Irving; her parents, David and Kathryn Somers of Muncie, Ind.; three sisters, Nancy Somers of Chicago, Ill., Jane Barnes and husband Michael, and Kathy Hutton and husband Dale, all of Muncie, Ind.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Lana Somers of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jeff and Kimberly Somers of Muncie, Ind.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Joshua Lane Howell

Joshua Lane Howell, 28, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, the result of a motorcycle accident in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at the funeral home.

Josh was born Sept. 3, 1982, in Big Spring to Terry and Kelley (Sweetman) Howell. He graduated from Big Spring High School and received his associates degree at Howard College. He graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Houston as a gas and diesel mechanic.

He had worked as a mechanic and was presently working at Alon for Veolia as a Waste Water Operator.

Survivors include parents, Terry and Kelley Howell; one sister, Sheena Howell; daughter, Marin Delaney Howell; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Jo Howell, all of Big Spring; maternal grandparents, Leo and Carole Sweetman of Thompsonville, Mich.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and a host of endearing friends.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Michael Barton Howell.

The family suggests memorials be made to the "Josh Howell Memorial Fund" c/o Eagles Lodge, P.O. Box 1962, Big Spring 79721.

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

Police blotter

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

- TOMMIE GLENN WILSON, 58, of Colorado City, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- JASON DREW SMITH, 25, of San Angelo, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another

agency.

- ROY GUERERRO CERVANTES JR., 31, of 1103 E. 12th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWARD CLAY METZIG, 39, of 801 W. FM 700 Apt. 46, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 2500 block of Allendale. In the 1200 block of Wood Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Michael
- THEFT was reported in the 3200 block of Fordham.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
- JONATHAN JOEL GUTIERREZ, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for evading arrest or detention.
- EDWARD CLAY METZIG, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- STEHANIE BENNETT MCKEEHAN, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of S. Second Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported five miles north of Big Spring on Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of W. Third Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

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CC, CJ on display in Game 1 of ALCS

ARLINGTON (AP) — CC vs. C.J., an AL championship series-opening matchup with Cliff Lee connections.

While waiting until Game 3 for his chance to pitch against the New York Yankees, Lee will watch from the Texas dugout Friday night. CC Sabathia, his former and possibly future teammate, faces C.J. Wilson, the lefty reliever-turned-starter who has been constantly watching and talking with Lee in their short time together with the Rangers.

"When you're a little kid and you're in your backyard ... pretending that you're somebody or whatever, you put yourself in this position," Wilson said. "You put yourself in Game 1, Game 7, championship series, World Series, stuff like that."

Because Lee, the Rangers' hired ace, had to pitch a deciding Game 5 in the division series against Tampa Bay, Wilson starts Game 1 against the Yankees. It is the first time the AL West champion Rangers have ever opened a postseason series at home.

When Lee becomes a free agent after the season, Texas and New York are likely to be on his short list: the Rangers because he's already their ace; the Yankees because they likely will offer him the most money.

When Seattle was working to trade Lee this summer, it appeared he would be reunited with Sabathia, his teammate in Cleveland from 2003-08. They even spoke the day before Lee was acquired July 9 by the Rangers after an apparent deal with

New York fell through.

"Me and Cliff have been friends for a long time," Sabathia said. "We hit it off right off the bat, so it's just been one of those relationships where we always keep in touch, always talk to each other."

They faced each other in the World Series last year, when Lee won Game 1 for Philadelphia over Sabathia and the Yankees with 10 strikeouts in a complete game. Lee also won his other World Series start for the Phillies, but New York took the other four games and the series.

The Yankees can avoid facing Lee twice in this series if it ends in fewer than seven games. Lee is 6-1 in his last eight starts against the Yankees, postseason included. He is 4-0 with a 1.16 ERA.

STEERS

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"We're definitely almost as dangerous," he said. "Dennis can run just as fast as DeVonte. If I get in and get to throw some more, maybe we'll be a little more two-headed."

Ritchey expects Sweetwater to utilize their big running back B.J. Walker and the Mustangs might look for the big pass on occasion Friday.

It's a style of football the Steers are accustomed to seeing. The Brownwood game is where Big Spring was outside its comfort zone, facing a spread offense.

Menefield and defensive tackle Pernel Parker were two other ankle injuries the Steers had in the Brownwood game last week and both should see the field Friday. Menefield is expected to start and how much Parker will under-terminated.

No matter who is injured or playing, the Steers don't want to go 0-2 heading to Abilene Wylie next week. Ritchey said everyone understands that.

"I think all of our kids understand how big a game this is and how important it is for our season," he said. "A win really gives us momentum, takes us into Wylie with a chance to win that game, almost clinch a playoff spot possibly depending on how other things happen."

At this point in District 5-3A play, the Steers want to find a winning streak and stay on it, hoping it leads to a playoff berth in the coming weeks. After Friday's game and next week's at Wylie, the Steers are off and then finish at home against Snyder.

"We feel like we need to win this one," Steers defensive end Devante Lloyd said. "If we win this one, it'll be a big boost for us and it'll take us farther."

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Desperate Cowboys face Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — When the Dallas Cowboys came to Minnesota in the NFC playoffs last January, both teams' seasons hung in the balance.

It may only be Week 5 of the 2010 season, but the same could be said for the rematch Sunday.

When the schedule was released this summer, Cowboys at Vikings was immediately identified as a key early-season matchup that most figured would feature two star-powered teams playing for NFC supremacy. A month into the season, both clubs are 1-3 and treating this showdown as a must win.

"Both of us, it's no secret where our records are at right now. Nei-

ther one of us are happy about it," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "In my experience, typically in these kind of games, the most desperate team wins, the most desperate team that's clawing for a victory. Expect it to be contested tooth and nail."

Both teams are looking pretty desperate right about now.

The Cowboys entered the season with plenty of hype, as usual. It was only exacerbated by the fact that their new football shrine will host the Super Bowl in February.

Tony Romo to Miles Austin has become a big-play combination, but Romo has also thrown five interceptions and the Cowboys have all but abandoned

the running game.

Dallas has already lost twice at home, to Chicago and Tennessee. Even in the wide-open NFC, there is a sense that neither team can afford to fall too much further behind.

"The window is always going to be open, and the mentality of playing well and doing the right things," Dallas linebacker DeMarcus Ware said. "But at the end of the day, you can't keep losing. If you keep losing, the window is going to be very narrow."

"There are a lot of good teams in this league. We've got to start now. The time is now."

The Vikings have plenty of issues themselves heading into this game.

preparing for the opponents to continue the volley.

"We worked a lot on that Thursday," Osborne said. "I let them ask a lot of questions and we discussed our defense a little more. Everybody had a really good understanding of what we were trying to accomplish."

VOLLEYBALL

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of the defense, like the Lady Steers getting blocks back over the net and the defense working off that,

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Weekly Update

On Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association play day, the team of Dee Jenkins, Ramona Harris, and Linda Dewaters won first place, shooting 1-over par. Second place went to Annie Ward, Gus Leonardi and Mary Gilbreth who shot 3-over par.

In Thursday's evenings 9-hole completion,

John and Gus Leonardi and Max and Betty Ray Coffee won first place shooting 4-under par. Two teams tied for second with 2-under par. One team was made of Ray and Sue Russell, and Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer. Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Howard and Trish Gabard formed the other team.

Betty Lou Farmer won closest to the pin on Hole No. 6. John Leonardi shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3.

Mexican TV reporter wants out of locker rooms

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — A Mexican television reporter who said she felt uncomfortable in the New York

Jets locker room last month is returning to work and plans to conduct her interviews anywhere but there.

Ines Sainz, of TV Azteca, will be back on the job next week and said she suggested to the NFL that, from now on, she talk to players on the field or on the sideline.

"I'm not going into the locker rooms anymore," she said Thursday at a news conference near Universal Studios. "It's not a good place right now for me. I don't want to be in there."

Sainz said she is scheduled to do interviews with the Pittsburgh Steelers next week, followed by the Jets.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Clubs, and North leads a trump. You win with the seven, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A 5	♠ Q J 6 3
♥ 4	♥ K 3
♦ A J 10 2	♦ 9 4
♣ A Q J 9 8 7	♣ K 10 6 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the four of hearts, and South plays the king. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ 9 8	♠ A K J 3
♥ A Q	♥ 8 3
♦ K Q J 10	♦ A 9 6
♣ Q 10 8 5 2	♣ J 9 7 4

1. It might seem that the best line of play is to lead a heart at trick two. If North has the ace, you make the contract whether he takes it or not. Even if South has the ace, you still have a spade finesse to fall back on.

But while it is true that the early heart play makes you a 3-to-1 favorite to make the contract, you can further increase the odds in your favor to about 4-to-1 by first crossing to dummy with a trump at trick two and returning the four of diamonds, planning to finesse if South follows low.

The recommended approach is sure to succeed if North has either missing spade honor, or both. It gives you a 3-to-1 chance to make the contract, whereas finessing the jack on the first round offers only an even chance, while attacking clubs gives you no chance at all.

Tomorrow: A super safety play.
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3	1	5	6	4	8	2	7	9

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Angel Food October menu

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will be taking October Angel Food orders until 6 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

Cash, money orders or Lone Star Cards are accepted as payment at the time the order is placed.

Delivery will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church.

For more information, contact Madeline Boadle at (432) 267-2203.

Bread of Life Box, \$31

4 lb. chicken drums and thigh combo; 4 6-oz. hamburger patties; 1.5 lb. fully cooked breaded party wings; 20 oz. steak fajitas; 1 lb. battered fish bites; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 7 oz. beef link sausage; 1 lb. fajita blend vegetables; 1 lb. peas and carrots; 1 lb. corn; 20 oz. shoe string fries; 1 lb. 16-bean soup mix; 1 lb. rice; 7.25 oz. mac and cheese; 7.5 oz. corn muffin mix; 32 oz. 2 percent shelf stable milk; dozen eggs; dessert.

Bit O Blessing Box, \$21

2 lb. fully cooked lasagna; country steak with gravy entree or chicken noodle casserole; 1.5 lb. breaded chicken nuggets; 12-inch supreme pizza; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 1 lb. broccoli florets; 1 lb. corn; 1 lb. rice; dessert.

Bountiful Blessing Box, \$41

4 lb. chicken drums and thighs combo; 2 lb. chicken stir fry meal; 4 6-oz. hamburger patties; 1.5 lb. fully cooked breaded party wings; 1 lb. NY beef wieners; 20 oz. steak fajitas; 1 lb. battered fish bites; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 28 oz. fettuccini chicken alfredo with broccoli; 7 oz. beef link sausage; 1 lb. fajita blend vegetables; 1 lb. green beans; 1 lb. peas and carrots; 1 lb. corn; 20 oz. shoe string fries; 1 lb. 16-bean soup mix; 7.25 oz. corn muffin mix; 2 lb. fresh apples; 8 oz. breakfast cereal; 32 oz. 2 percent shelf stable milk; dozen eggs; dessert.

Convenience Meals, \$28

Boneless pork patty with hickory barbecue sauce; country herb chicken; fish fillet; macaroni and cheese; meat lasagna; breaded chicken parmigiana; spaghetti and meatballs; sween and sout pulled pork; chicken penne with creamy tomato basil sauce; pot roast and vegetables.

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1 lb. breaded chicken rings; 1 lb. mini corn dogs; 14 oz. stuffed breadsticks; 2 peanut butter and jelly jamwiches; 4-pk. stuffed sandwiches; 3 pigs in a blanket; 2 chairbroiled beef and cheese sandwiches; 4.5 oz. pancakes and sausage; 2 PBJ on graham wafers.

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Special No. 3, \$23

3 lb. red potatoes; 3 lb. sweet potatoes; 2 lb. yellow onions; 3 lb. tangerines; 1 lb. cello carrots; 1 head green cabbage; 1 head cello lettuce; 1 pineapple; 6 pack apple sauce cups; 2 green peppers; 4 navel oranges; 4 pears.

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(Thanksgiving box delivered in November; Christmas box in December. Both boxes contain the same items.)

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Big Spring ISD gets sterling financial report card from TEA

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Everybody likes getting a good report card, including school districts.

Big Spring Independent School District received a sterling rating from the Texas Education Agency for how the district manages its finances.

BSISD trustees learned about the superior financial rating during their monthly meeting Thursday evening in the high school board room.

The Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) was established by TEA to monitor how Texas school districts manage their money. The system rates districts using a variety of factors, including investment returns, amount of reserve funds and audit results, to determine the districts' financial health.

Under that system, BSISD scored 79 out of a possible 80 points and received a Superior Achievement ranking — the highest possible — from TEA.

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar credited the work of Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner and Business Manager Debbie Green for the sterling rating.

"Debbie and Sandra do a really good job for us and they deserve all the credit for this," Saldivar said. "They are very astute at what they do ... I think we have a really good team in the business office."

Saldivar noted that BSISD scored well above what is considered satisfactory with its FIRST rating.

"The passing standard (for FIRST) is 56, so I guess you can say we received an A+ from the

state," he said.

BSISD has never received a rating of less than Superior in the history of the FIRST report.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A bid from Tejas Manufacturing Co. of San Angelo to provide student letter jackets.

- A bid of \$91,500 from Bob Brock Ford of Big Spring for five pickups.

- Engineering services to perform an Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) feasibility study at the high school baseball field.

- A transfer of \$300,000 from reserve funds to make the district's annual payment for pre-existing debt service.

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AUDIT

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"I was shocked to see just how many (software) programs we use," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "If we don't know exactly how all of it is being utilized, then we have a problem. We need to know how it's being used, how often it's being used and if it's even being used ... We

might find that we have conflicting software and we might not need both.

"I've talked with a lot of superintendents in this area and a lot of them really don't know what they have, either," Saldivar added, "because they don't have the time to examine everything that's out there."

Saldivar said he hopes the upcoming audit will help school officials establish a "benchmark" of the current state of

the district's technology and what additions — or subtractions, for that matter — need to be made.

"If we find we have some software packages we don't really need, that will save the district some money, because, believe me, they are not inexpensive," Saldivar said.

Saldivar and McClarty, along with Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell and Tech-

nology Director Corey Wood, will work closely with Gregg during the upcoming audit.

"This will be a very thorough audit by the time we're through," McClarty promised. "And it will be well worth the time and effort."

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ISD

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by legislators, or how local districts will be expected to counter that shortfall.

As might be expected, a lot of rumors have been floating around. Brown said a major concern was that districts would have to use a significant portion of their reserve funds to make up for the shortfall, but those fears seem to have been forestalled for now.

One of Brown's biggest concerns is how CISD will continue to meet increased accountability standards set by the state if financial resources begin to shrink.

"The most difficult thing for us is, as state accountability standards continue to increase, we're going to

need to the resources to meet those demands from (the Texas Education Agency)," Brown said. "If you decrease those resources, are you going to decrease the standards as well?"

The timing of any cuts also could be a critical issue.

"Personnel expenses make up between 70 percent and 80 percent of our budget and those contracts are set in March," Brown said. "If the legislature waits until late spring or early summer to make their cuts, by that time, we're sunk."

Regardless of what kind of cutback districts eventually face, administrators said their respective districts would weather the storm as best they could.

"We're still in good shape," Saldivar said. "We'll be talking with

our representatives and visiting with them during the coming months. But we live in a time where we're expected to do more with less."

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proposal, it faces opposition in the Senate.

The absence of inflation will be of small comfort to many older Americans whose savings and home values still haven't recovered from the recession. Many haven't had a raise since January 2009, and they won't be getting one until at least January 2012.

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Phillies playing role of favorites

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies find themselves in a new role this postseason.

The two-time defending NL champions are no strangers to big games, having advanced this far in three straight years. The only difference between now and the last two trips to the league championship series is the Phillies are the favorites to win it all this time, thanks in large part to the three proven aces in their pitching rotation.

It's World Series or bust in Philadelphia. Nothing less is acceptable in a city that's become spoiled by its baseball team's success.

Who would've thought the losingest franchise in pro sports would reach the point where it's the one other teams hope to emulate?

The Phillies are trying to become the first NL club in 66 years to win three consecutive pennants, and they're going for their second World Series title in three years.

Odds makers have made them an overwhelming

favorite to beat the San Francisco Giants in the NLCS, and also give them an edge over the New York Yankees or Texas Rangers in the World Series.

"It's a good challenge for you. Expectations should bring out the best in someone," manager Charlie Manuel said on a rainy Thursday. "At the same time, I like players to have expectations of themselves. That's even better. I like everything about our players and we think we can play and we think we can play in big, tough games. Last year when we got beat in the World Series, I said I want to go back and play the New York Yankees. That's what I was talking about."

For some, higher expectations increase pressure. But the Phillies are a loose, close-knit group that has plenty of experience playing important games in October. They expected to reach this point, even when they trailed Atlanta by seven games in the NL East in late July.

"When you get to talking favorites and what's expected of you, that goes beyond the realm of what you can control," left fielder Raul Ibanez said. "We don't focus as a club on what's expected of us. We focus on what's expected of ourselves. We have high expectations of ourselves as a team, regardless of what's being said outside the locker room."

"It's a confident team, not an arrogant team. It's a team that's going to grind it out and fight. I think the only expectations that are important are the ones we place on ourselves. It's a great environment to come work every day. We never feel like we're out of a game. Nobody ever quits. You never hear a negative word or a snide comment. Never. It's a bunch of guys that have tenacity, a passion for the game and really a passion for winning."

Game 1 against San Francisco is Saturday night at Citizens Bank Park. It'll be a marquee matchup featuring Roy Halladay and Tim Lincecum going head-to-head on the mound.

Maxmania reigns for rejuvenated Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Call it Maxmania, this resurgent energy surrounding the Arizona Cardinals.

Max Hall, the undrafted rookie quarterback from BYU who grew up in nearby Mesa, has played just one, not particularly spectacular game. But it was a victory — a 30-20 win over the Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints.

His combative, enthusiastic presence has breathed life into a meandering season and lighted a fire under a fan base that wondered what was becoming of this franchise after the retirement of Kurt Warner.

The win sent the Cardinals into their bye week at 3-2 and alone in first place in the NFC West. When they return, Hall will have had some extra time to work with the rest of the starters and probably the services of Steve Breaston and Early Doucet, the team's No. 2 and 3 receivers who have been out with injuries.

"It's great knowing that we're

in the position that we're in knowing that we've got a lot of improvement we can make," coach Ken Whisenhunt said, "and if we do that, we can become a pretty good team."

Hall's statistics weren't all that impressive, 17 of 27 for 168 with one interception. But anyone who watched the game had to be impressed with the way he confidently ran the show and how his teammates rallied around him.

"I just go in there and try to do the best I can," he said. "I work hard and just try to put my best foot forward and hopefully the guys feed off that. I think so far they have."

Just a week ago, the Cardinals were reeling from a 41-10 loss at San Diego, Arizona's second such blowout in three weeks.

Whisenhunt had benched starting quarterback Derek Anderson before halftime and given the nod to Hall, who was not drafted and began this summer's mini-camp as the team's No. 4 quarter-

back. The impression he made on Whisenhunt was a big reason the coach released Matt Leinart.

The coach made a deal with the players that, if they beat New Orleans, he would take it easy on them in the bye week. That meant just one brief workout on Wednesday for the veterans. A few of the youngsters, including Hall, stuck around for another session on Thursday.

"Obviously the most important thing is to get the quarterback in here and letting him still continue to progress," Whisenhunt said. "That's really what it's all about."

While so much attention has gone to Hall, the defense that was the main factor in the win over New Orleans, scoring two touchdowns and setting up the third.

"Instead of going out with that stinky feeling about how things went the previous game," cornerback Greg Toler said, "we just finished this game with a big bang. It feels pretty good."

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Might allegations sack Favre's marketability?

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Over 20 seasons as an NFL quarterback, Brett Favre has taken plenty of hits on the field.

Now his reputation is taking a hit, too.

The NFL is investigating the Deadspin website report that he allegedly sent below-the-waist naked photos of himself to a woman who worked for the New York Jets when he played for the team two years ago.

Favre has become one of America's most popular athletes by winning a Super Bowl, setting all kinds of passing and durability records and building an image as an everyday down-to-earth guy.

Just watch one of those Wrangler commercials, where he plays backyard pickup ball with a bunch of smiling and laughing guys while wearing a T-shirt, blue jeans and stubble.

Wrangler, arguably his highest-profile promotion, issued a statement

Thursday saying "we are following the story like everyone else."

"We are not making any major decisions on our marketing program until more information is available," Wrangler spokesman Rick French said.

Even if Favre ultimately avoids punishment from the league, it's clear that this damage — fair or not — will be difficult to repair.

"It has certainly shifted to 'good family guy and one of us' to 'just like every other professional athlete' we can't trust," said sports marketing specialist Matt Delzell.

So will we still see Favre starring in television ads after he retires?

"I see it highly unlikely for the simple fact that the companies he endorses have hung their hat on his being a good-old-boy family guy in middle America," Delzell said in an interview from his Dallas-area office, where he's a director for the entertainment marketing agency Davie Brown Talent.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Marty Brooks, who has farmed cotton for more than 34 years, who was named the 2010 Ag Producer of the Year during last week's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Luncheon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- James A. Gilbert, owner of Ag Service, who received the 2010 Ag Business of the Year Award during last week's Ag Appreciation Luncheon.

- Fred and Terri Peterson, who farm in the Vincent and Luther areas and are the winners of the First Bale Contest held each year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The bale was ginned by the Big Spring Gin Co-op.

- Robinson Drilling, which has established a \$100,000 endowment through the Howard College Foundation to support scholarships for students in the Career Technical Education program.

- All those that took part in the last of 2010's Old Sorehead Trade Days last weekend in Stanton.

- The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and all those who participated in the "Blessing of the Animals" observance at the church.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are at the head of the pack, Lord, when we are with You.

Amen

A grandparent's 'goof'

My frequent vignettes about grandparents might be mistakenly assumed to be thinly-veiled efforts to drum up greeting card business for National Grandparents Day, an observance proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter in 1978.

The brainchild of a diminutive West Virginia woman, the recognition now occurs annually on the Sunday following Labor Day. Feeling that grandparents were relegated to afterthoughts most days of the year, the 5-foot-3 mountain woman campaigned for years for the observance, investing both time and money. Hers was a "labor of love" as she sought more recognition for grandparents. She refused any material gain, turning down lucrative offers from greeting card companies. (Ideas continue to bloom, including designation of forget-me-nots as "official flowers.")

Marian McQuade lived to enjoy the holiday 30 times prior to her death at age 91, happy that her project was adopted both nationally and by several other countries. She died on September 26, 2008, 19 days after National Grandparents Day. Survivors include 15 children, 43 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The 33rd observance will be on Sept. 11, 2011, the date that also marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

I thought about this observance recently when the Rev. Jim Gray, a granddad, told me the story of a "bad haircut."



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It was "my kind of story," but writing about it at the time could have been interpreted as a shameless attempt to stimulate greeting card purchases for National Grandparents Day.

I decided to write about it now for two reasons: 1) The next grandparents day observance is almost 50 weeks away, and 2) Gray's story is a "twist" on the usual.

Instead of grandparents sharing "you won't believe this" stories about their grandchildren at senior adult get-togethers, it could be two-year-olds in nurseries jabbering with delight over their first haircuts.

Truth to tell, Jim deserves a gold star for admitting what happened. Others of us attempting such would be crowned with many dunce caps in lieu of congratulations. A few weeks ago, the Grays' only daughter, Linda, left her only child, Braylon, with her folks for the weekend.

Eager for his youngest grandson to be fastidiously groomed for church, Jim asked permission to trim the youngster's hair. Braylon had sat in a barber's chair just once, but needed a "trim" to look his best in the nursery the next day.

Linda agreed, but her mom, Kay, remained silently skeptical.

"I guess I had forgotten how fine a two-year-old's hair is and how squirmy they can be," Jim confessed. "The 'trim' got a bit out of hand, but it didn't look bad to me on Saturday night."

Twenty-four hours later, the person whose opinion mattered most — his daughter — disagreed. "She didn't say anything, but the look on her face let me know she was appalled," he admitted. "I felt like a complete failure as a grandfather and as a father."

Sleeping fitfully, Jim sprang from his bed Monday morning to send Linda a text message.

"I'm sorry about the haircut. It did not turn out the way I planned."

He received an immediate reply: "It's OK! I was just caught off guard! I still love you! It's a bad haircut, but it's full of love!" (That many exclamation points indicate absolute sincerity, don't they?)

"I felt forgiven," Jim said. "And I insisted on paying the barber to repair the mess, re-lieved that it was she — and not I — who would tell the barber who administered the lousy haircut!"

A final thought concerns the death of Englishman James Heseldenon, the Segway manufacturer who died recently after plunging off a cliff into a river on one of his two-wheeled conveyances. Headlines around the world are flooded with "plays-on-words," such as: "Segway owner segues."

Under the layers of triviality, though, are notable facts of his being a generous philanthropist and respected citizen. And no matter the irony, left behind to mourn the loss of this respected Englishman are his wife, children and grandchildren.

I opened this column with a twist and shall close in the same manner, predicting that in the future, there'll be admonitions going in two directions: From grandparents warning grandchildren to "be careful" on their two-wheeled vehicles and youngsters extending the same warning to them.

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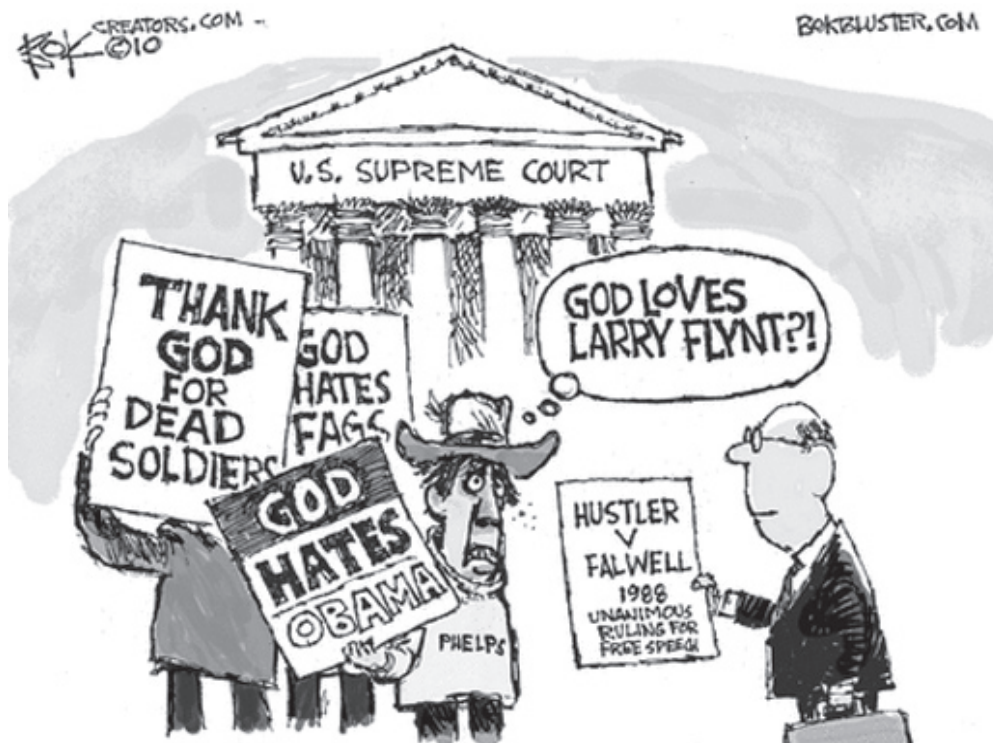
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15 years and counting...

There are some strange traditions when it comes to anniversaries. Some traditional person — a mindful female, who had her act together I'm sure — decided once and for all to put the order of required anniversary gifts into stone.

Of course, this is a bane for those of us, especially men, who do not have our acts together. I have no idea what the story is behind every year's traditional anniversary gift, but they seem a little, well, odd.

For example paper is the traditional gift for a first anniversary. I think this can be misinterpreted. I can see some hillbilly in Johnson County right now, "Here ya go honey, I got this here roll of Charmin for ya." We might need to clarify.

Cotton is what you're supposed to get your bride on your second anniversary. Here comes the hillbilly again, stomping in the house with his muddy boots holding a big rooted green plant with cotton balls on it. "I picked this up between Cleburne and Hillsboro, baby."

The traditional gift for a third-year anniversary is leather. "I know we don't have a horse, but you'll look good on this saddle, sweetie."

The traditional gift for a

fourth-year anniversary is linen. "Heres a copy of the White Album by the Beatles. I know that John was always your favorite."

I could go on, but when you get to number 15, it turns out the gift is crystal. The number 15 stands out to me this week — and not because I've been watching Sesame Street. This time of year marks our anniversary at Open Door, and it turns out this is 15 years.

I've got a crystal clear view of the past 15 years — living from sermon to sermon. There are so many things I would love to do over, and so many things I don't think I could ever make happen again. There is nothing boring about starting a church, and I think ministry is a lot like getting old — it is not for wimps.

So here is my list of the Top 15 things I have learned about life, church and surviving as a pastor for the past 15 years.

- Most of what we teach, isn't taught on purpose.
- Never compliment anyone on being pregnant unless they tell you they are pregnant.
- God did not put any of us here to change or control people. We have full-time jobs judging ourselves.
- There is no correlation between the price of a brand of batteries and how long they last.
- You see people's glory, but you don't see their story. Victorious people make it look easy to live that way.
- As long as there are zippers, Plexiglass pulpits can be a pow-

erful tool for the devil.

- If you know lots of people, a lot of those people will be with you for only a season in your life.

- A little bit of Jesus can make up for a whole lot of stupid.

- God doesn't do great things through a church service. He does great things through the relationships of the people in a church service.

- It takes hard work to be a blessing.

- Church doesn't make God love you more. A good church helps you love God more.

- The Great Commission is not the Great Commandment, and preaching is not a priority over loving God and loving people.

- It is necessary in Johnson County to have no smoking signs on the church doors.

- If you tell your own stories people will not have anything on you.

- Every single one of us are in desperate need of a savior.

I have needed a lot of grace in my life and continue to need it all the more. A big shout out to everybody who has been a part of my personal journey. Wherever you are, whether we have ever met or not, I thank God for you, and may all of us remain teachable people willing to move forward.

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Church News

Pastoral Care Appreciation Week

In honor of Pastoral Care Appreciation Week, the West Texas Veterans Health Care System is hosting a minister's luncheon in room 219 of the VA Hospital from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Contact Chaplain Scott Jimenez at 263-7361, ext. 4823, to RSVP. This is a time to break busy schedules for fellowship, fun and free food, as well as to get information on how to help each other and the community.

First United Methodist

This Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese will be continuing the series, "Decision's and Priorities." This week's sermon is titled "Pay Attention to the Tension" with scriptures from Samuel 24:1-13.

Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. In the evening, Family Fun Night and a snack supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall with youth, adult activities and Bible study following.

Sunday evening the men of our church, along with their sons, have the opportunity to hear guest speaker and singer Steve Chapman speak of "A Look at Life From the Deer Stand."

There will be a wild game dinner hosted by FUMC Midland and held in their resource center. Contact Mark Barr or Noel Hoff if you are interested in attending.

Becky Woodall, our newest staff member, is off and running with wonderful plans for our children's and young families' ministry. Watch for the Young Families' pumpkin decorating Halloween party Oct. 30.

In November, that same group will be going to Fiddlestick Farm, as well as hosting an evening of fun for the entire family. In November, there will be a Young Families' adult scavenger hunt and progressive dinner. More information from this fast-growing mission of our church will be coming.

We continually pray for our service men and women and have kept that candle burning on the altar in their honor.

Now we have become a drop off point for CFOT, a non-profit organization which receives donated items, packs and mails them to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All donations must be made by Dec. 1. Let's fill the boxes here at FUMC and let our young men and women know we care.

There will be an opportunity for medical screenings at our church Oct. 28. It's a great outreach that helps individuals take control of their healthcare. More information is available in the church office.

Remember that in November Olan Mills will be here taking pictures for a new church directory. Sign up sheets for appointments are in the secretary's office.

Enjoy this wonderful fall weather that the Lord has made and come join us in worship at First Methodist, located at Fourth and Scurry in the very heart of downtown Big Spring.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and 5 on Sunday evenings, when we sing the old favorites and continue in a Bible study of the book of Genesis.

Come join us for our annual stew supper and fellowship from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. His message is entitled "Know the Lord," based on scripture from Jeremiah 31:27-34.

Encouraging words: How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it. — George Elliston

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed!

Remember, God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

First Presbyterian, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 on Sunday morning to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, meets in the church library at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; and Luke 18:1-8.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday in the church library; choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Youth Group met at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Paula Farquhar will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning and Danny Kennemur is liturgist for October. Ushers for the month are Nancy and Jim Bill Little, John Yater and Susan Holstedt.

The children's Sunday School will begin a new study unit on Samuel this Sunday. The Youth Group continues its "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" study under the leadership of Don and Christine Boling. The Adult Covenant Class continues a unit titled "God Sustains," based on the book of Psalms. The Adult Video Class will complete its study, "The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church," and Oct. 24 will begin a four-part study by Bill Hybels called "The Power of a Whisper," in which he invites every follower of Christ to learn how to live with one

Learning to repurpose

Is there something in your house that isn't being used as it was intended to be used?

Perhaps you have a bookcase that doesn't hold books or an antique umbrella holder that has never held an umbrella. You might have an unconventional flower pot, or a unique table. If you have one or more of these versatile items, then you might qualify as a trend setter.



BONNIE WHEAT

In the world of TV design shows, "recycle" and "repurpose" have become buzz words. Using old stuff in a new way suddenly has merit that we never heard about before. However, genius and creativity have been around for a long time.

One of America's best known inventors, Thomas Edison, the man who gave us the electric light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera had

over a thousand patents in the United States alone for things he had invented. However, Edison maintained a flexible attitude about his work, saying, "Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless."

Another brilliant American who saw the necessity of change was a Georgia physician and chemist who rewrote and renamed his formula for a product that had been marketed as a nerve tonic, stimulant, and headache remedy. When Atlanta passed a prohibition law in 1886, Dr. John S. Pemberton remarketed his product known as Pemberton's French Wine Coca, which had been sold in most of the city's drugstores. The new drink, sweetened with sugar instead of wine, became a soda-fountain favorite known as Coca-Cola.

Unfortunately, Dr. Pemberton died before he knew how successful his new product would become, but his openness to change resulted in a trademark that is recognized around the world.

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As we reflect on our lives, most of us have had some disruptions and disappointments that caused us to depart from the path we had mapped out for our futures.

We may have had to rethink, regroup, and repurpose. However, God assures us that He can still make something useful out of our messed-up plans if we trust Him: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28 NASB).

Thomas Edison was right. Just because our plans didn't turn out the way we intended for them to doesn't mean that our lives are useless. We may just need to repurpose.

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ear perpetually tuned to Heaven.

The Working Women's Bible Study began the study year Tuesday with a series from Horizons Bible Study entitled "Journey through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara Rossing.

The 89th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery will be today at University Presbyterian Church in El Paso.

The lectionary for Sunday is Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; and Luke 18:1-8. The Rev. Dick McFarlin, a retired preacher from Midland, will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments" by Thomas Tallis, and during the offertory, they will sing "First Song of Isaiah" by Jack Noble White.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST-AM 1490 at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed

bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpchs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Public Prayer for the nation

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Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to observe all applicable safety rules and regulations and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for the position, please complete the online application by clicking on the *Career Opportunities* link at

<http://www.sharylandutilities.com>
For further information, please contact Human Resources at (432)684-0318 or (432)684-0339.

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CHURCH NEWS

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North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

The members of the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meet for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the elementary and youth groups. Sheila Welch will be leading the adult class discussion on "God Provides Refuge," taken from Psalm 46-1-7.

Bible study meets each the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 p.m. We are continuing our study "Do What You Have the Power to Do."

Because of the unexpected work being done on our parking lot, we were unable to take Angel Food orders last weekend, but will be taking orders from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Orders can now be placed online and we do take the Lone Star Card. We are very sorry for this inconvenience.

Plans have now been completed for our "Trunk or Treat" set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. All trick-or-treaters are welcome. We will have a chili or soup supper for workers at the close of the evening's activities.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane and welcomes all who wish to participate in study and service to the Lord.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Nov. 11. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting, we will honor the 2009 Walks: Women's Walk 52, Terri Johansen, and Women's Walk 53, Raylene Daniels. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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

Mt. Bethel Baptist

Once again it is time for Mt. Bethel Sanctuary Choir's annual musical set for 3 p.m. Sunday. We look forward to the fellowship as we lift up the name of Jesus in song for He is worthy to be praised.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9 a.m., worship service at 10:15 a.m., Bible study at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 5 p.m. The Youth Ministry meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

College Baptist

Pastor Ken McMeans' sermon last Sunday was "Preparing for the Presence." We are preparing for the coming of "The Tabernacle Experience" that will be in Big Spring Friday, Oct. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 31. A full scale replica of the Tabernacle of the wilderness from the Old Testament of the Bible will be set up on U.S. Highway 87 approximately three miles south of Big Spring, next to Buffalo Fina.

The Crossroads Association of Churches of Big Spring is responsible for bringing this to our community. It is suggested that people donate \$5 for adults and \$3 for children with no family giving more than \$20. Special rates will be available for groups. It is unusual for a smaller town to have the opportunity to have the Tabernacle to come to them and it is something that you won't want to miss. Many of the churches in town will have volunteers helping out while it is here.

To make reservations for groups, call John McCullough at (432) 935-9171 or visit the web site at www.xroadsba.org.

Other things happening at College Baptist: Staff Appreciation Day is Sunday following the morning worship service.

The CBC's Women's Ministry will be assembling Thanksgiving baskets and ask people to bring food for these. A list of what will be needed can be found in the church newsletter. There will be a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss the future direction of "Women Walking in Ministry." Participants will be discussing upcoming

ing Bible studies, future retreats and mentoring programs. Lunch and child care will be provided.

The Tabernacle Experience

The public is invited to experience a full-scale replica of the Tabernacle of the Wilderness, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily from Oct. 22 through Oct. 31.

The tabernacle was built by Moses to house the ark of the covenant while the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness.

This unique, 50-minute tour will be erected approximately three miles south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, near Buffalo Country Fina.

Requested contribution is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children with a maximum per family of \$20. It is recommended that schools and groups make reservations in advance by contacting John McCullough at (432) 935-9171 or www.xroadsba.org.

More information on the tour, attended by more than 150,000 people, can be located at www.tabernacleexperience.com.

The Crossroads Baptist Association is sponsoring this event.

Alive in Christ Lutheran

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following around 10:15.

This Sunday, Pastor Carroll Kohl will deliver the sermon from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. The sermon title will be "There's Power in the Word!"

The flowers are given by Bo and Heidi Vizcaino in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Grace Vizcaino.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Haley Walker. Our elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell.

The liturgy will be read by Knocke. The readings are Genesis 32: 22-30, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8. Anyone interested in reading should contact Dolline Budke.

On Wednesdays, Mid Week School begins at 5:45 p.m. The meals are served from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you are interested with helping with a meal, contact Dana Byrd. Thank you to Breanna Conner and Shele Gilbert for preparing the meal Oct. 6. Thank you, Bobby and Judy Roeber, for providing last Wednesday's meal.

Sunday we will have our Voters' Meeting around 11:30 a.m. Please stay for this important meeting. Budgets will be handed out to the various boards in preparation for the final meeting of the year in December. Boards will present their reports.

The Elders will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The Board of Evangelism has begun preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 25. They need cooks/grocery getters. Contact Richard or Jeanie Knocke as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting.

The ladies of the LWML who attended last Saturday's LWML Zone Rally had a wonderful time. Nancy Michaelis presented information about her experiences during her 1-1/2 years in Korea. She did a very great job of explaining the various aspects of being involved with this group of enthusiastic people. The love that she has for both teaching and learning was very apparent throughout the presentation.

The Board of Education met last Tuesday and discussed upcoming activities.

The LWML met on last evening and discussed the fall rally and our upcoming Spring Workshop for our zone.

Saturday, Oct. 30, our church will host our annual "Trunk or Treat" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. We need members of our congregation to bring their donated candy to church before Wednesday, Oct. 27, so we can prepare the Halloween bags.

On Oct. 31 we will celebrate Reformation Day with communion. Reformation Day commemorates the nailing of the 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, by Martin Luther on Oct. 31, 1517. Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching.

On Nov. 14 the LWML will host an "in-house" bake sale between church and Sunday School.

Mark your calendars for the Advent season which will begin Nov. 28. Advent services will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

The LWML Salad/Christmas Ornament Exchange evening will be hosted by Kathy Laning at 7 p.m. Dec. 9. Come join us at her lovely home at 4214 Theo. Remember to bring both your salad and your Christmas ornament, but most of all, you.

Scheduled meetings for November include: The LWML will serve refreshments at the VA on Nov.

8. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the church. The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the church. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the church.

First Church of the Nazarene

Do you feel like you need to come back to the heart of worship? Join us Sunday morning for our new series on finding out what worship is and how and why it is done. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength" Deut. 6:5.

Upcoming events include: Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for grades 2-6 and Critter Land lifts off for those in the second grade to 4 years old with class in the kindergarten room. The Critter Land Nursery for ages 3 and under is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

On Sunday evenings we have several new classes. Join us for Truth Seekers class (a leadership class developing people to strengthen, present and defend their faith) and "Each One, Disciple One" class will begin for new Christians.

Join us Wednesday evening for Small Groups. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 with groups meeting in various classrooms at 6:30. Children and youth classes are offered for all ages. Children sixth grade to nursery all meet in the sanctuary for opening with 10 minutes of praise and worship prior to going to classrooms.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Birdwell Lane Baptist

We invite you to visit with us at 1512 S. Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is for ages 4-12 during the morning worship service.

Midweek service and young adult Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. There is a nursery provided for your little ones up to 3 years of age.

For a ride to any service, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Sunday night will be youth night. Youth of the church will take care of the service with Brother Casey Torrence preaching. Our youth are the church of tomorrow and need our support.

Our fall family festival will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, with a hobo supper, games, a cakewalk and hayride.

The Hinkle family will be with us Sunday, Oct. 24, during the morning service. If you like good singing, plan to attend.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the church. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15 a.m. following the morning service.

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

The Daily Grind with God coffee hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Then Holy Eucharist is at noon in the chapel.

All youth for the sixth through 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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

First Christian Church

Starting Sunday morning our youth will be leading the congregation in a special outreach project called Christmas for Our Troops. A collection box will be in the foyer for Sunday worshippers to donate items that will be packaged and sent as Christmas goodie boxes to men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The youth will collect items until next month, when they will take them to Midland to help assemble and package the boxes for shipment.

Our youth will continue to meet with the youth from St. Mary's Episcopal and First Presbyterian churches on Wednesday evenings at 6 for a light supper. The tri-church youth group is open to all teens in Big Spring. This month the group meets at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Looking ahead, our church will join with St. Mary's to host Trunk or Treat for the fifth consecutive year. This event has grown each year because people realize it is a great way to keep Halloween safe. Last year, more than 500 children passed by our trunks so that our members could hand out

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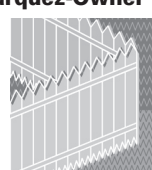
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News in brief

Nearly 3 dozen tea party House candidates locked in tight races

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Weeks from the elections, the tea party has proven it's no flash in the pan. More than 70 of its candidates are on ballots from coast to coast, and nearly three dozen are locked in competitive House races, according to a state-by-

state analysis by The Associated Press.

From the hundreds of conservative activists who took up the cause in races this year, these candidates — mostly Republicans — emerged to capture nominations and are running with the support of loosely organized tea party groups that are furious at the government.

Some of the candidates are political newcomers who have struggled to organize and raise money and have little chance of winning on Nov. 2. In some states, tea party groups are divided over whether to even back candidates or become active in campaigns.

But about 35 candidates appear to be waging viable campaigns that have put them ahead or within striking distance of their opponents, according to the AP analysis.

Candidates with tea party ties are favored to win in Republican-leaning districts in Indiana and South Carolina. Several are running strong in a number of rural districts in the West and the suburbs of several major cities. Three candidates aligned with the tea party are in tight races in Michigan, which has the second highest unemployment rate in the nation at 13.1 percent.

The prospects for the tea party candidates have stirred anxious debate in both political parties. And their legions of backers have Democrats fearing that 2010 could be the reverse of 2008, when Democrats attracted 15 million first-time voters who helped the party win control of the White House and Congress.

Government to report on second straight \$1 trillion-plus deficit; red ink to spill over into election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is set to report Friday that the federal budget deficit exceeded \$1 trillion for the second straight year, providing critics of government spending with fresh ammunition ahead of the midterm congressional elections.

The Congressional Budget Office is projecting that the deficit for the 2010 budget year that ended Sept. 30 will total \$1.29 trillion. That's down by \$125 billion from the \$1.4 trillion in 2009 - the highest deficit on record.

Soaring deficits have become a problem for Democrats in an election year focused on the weak economy.

Republicans have tapped into voter angst over the deficits, using the \$814 billion economic stimulus and \$700 billion Wall Street bailout to paint President Barack Obama and his party as big spenders.

Democrats say the recession would have been worse if the government didn't step in with those programs to prop up the economy. They also note that most of the bailout, which began during the Bush administration and was supported by many Republicans in Congress, has been repaid.

Both parties have acknowledged that rising deficits will present headaches for policymakers regardless of which party controls Congress after November.

Chile miners stingy with details, closely guarding limelight's spoils

COPIAPO, Chile (AP) — The first three rescued Chilean miners out of the hospital celebrated their new lives as national heroes Friday, as word emerged that the 33 want to closely guard their story so they can fairly divide the spoils of their overnight media stardom.

That could explain why none of them have spoken publicly at any length or provided any dramatic details of their 69 days trapped a half mile (1 kilometer) beneath the Atacama desert.

A daughter of Omar Reygadas, a 56-year-old electrician, said in an interview early Friday that he told her just hours earlier that the miners have agreed to divide all their earnings from interviews, media appearances, movies or books.

"He also said we can't say things to the media without their permission," said Ximena Alejandra Reygadas, 37. "He said they need to decide what we can tell the media."

Hundreds of reporters abandoned the mine and descended on this gritty provincial capital on Thursday after the world watched in awe the men's nearly flawless rescue through a narrow hole it took a month to drill.

A shift foreman at the San Jose mine who is close to many of the the men told The Associated Press they have hired an accountant to track their income from public appearances and equitably distribute it.

Breast cancer 'boobies' bracelets: School dress code violation or free speech for good cause?

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A \$4 rubber bracelet meant to raise breast cancer awareness has done that and more: Students nationwide are wearing the "I (heart) boobies" wristbands, and wearing afool of school administrators.

Schools from California to Florida have banned

the bracelets because they believe the "boobies" language is inappropriate.

The bracelets are marketed by a California-based nonprofit created to raise breast cancer awareness among youth. The Keep A Breast Foundation has sold 2 million of the bracelets so far, with the money going to breast cancer research and education programs.

The group believes a bracelet with a catchy, envelope-pushing slogan such as "I (heart) boobies" is a better way to teach kids about breast cancer than more traditional methods like pink ribbons.

Kollin West, a 14-year-old student at Laramie Junior High School, is one student who got in trouble over the bracelets.

The ninth-grader began wearing his bracelet after noticing the number of women being treated for breast cancer at a hospital where his father was undergoing chemotherapy for testicular cancer.

School officials objected, ordering West to wear his "boobies" bracelet inside-out because they considered the bracelet's wording inappropriate. West pointed out that girls at his school, the local high school and even an elementary school were wearing them without a problem.

The dispute drew the attention of the Wyoming chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, which argued West had a free speech right to wear the bracelet.

School officials ultimately agreed to allow him to wear it except in the presence of two teachers - one a victim of breast cancer and another who lost a relative to the disease - who found the "boobies" reference objectionable.

States to begin sharing prescription drug abuse data, patient privacy advocates object

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Starting next year, dozens of states will begin knitting together databases to watch prescription drug abuse, from powerful painkillers to diet pills.

With federal money and prodding, states are being asked to sign onto an agreement allowing police, pharmacies and physicians to check suspicious prescription pill patterns from Nevada to North Carolina.

Civil liberties and privacy advocates have objected to the state databases, which would be linked with technology and standards developed by the Justice and Homeland Security departments.

Thirty-four states operate databases to fight a drug problem authorities say is growing more deadly than heroin.

North Carolina had 826 unintentional deaths due to controlled substances last year, said Bill Bronson, the state health official in charge of the database. In comparison, there were 482 homicides statewide.

Nationally, there were 27,658 overdose deaths from prescription medication in 2007 - more than heroin and cocaine combined, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in July. The threat is increasing as the most addictive pain relievers including OxyContin, which can produce a euphoric feeling, become more common, the Drug Enforcement Administration said.

Reid calls Angle's views extreme; Angle says Reid voted 300 times to raise taxes

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sixty minutes, two candidates and not a single moment of agreement.

Instead, Republican Sharron Angle taunted Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to "man up" Thursday night in their only debate of a close, caustic and costly race.

Speaking more softly, Reid called her extreme, an ally of the special interests and advocate for jettisoning government agencies that millions of Nevadans rely on.

"We can't trust you with taxes," the tea party-backed Angle said near the end of their 60 shared minutes on a debate stage, returning to an allegation made nearly an hour earlier that he had voted to raise taxes 300 times.

Reid said in fact he and fellow Democrats had voted to cut taxes for 95 percent of all Nevadans and Americans in the past two years, and to reduce the burden on small businesses eight times.

Later, it was his turn to attack, blending the national and the local as he did.

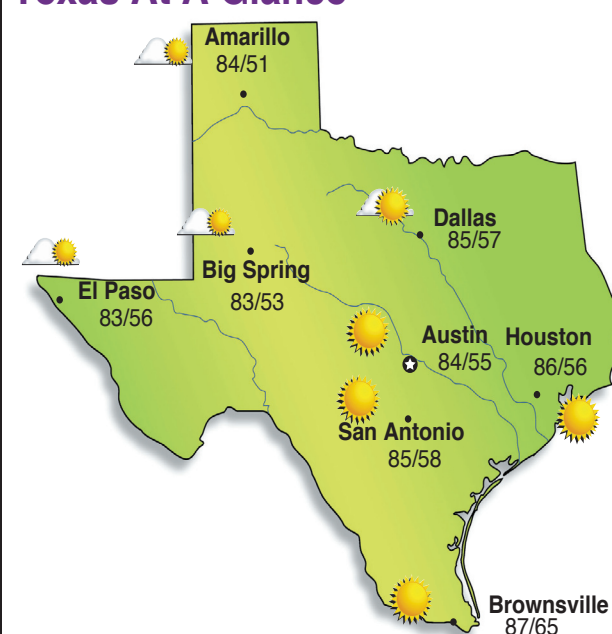
Angle "wants to privatize the Veterans Administration. Think about that," he said, adding that a new state-of-the-art VA hospital would soon open in the state, the first in decades. "I worked hard on it," he said, referring to a facility that will be available to serve Nevada's estimated 246,000 military veterans.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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Texas At A Glance



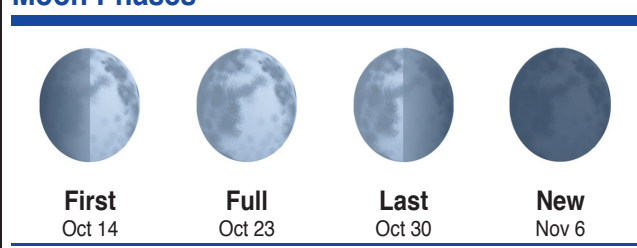
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You surround yourself with comfortable, accepting, fun-loving people. That's partly why you are free to be yourself and don't have to worry about what anyone will say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Giving yourself over to a conversation is like taking a magic carpet ride into someone else's life. Ask a good question, open your ears, and get ready for the transportation to carry you away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though it is sometimes necessary to be very discriminating and critical of the world, too much analyzing is likely to cut you off from the natural, giddy, carefree joy that comes from accepting things as they are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some would use a situation for all it's worth and then dump it when something better comes along. You, on the other hand, are loyal. You stick with what is working and make it work even better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll spend time with a special loved one and be aware of how this friendship is bigger than the sum of its parts. It's as though the relationship is a thing itself, independent and distinct from the two of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Power conflicts are subtle. Pay attention. Facial expressions will tell you all you need to know. Try to smooth things over with charm before they get out of hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's natural to experience a crisis of confidence every once in a while. A life without fear means that not enough chances are being taken. Without risk, there is no reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you do to help others might seem to backfire. Maybe they don't appear to appreciate you as fully as you were secretly expecting. Help anyways. Your kind acts will have a long-reaching effect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are driven. It is because of your sheer force of will that you will be able to overcome any lack of resources or bit of

turbulence you encounter. Remember the true grit you are made of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hold on! You're in for some exciting, unnerving interaction with someone who is essentially a live wire. This person's intensity makes you uncomfortable, and yet you're better off for the association.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not as excited about an endeavor as you once were. But someone new will get involved and fan the flames once more. You'll quickly make inroads.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are so emotionally complex sometimes that even you don't understand why you feel the way you do. But the "why" doesn't matter. It's how you channel these strong feelings into action that matters.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15). You see that whatever happens in your life is ultimately beneficial, and that attitude makes you just plain lucky. You'll be made aware of the wealth of love in your life in November. You'll start a new great habit in December. There's hard work to finish in February, and it will be a source of pride for you in March. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 10, 22, 39 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** A relationship is only as strong as its communication system. Work on this over the weekend. **TAURUS:** Restless hearts seek excitement when what they really need is rest. Taking a break from romantic pursuits is a good idea. **GEMINI:** You

have to keep the flame going by adding fuel. Otherwise, it will burn out. **CANCER:** It's easy to get discouraged, but don't let yourself. Believe in your own abilities to attract the love you want. **LEO:** You have earned the right to ask a loved one for help. So ask! **VIRGO:** Loyalty will count for a lot. **LIBRA:** You are willing to work with and serve others, and this is how you join in with an exciting mix of people. **SCORPIO:** Your commitment to loved ones is a source of strength and a wellspring of joy and laughter. **SAGITTARIUS:** People you adore are nonetheless imperfect. And yet you love them anyway. **CAPRICORN:** Those who love you want you to succeed, even though they may feel a tinge of jealousy when you do. **AQUARIUS:** There will be many attractive people around you, and they think you're attractive, too. **PISCES:** With a trusted friend by your side, you

feel free to live with gusto.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The sun is in Libra, and the moon slips into Aquarius, giving both of these high-minded air signs a burst of attraction energy. There is a natural simpatico here because they are both intellectual and interested in making the world a better place. Libra tends to focus on close relationships now; whereas, Aquarius is philanthropic, spreading good will to the world at large. Together they'll do much good.

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Dear Margo by Margo Howard

I Say Bail

Dear Margo: My fiancée and I are having a problem with her father.

We are a lesbian couple and we're included in family functions, which we attend regularly.

We recently became engaged but still haven't told her dad, a recent convert to Catholicism. We know that although he includes us as a couple and says he loves my fiancée no matter what, he also told her in the past that he would only pay for her wedding if she married a man.

Needless to say, we were expecting to pay for our own wedding and were gearing up to tell them about our engagement when we found out, via Facebook, that he is adamantly against gay marriage. (My girlfriend posted something on her wall saying how happy she was that Proposition 8 was ruled unconstitutional.

Her dad, knowing she is gay, responded with, "Boooo! It ain't over yet!" on her page.) He then followed up with an e-mail stating she can cheer all she wants but she should know he is spending a lot of his savings fighting gay marriage, and he feels the "homosexual agenda" is at war with the Catholic Church.

To top it off, she's also adopted. Her adoptive mother — who was supportive of gay marriage — passed away six years ago and he only converted to Catholicism for his second wife.

My fiancée's younger sister, the biological child, is straight, and had a dream wedding, which he paid for.

He obviously favors the biological daughter, and there's a huge difference in how he treats my fiancée, to the point of providing her sister a beach house, keeping her horses and doing nothing for my fiancée except continuing to include her in family functions.

Today was her 30th birthday dinner, at which her dad gave her a year's worth of Bible Study classes at a Catholic church as a birthday

present! Despite everything, my fiancée still wants an actual wedding and wants her dad to walk her down the aisle. — *Sad for My Fiancée in California.*

Dear Sad: Pardon the oxymoron, but Good Lord about this man's prejudice and partiality. He is somewhere between passive-aggressive and mean.

There is no chance of changing his thinking, so perhaps you and your fiancée can change yours.

I would relinquish the crumbs of being included in family functions. He is actively fighting against what you are for.

Regarding your wedding, I just read something I thought was lovely: A bridal couple each walked themselves down the aisle, and returned arm in arm. Save yourselves grief and spend your time with people who are loving and humane. — *Margo, constructively*

Who, Exactly, Is Family?

Dear Margo: My younger sister died after a long illness. Her husband was a total menacing control freak before, during and after the illness.

He also never got along with anybody. Is there anything wrong with cutting him out of the family at this point? — *On the Fence*

Dear On: I will help you off the fence. Seeing as how this man was in the family through his marriage to your sister, and she is no longer with us, there isn't any reason to keep this "menacing control freak" in the loop or in the family.

It is common for an in-law to still be regarded as family, even when there's a death, if the relationships were warm. This is not the situation you had, alas, so go forward with a more congenial family group. — *Margo, consentingly*

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Take note

• Howard County rivals Coahoma and Forsan will unite for a common cause at Bulldog Stadium tonight. Donations will be accepted on both sides of the stadium to help pay medical and travel expenses for cancer patient Bob Fishback, Coahoma native and technology director for the Forsan Independent School District. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. A presentation will be made to Fishback at the end of the third quarter.

• Howard County Republican Headquarters at 204 S. Main will be open through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Signs, stickers and information for all Republican candidates will be available. For more information, call Denne Sheppard at 267-5845.

• Crispy's Restaurant, 1904 Birdwell, is the United Way Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received through Sunday at Crispy's will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd.,

Big Spring 79720.

• 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 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 Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• 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.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical 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.

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599.

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The Myth of "Settlements"

Are they indeed the "root cause" of violence in the Middle East?

One of the enduring myths about the Arab-Israeli conflict is that the "settlements" in Judea/Samaria (often called the "West Bank") are the source of the conflict between the Jews and the so-called "Palestinians." If that problem were solved—in other words, if Israel would turn Judea/Samaria over to the "Palestinians"—peace would prevail and the century-old conflict would be ended.

What are the facts?

Erroneous Assumptions: Various fallacies and erroneous assumptions underlie that belief, so often repeated that even those who are friendly to Israel, even many Jews in Israel and in the United States, have come to accept it. Our government, generally friendly to and supportive of Israel, has bought into the myth of the "settlements;" it has regularly and insistently requested that the "settlements" be abandoned and, one supposes, be turned over lock, stock, and barrel to those who are sworn to destroy Israel.

The very designation of the Jewish inhabitants of Judea/Samaria as "settlers" is inappropriate, because it connotes something foreign, intrusive and temporary, something that is purposefully and maliciously imposed. But that is nonsense of course. Why would the quarter-million Jews who live in Judea/Samaria be any more "intrusive" or any more "illegal" than the more than one million Arabs who live in peace in what is called "Israel proper" or west of the so-called "green line"? Nobody considers their presence as intrusive; nobody talks of them as an obstacle to peace.

Most of us, regrettably perhaps, are too worldly and too "sophisticated" to put much stock in the argument that the territories in question, Judea and Samaria, are indeed the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people, that they were promised by God to Abraham and his seed in perpetuity. Jews have lived in that country without interruption since Biblical times. There is no reason why they shouldn't live there now. Why should Judea/Samaria be the only place in the world (except for such countries as Saudi Arabia) where Jews cannot live?

Legal Aspects: But how about the legal aspect of this matter? Isn't the "West Bank" "occupied territory" and therefore the Jews have no right to be there? But the historic reality is quite different. Very briefly: The Ottoman Empire was the sovereign in the entire area. In 1917, while World War I was still raging, Britain issued the Balfour Declaration. It designated "Palestine"—extending throughout what is now Israel

(including the "West Bank") and what is now the Kingdom of Jordan—as the homeland for the Jewish people. In 1922, the League of Nations ratified the Balfour Declaration and designated Britain as the mandatory power. Regrettably, Britain, for its own imperial reasons and purposes, separated 76 percent of the land—that lying beyond the Jordan River—to create the kingdom of Trans-Jordan (now Jordan) and made it inaccessible to Jews. In 1947, tired of the constant bloodletting between Arabs and Jews, the British threw in the towel and abandoned the Mandate. The UN took over. It devised a plan by which the land west of the Jordan River would be split between the Jews and the Arabs. The Jews, though with

heavy heart, accepted the plan. The Arabs virulently rejected it and invaded the nascent Jewish state with the armies of five countries, so as to destroy it at its birth. Miraculously, the Jews prevailed and the State of Israel was born. When the smoke of battle cleared, Jordan was in possession of the West Bank and Egypt in possession of Gaza. They were the "occupiers" and they proceeded to kill many Jews and to drive out the rest. They systematically destroyed all Jewish holy places and all vestiges of Jewish presence. The area was "judenrein."

In the Six-Day War of 1967, the Jews reconquered the territories. The concept that Jewish presence in Judea/Samaria is illegal and that the Jews are occupiers is bizarre. It just has been repeated so often and with such vigor that many people have come to accept it.

How about the "Palestinians," whose patrimony this territory supposedly is and about whose olive trees and orange groves we hear endlessly? There is no such people. They are Arabs—the same people as in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and beyond. Most of them migrated into the territories and to "Israel proper," attracted by Jewish prosperity and industry. The concept of "Palestinians" as applied to Arabs and as a distinct nationality urgently in need of their own twenty-third Arab state, is a fairly new one; it was not invented until after 1948, when the State of Israel was founded.

But here's a thought: How about a deal by which the "settlements" were indeed abandoned and all the Jews were to move to "Israel proper." At the same time, all the Arabs living in Israel would be transferred to Judea/Samaria or to wherever else they wanted to go. That would indeed make Judea/Samaria "judenrein," and what are now Arab lands in Israel would be "arabrein." The Arabs could then live in a fully autonomous area in eastern Israel and peace, one would hope, would descend on the holy land.

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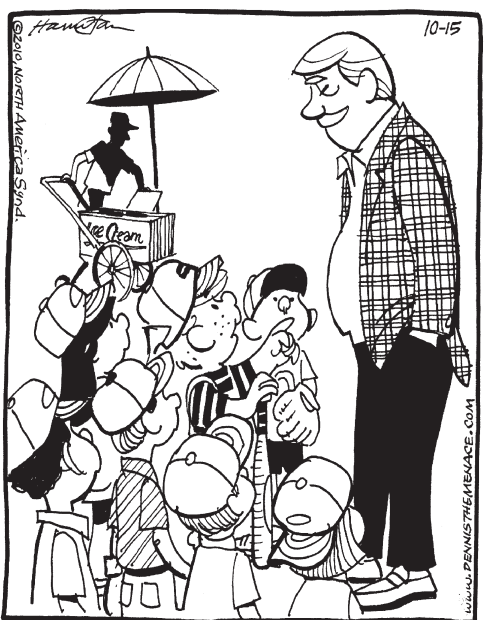
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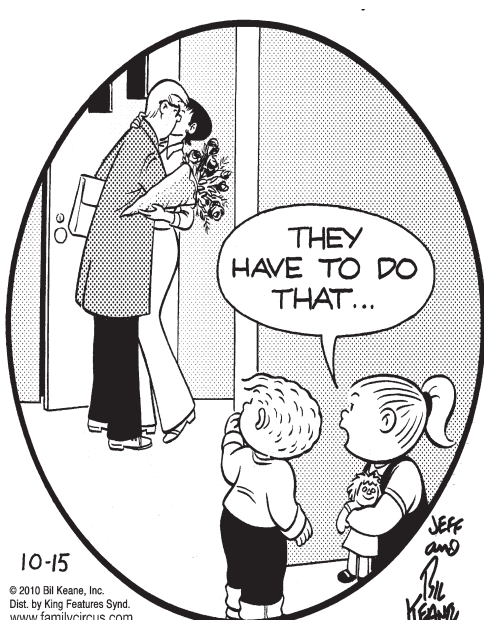
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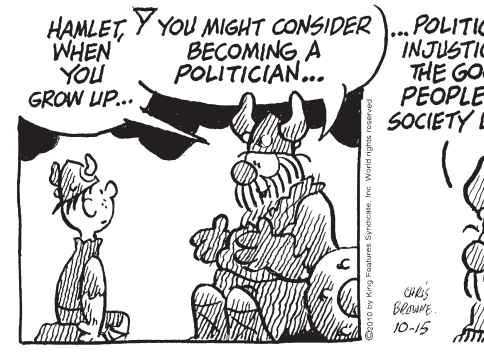
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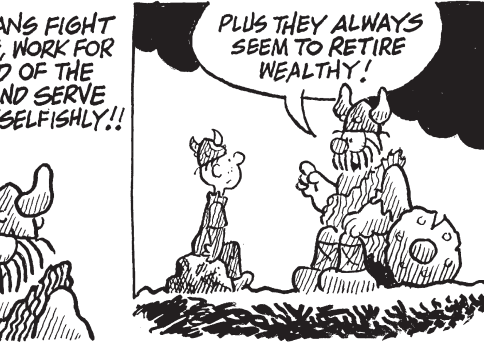
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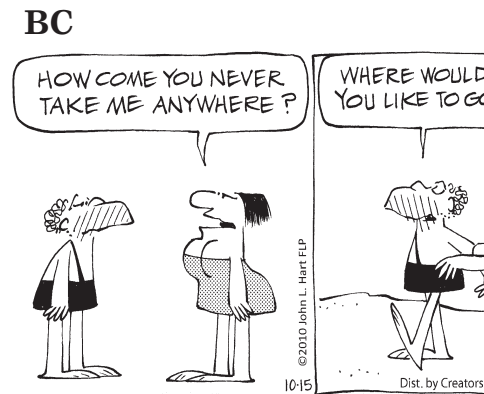
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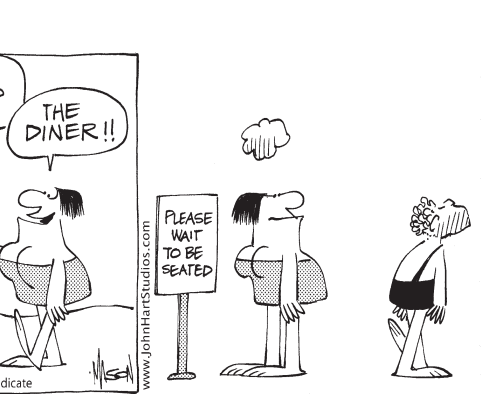
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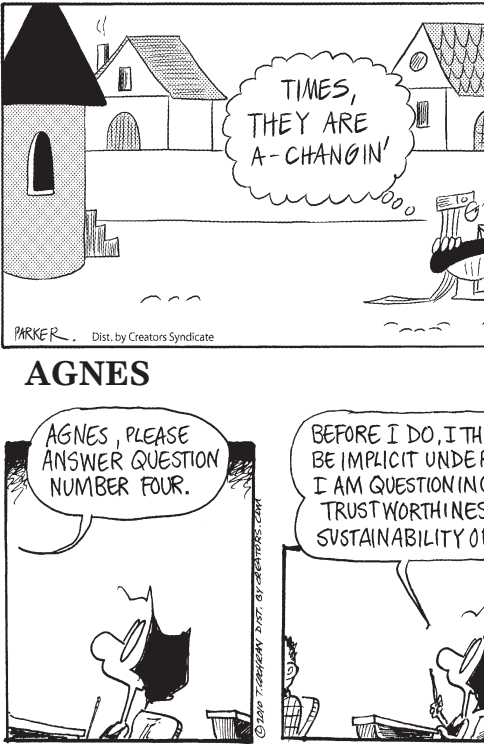
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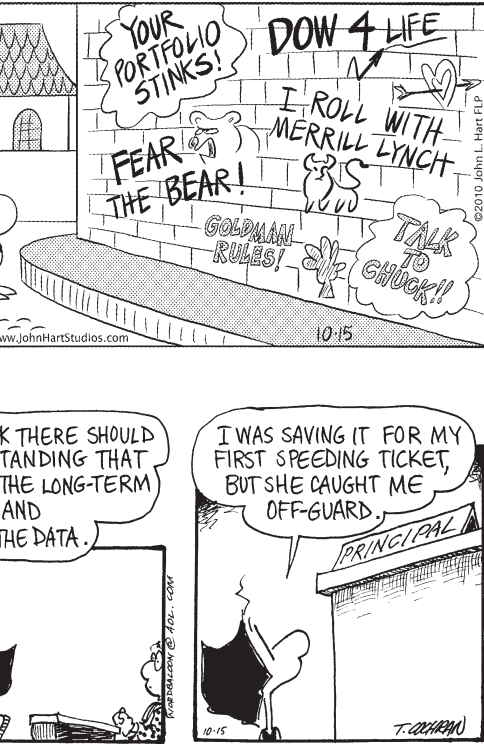
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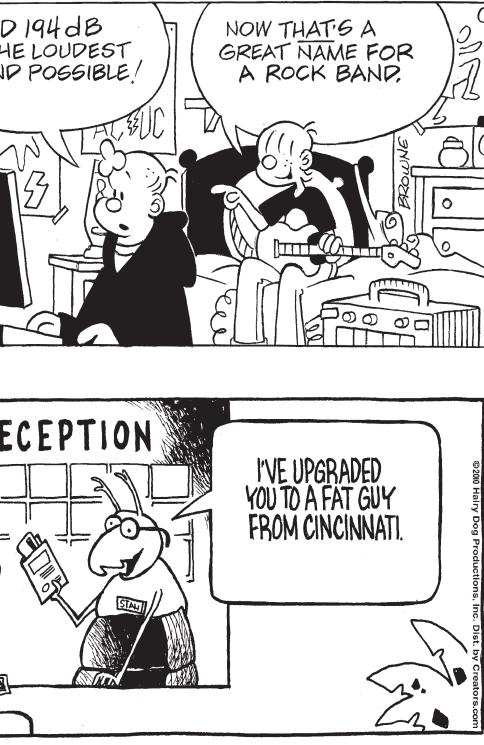
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2010. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 15, 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard. (The rest, as they say, is history.)

On this date:

In 1858, the seventh and final debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Alton, Ill.

In 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

In 1928, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin landed in Lakehurst, N.J., completing its first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's

first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for treason.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering (GEH-reeng) fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1964, it was announced that Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev (KROOSH'-chef) had been removed from office.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Today's Birthdays: Former auto executive Lee Iacocca is 86. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 79. Singer Barry McGuire is 75. Actress Linda Lavin is 73. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 68. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is

68. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer is 65. Singer-musician Richard Carpenter is 64. Actor Victor Banerjee is 64. Tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 59. Singer Tito Jackson is 57. Actor-comedian Larry Miller is 57. Actor Jere Burns is 55. Actress Tanya Roberts is 56. Movie director Mira Nair is 53. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 51. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 51. Rock musician Mark Reznick (REHZ'-nih-chehk) is 48. Actress Vanessa Marcil is 42. Singer-actress-TV host Paige Davis is 41. Actor Dominic West is 41. Singer Eric Benet is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ginuwine is 40. Actor Chris Olivero is 31.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Recap
 - 6 Desert Storm missile
 - 10 Get a glimpse of
 - 14 Combined
 - 15 Water carrier
 - 16 Defense statement
 - 17 Escalator alternative
 - 18 Clan of the Cave Bear novelist
 - 19 Seniors' org.
 - 20 In an advantageous situation
 - 23 Emphatic affirmation
 - 24 Sneaker patterns
 - 27 It's stranded in police labs
 - 29 "Wait a minute!"
 - 30 Abate, with "up"
 - 31 Irrate
 - 36 U2's lead singer
 - 37 Father of Jacob
 - 38 Facilitate
 - 39 Underground worker
 - 40 Hinged fastener
 - 41 On call
 - 43 Ins. seller
 - 44 Shade
 - 45 Paving stuff
 - 46 Rock on the edge
 - 48 Dessert wine
 - 53 In retreat
 - 57 Confined
 - 59 Biblical shepherd
- DOWN
- 60 Enticed
 - 61 Rotten kid
 - 62 Insignificant
 - 63 Wipe clean
 - 64 Actor Gyllenhaal
 - 65 James Bond was expelled from it
 - 66 Reciter
 - 1 Fraidy-cat
 - 2 Loosen
 - 3 Zoo trenches
 - 4 Singleness of purpose
 - 5 Intermittent
 - 6 Kind of carpet
 - 7 Envious accomplishment
 - 8 Tech-support caller
 - 9 X'd out
 - 10 Sudden outpouring
 - 11 Cooperate
 - 12 Anthem contraction
 - 13 Open, as a keg
 - 21 Former Georgia senator
 - 22 Test
 - 25 Star in Cygnus
 - 26 Floor
 - 28 Variety of quartz
 - 29 Lacked
 - 31 Set of cymbals
 - 32 Inedible orange
 - 33 Doctor Zhivago author
 - 34 Baby food
 - 35 Palermo pronoun
 - 36 Coal container
 - 39 Extraordinary events
 - 41 Family identifier
 - 42 Stops up
 - 44 Former pullet
 - 47 *Cosi fan*
 - 49 Actress Linney
 - 50 Impressive grouping
 - 51 Formation fliers
 - 52 European viper
 - 54 "Not very likely!"
 - 55 Claudius successor
 - 56 "Danny Boy" locale
 - 57 BLT kin
 - 58 Significant time

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