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## Mark McKinney to top off Funtastic Fourth Festival

**Herald Staff Report**

By the time Mark McKinney takes the stage Saturday night, Funtastic Fourth Festival board members will already know if this year's downtown celebration will be the best yet. McKinney, a Big Spring native, is icing on the proverbial Independence Day cake. Even if Independence Day is really Monday.

McKinney has been performing professionally since the mid-1990s, and stepped into the spotlight with his 2007 album, "Get it On." Since then, he's released several others — "Back in the Day (Sessions from '98)," "Middle America" and "Home" — which have all been well received. His roots lie in country and rock and roll and he writes



Big Spring native Mark McKinney

most of his own music. Known as an energetic performer, McKinney regularly tours across the

Southwest.

He is to take the FF Festival stage Saturday at 10 p.m., the closing act in a day-long event that begins at 10 a.m. with Ike Jackson performing the national anthem and Allan Johnson offering some gospel music. Jackson, who hails from Las Vegas, will then perform gospel and R&B, giving way to The Von Straubs and folk music shortly after 11. Live It will entertain festival goers at 1 p.m., followed by a break to get ready for later acts.

At 4 p.m., Howard County's Bianca Mercedes will bring her singing talent to the stage. She'll be followed by Xtremo at 5 p.m., BuzzKill at 6, Ike Jackson again at 7, Jared Thomas & the

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## Celebrate the 4th in Howard County

**Friday**

**What:** Big Spring Film Society screening of 'Back to the Future'

**Where:** Downtown

**When:** At dark

**Cost:** Free

Concessions available. Bring seating.



**Saturday**

**What:** Coahoma Freedom Parade and celebration

**Where:** First Street in Coahoma.

**When:** 10 a.m., entrants need to line up at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Stadium parking lot. Following the parade, activities will take place in the city park, to include lawnmower and power tool races, three-legged race and barbecue.

**Cost:** Free for the parade.

**What:** Downtown Revitalization Association and Alon USA Funtastic Fourth Festival

**Where:** Downtown

**When:** 10 a.m. to midnight

**Cost:** Free

More than 100 vendors, live music featuring Mark McKinney and a children's play area. There will be tickets available for the bouncy houses in the kid area and wristbands available for the mechanical bull and rock climbing wall. A pooch parade and contest, hot dog eating contest and washer pitching contest are other activities.

**Sunday**

**What:** Pops in the Park

**Where:** Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater

**When:** Amphitheater and vendors open at 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

The Fab4 Beatles tribute band will perform at 6 p.m. The symphony will come on at 8 p.m. and perform the music to the fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

**Monday**

**What:** Highland Park Parade

**Where:** Highland and Robb Drive.

**When:** 10 a.m., entrants need to line up at 9:30 a.m.

## Freedom Parade honors vets

**Herald Staff Report**

COAHOMA — Bring out the flags and the floats.

The Coahoma Freedom Parade and City Park Celebration is set for 10 a.m. Saturday.

The parade will begin at First Street and head south to Broadway. It will then proceed west to

Sixth Street, then north to the Coahoma Community Center. Those taking part in the parade will need to line up at the Coahoma Football Stadium parking lot by 9 a.m. Judging will be completed by 9:30 a.m.

"There is no entry fee and everyone is welcome to participate," Lori Martinez, spokes-

person, said. "All they have to do, really, is show up that morning."

Special recognition will be given to the grand marshals, Citizen of the Year and volunteer firefighters. This year's grand marshals will be five veterans —

See **COAHOMA**, Page 3A

## BSISD cans laptop program

**By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Out with the laptops, in with the e-pads. And throw in some COWs for good measure.

During their Thursday night meeting, Big Spring Independ-

ent School District trustees approved a pilot program that will drastically change the technology that high school students get their hands on this coming school year.

The four-year laptop program, in which computers were issued

to every high school student, is over. In its place, the school district will experiment with a program that involves e-pads (similar in appearance to Apple iPads) and a mobile computer

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## Too much stuff? Roadshow offers cash for valuables

**By AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

A little bit of gold, silver and other trinkets could turn into a good amount of money.

Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery Roadshow event is in Big Spring until Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express.

"Lots of people have a bunch of this stuff just laying around and are looking to get rid of it," Manager Brent Prescott, said.

The roadshow has been in

Big Spring since Tuesday and will be open for purchases until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"It's a great time to cash in some of the stuff you have just laying around," Prescott said. "Unless it has sentimental value, why not turn it in and get a little bit of cash?"

While in Big Spring, Prescott said the roadshow has received a lot of gold and silver coins and some war

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Buyer Matt Taylor checks the value of coins provided for purchase by a Big Spring resident. The Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery Roadshow is at the Holiday Inn Express until Saturday at 4 p.m.

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## Obituaries

## Glen D. Bunn



GILMER — Funeral services for Glen D. Bunn, 76, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2011, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Union Grove with the Rev. Monsignor Xavier Pappu and Father Joseph Ezharath officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Gilmer. A prayer rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by visitation from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home. Mr. Bunn died June 27, 2011.

Mr. Bunn was the son of the late Allen and Ruby Bunn. He was born Oct. 24, 1934, in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Texas Christian University in 1957 and Oct. 13, 1962, he married Josefina Montillia "Nena." Mr. Bunn met his wife, Nena, while stationed in the Philippines.

Mr. Bunn served in the United States Navy for four years on the admirals staff in a helicopter anti-submarine squadron, serving on the USS Oak Hill and was honorably discharged.

Mr. Bunn was the longtime administrator of the Ragland-Fenlaw-Ford Clinic Association in Gilmer and later Ford Memorial Hospital from 1967 to 1981. He was cited in numerous healthcare publications as being a turn-around artist for reviving Permian General Hospital in Andrews, Texas, and three other West Texas hospitals, from near closure to profitability.

He is survived by his wife of 48-1/2 years, Nena Bunn; children, William Bunn and wife Rebekah Bunn and James "Jimmy" Bunn; a sister, Ruthelle Gamble; grandchildren, William Bunn II, Bonnye Bunn, Heather Pelton and husband Daniel Pelton and Brandi Bunn and Jessie Thibodeaux, Matthew Stanley, Mark Stanley and Derek Bell; great-grandchildren, Ryan Slocum, Cameron Glen Pelton and Madisyn Thibodeaux. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy Allen Bunn, Wyndell Ray Bunn, Horace and (Danny) Bunn; and sister Donna Lynn Nanny.

Memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 100 W. Hawkins Parkway Suite A, Longview, Texas, 75605; or St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 10138 Union Grove Rd. Gladewater, Texas, 75647.

*Paid obituary*

## Charletta Faye Parchman

Charletta Faye Parchman, 88, residing in Texas City passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2011. She was born Jan. 11, 1923, in Runnells County, Texas, to A.B. and Margaret Clark.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ in Big Spring, Texas.

She is survived by her children, Jerry Parchman of North Carolina, Carol Prescott of Liverpool, Texas, Danny Parchman and wife Andra of La Porte, Texas, Nancy Lucas and husband Jerry of Angleton, Texas, and Jennifer Parchman Miller and husband Matt of Sante Fe, Texas; one sister, Joe Tate; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

## Steve Rogers



Steve Rogers, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 26, 2011, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Calvary Callender, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

He was born June 6, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from Big Spring High School. He had worked as a welder and lived in Odessa and Colorado before returning to Big Spring.

Survivors include his mother, Eula Mae Rogers of Big Spring; his sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Robert Rich of Big Spring; and two nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sig Rogers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are 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:

- MICHAEL ANDREW MARTINEZ, 26, of 503 E. 17th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- LOYD VINCENT HARGROVE, 45, of Eddy, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD LEE BURTON JR., 33, of 1412 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRITTANI MARIE COFFMAN, 19, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1000 block of Sycamore. In the area near Building 19.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Dixie.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Roberts.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- LOYD VINCENT HARGROVE, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD LEE BURTON, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no valid inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- BRITTANI MARIE COFFMAN, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Third Street. Service refused.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3600 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

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# Charge upped for man accused of ditching son FESTIVAL

SWEETWATER (AP) — A father accused of abandoning his 4-year-old son along a rural West Texas highway in the middle of the night was charged Thursday with attempted capital murder, prosecutors said.

Ann Reed, 32nd Judicial District Attorney, said she upgraded the charge against Carlos Rico after talking with the Sweetwater police chief.

"As the facts of the case developed it became apparent that the more serious charges were appropriate," Reed told The Associated Press.

The first-degree felony charge replaces the child endangerment charge he faced after another man found his son along Interstate 20 near Sweetwater about 3 a.m. Tuesday. The 22-year-old father is accused of choking the boy

and dumping him on the road about three hours before he was found.

Rico remained in the Nolan County jail on Thursday with bail set at \$500,000. Jail officials said they did not know if Rico had an attorney and referred inquiries to the state district court, where clerks did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

Police say the boy was picked up by a local high school basketball coach and taken to a hospital, where doctors removed at least 500 cactus spines from his body. He was released from the hospital Wednesday and has been placed into foster care.

Rico was driving from Lubbock to Saginaw when he abandoned his son, and he was taken into custody Tuesday by police in the Fort Worth suburb, Sag-

inaw police spokesman Damon Ing told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Rico's cousin called police when Rico showed up to see him without his son, and investigators determined that Rico was the boy's father, he said.

## Special session ends 170-day Perry, GOP dominance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry and fellow state Republicans spent the last six months flexing their political muscle and emerged from the Legislature's 30-day special session boasting significant victories, while sidestepping two notable defeats.

Lawmakers left town Wednesday after voting to cut \$4 billion from public education in the final

piece of deep state budget cuts over the next two years, approved new congressional districts for the 2012 elections and reforms to the state hurricane insurance association.

But two of Perry's priority items — an illegal immigration enforcement bill and a measure to curtail invasive body searches of air travellers — failed to pass. Still, the outspoken state leader who is considering a presidential run congratulated Republicans for using their massive numbers in the House and Senate to pass an agenda fueled by tea party conservatives.

"The decisions made were difficult, but lawmakers should take pride in the fact that they did what families all across Texas are doing: living within their means," Perry said.

## COAHOMA

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Charles Gray, Jerry Robertson, Bob Horn, Tommy Parrish and Kirby Brown.

Gray was a member of the Army from 1964 until 1966. Basic training took him to Fort Polk, La. Radio signal training took him to Fort Gordon, Ga., and after having completed training he was stationed at Fort Usted, Va., before leaving for Vietnam.

He was a member of the 69th Signal Corps.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Robertson has been a resident of Coahoma since 1964. While with the Marines, he spent two years at Camp Pendleton and two years in Okinawa. He met his wife, Linda, two years after moving to Coahoma and the couple has two daughters.

Horn joined the Army in 1947, a year before graduating from Hubbard High School. He spent a year at Fort

Monmouth, N.J. and spent time in the South Pacific, Philippines and Okinawa. Mr. Horn has two children and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Parrish began his Army career in 1959. He attended basic training at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. He spent a year in Korea and returned to Coahoma in 1962. He has been married to his wife, Janie, for 48 years and they have one son and two

grandchildren.

Brown, a lifelong resident of Howard County, spent two years in the Army. He is a 1957 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College for two years. He is retired from Cosden after 35 years. He served on the school board of Coahoma for nine years. He has four children, all of whom have graduated from Coahoma.

Special recognition ceremonies will kick off events at the commu-

nity center. Prizes will be presented to parade entries judged tops in several different categories, including best tractor, best float and best antique car.

After the parade, the day's events will include lawn mower races, power tool drag races and three-legged races and washer contest. Jackie Hill will be selling barbecue with all the fixings — cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. Children 10 and under will eat for free.

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## BSISD

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lab program known as Computers on Wheels.

The e-pads will be used in high school English classes this coming school year, while the COWs will be used by students on a rotating basis, Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

The four-year laptop lease program expired this year, and officials decided it was too expensive to renew, Saldivar said.

"We would have had to buy new laptops ... We wanted to continue with technology at the high

school, so we looked at our options," he said. "This is the most viable option we could come up with at this time."

The technology purchases will cost the district \$416,000 — \$166,000 for the e-pads and \$250,000 for the portable computer labs. The money for these purchases was already included into next year's budget, Saldivar said.

The e-pad pilot program will be evaluated after this school year, at which time officials will decide whether to expand the program in the future.

"We're not going to say we're going to expand it at this time,"

Saldivar said. "We may expand the program, or we might extend the pilot program for another year. We're just going to see how it goes."

The COWs — 12 portable computer labs that each contain 30 mini-laptops — will be issued to various classes from a central location throughout the school year. Unlike the previous laptop program, however, these are designed for the students' temporary use and will not be taken home.

Also Thursday, trustees learned that BSISD redistricting efforts remain on schedule, despite cancellation of Thursday's planned

meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Council. The meeting was called off because of the lack of a quorum, said attorney Fred Stormer, who is advising the school district through this process.

"We're still meeting with demographers," Stormer said. "We're looking at the districts block by block ... and we're making progress. Our goal is to submit a redistricting plan (to the U.S. Department of Justice) by the end of September."

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"We haven't really seen anything too odd since we've been here," Prescott said.

However, one strange purchase was from a previous jeweler who brought in watches, watch cases and some scrap pieces of metal. The collection amounted to about \$2,000 according to Prescott.

"Gold and silver are both rather high right now. Gold is paying about \$1,500 an ounce, so if you have some gold you are going to get some

good money for it."

For those wanting to take advantage of the roadshow, Prescott provided a list of the most popular items that they purchase: coins (pre 1965), paper money (pre 1934), gold and silver coins, gold, jewelry, platinum, dolls, trains, musical instruments, watches, pocket watches, advertising memorabilia, war items, sports memorabilia, historical documents, fine art, comic books and much more.

"We do buy the rare items too," Prescott said. "One of the rare items we've seen was an 1856 penny in New Mexico."

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# EDITORIAL

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## We salute:

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

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

*This week we salute:*

- Heritage Museum for honoring the impact women have made on the Big Spring community, especially the 23 women featured in the First Ladies of Big Spring: Dora Roberts, Della Agnell, Agnes Currie, Dr. Nell Sanders, Lola Stewart, Dorothy Dublin Garrett, Jane Thomas, Myra Robinson, Bernice Cason, Polly Mays, Bennie Dmytryk, Margaret Lloyd, Marj Carpenter, Mary Davis, Louise Worthy, Katie Cathey, Geraldine Posey, Janice Bond, BeBe McCasland, Darlene Dabney, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Dorothy Turner and Sue Partee.

- Citizens of Big Spring for doing their part in these tough times of no rain and conserving water.

- Law enforcement for their diligent work in finding the missing state hospital man and the work done on investigating and working the two fatalities this week.

- The Greater Rotary Club for providing sandwiches and water to the firefighters during the tireless hours of fighting the South Mountain fire.

- Boy Scout Troop 5 and Cub Scout Pack 305 for providing lunch to more than 100 firefighters working the Boykin Road and South Mountain fire.

*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

May we find ways to occupy our time for You, Lord.

Amen

# Time to show Michele support

For a Democrat, it's too good to be true. Michele Bachmann and Mitt Romney running neck and neck in Iowa. Romney having to worry about the one in five who won't vote for a Mormon, and Bachmann hiring a cadre of top Republican consultants, starting with Ed Rollins and Ed Goetz.

Is the sun shining on Barack Obama or what? This is better than Donald Trump. At least he could lay some claim to business expertise, even if many of his projects were too big — not too successful — to fail. As for Bachmann, she is better known as a cable television staple than as someone who has accomplished anything at all in Congress, apart from the Congressional Tea Party Caucus. No legislative experience, no executive experience, no business experience. Perfect — for the Iowa caucuses anyway.

I know there's someone out there saying: But what about Obama? So let's get that out of the way at the outset. Obama had serious credentials from his years in the Senate and, before that, in the Illinois Senate. He was known as a man of ideas. Agree or not with those ideas, no one was asking if he was a "flake." It's just not a word that you connect with Obama. I was a Hillary supporter, but not for a minute did I doubt that Obama was extraordinary.

There are a number of Republicans whom I view as competent

to hold themselves out for the presidency. Mitt Romney is certainly one, as is Jon Huntsman. I don't know Tim Pawlenty, but many people I respect speak well of him. I do know Newt Gingrich, and frankly, he is one of the smartest and most original thinkers I have met in politics. I'm leaving Sarah Palin out because I don't for a minute believe she is running, but even she was a respected governor.

Bachmann? The Christine O'Donnell of campaign 2012. Remember how that caused Republicans to lose a Senate seat they were counting on. That's what happens when it's all ideology and no competence.

And that is very often what Iowa is about.

If you sat down to come up with a way to choose presidential candidates that would allow unelectable ideologues to be nominated, you couldn't do better than ours. I know: How do you spell George McGovern?

Many of the rules of this game were put in place by my Democratic friends (and by me, I'm in there all over the place beginning in 1981) to ensure that what we called "insurgent" and "non-establishment" candidates would not be eliminated because they lacked the money, endorsements or establishment support that a Romney starts with.

It's not a bad idea in theory, but in practice, it can easily lead to the selection of candidates who aren't "big" enough (running in states like Iowa and New Hampshire bears no resemblance whatsoever to a general election), whose appeal is way too limited (I like Mike Huckabee, but did anyone in 2008 think

he could get elected president?), or who are just plain too far off the beaten path.

Like Michele Bachmann. Could she win in Iowa? Sure. A divided field, a caucus system in which ideologues are the only ones who vote and a message tailored directly to those ideologues with no thought to November, and a woman who has never made an executive decision or passed a bill could wind up on top in Iowa. Her well-paid consultants could certainly make it happen. They could take the victory lap. If you could get Bachmann that far, just think what you could do with a real candidate.

We Democrats could take a victory lap, as well. With Bachmann in the race, let alone taking a commanding position, the qualified candidates would have to meet her on her side of the road — which is way, way off the road to the White House.

It might just be time for both sides to take a fresh look at the nominating process to ensure that competence matters as much as ideology and that we are picking candidates who can win, not just those we like best.

But there is certainly no time for any of that before the Iowa caucuses roll around. The way things are looking now, I can't wait.

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# Run for president off the fence

The so-called "moderate" in the field of Republican presidential contenders apparently can't seem to decide which side of the immigration fence he wants to fall on.

If Jon Huntsman jumps to the right, his pro-immigrant record could come back to haunt him. After all, the former Utah governor allowed undocumented immigrants to get driving permits in his state. He is a rare Republican who recognizes the reality of U.S. Latino demographics. He has condemned the "nativist language" that has driven many people away from the Republican Party and recognized that the GOP needs to "expand" its "demographic base."

But if Huntsman jumps to the left, if he recognizes that only a legalization plan could ease our illegal immigration problems, conservative extremists would demonize him, and his chances of success in the GOP primaries would be diminished.

If he were to run to the right in the primaries and then to the left in the general election, he would be seen as a hypocrite and flip-flopper.

And that is why we see Huntsman running on the fence, trying to do a balancing act as if he were a circus performer on a tightrope.

In Miami last week, Huntsman tiptoed through a minefield of immigration questions, which mostly went unanswered. According to The Miami Herald, Huntsman said he supports "elements" of the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors, or DREAM, Act (which would provide a path to legalization for young undocumented immigrants), but he would not specify which elements. He was asked whether he would require employers to use the federal E-Verify system to check the eligibility of new workers, but reportedly he only said he would consider it.

The Herald also reported that "Huntsman wasn't sure what to

do" about the millions of undocumented immigrants already living here. "Everybody wants to do what's right with 11 or 12 million people," Huntsman was quoted as saying. "That's a very difficult, sensitive and complicated question."

Really? No kidding! It's hard to tell whether Huntsman actually believes he can go through a presidential campaign without giving clear answers and taking firm positions on controversial matters such as immigration. But for now, he seems to be trying to be as wishy-washy as possible.

This is an issue with which you can't please everyone. Regardless of which side of the fence you fall on, there are people who will be adamantly against your position. Yet these are the issues that define true leaders.

Huntsman, who until recently was President Barack Obama's ambassador in China, seems to be short on specifics on many of our most difficult issues.

But on immigration, there are disturbing signs that he already may be feeling the pressure of the conservative base of his party and falling off the tightrope as he shifts to the right.

The Arizona Republic reported that "Huntsman appears to have taken his cue from the tactical shift to the right made in 2007 by U.S.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz." In the Latino community, that "tactical shift" is better-known as "McCain's betrayal."

Like McCain, Huntsman once supported comprehensive immigration reform with a path to legalization for undocumented immigrants. And just like McCain, who flipped in 2007, Huntsman now is saying that the U.S.-Mexico border must be secured first.

"I know the rhetoric and discussion gets very hot. I think to begin the conversation, we need to prove the point we can secure the border," Huntsman said in Florida last week.

As a candidate who used the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop to launch his presidential campaign and as a Republican politician who once had the courage to acknowledge that the notion

of a border fence "repulses" him, Huntsman already seems to be flipping.

Given the huge Latino disappointment with President Obama and his infamous unkept "Sí, se puede" promises to reform immigration and given the anti-immigrant sentiments expressed by the leading GOP presidential candidates, Huntsman easily could become "The Great Latino Hope" in this election cycle.

But he would have to have the wisdom to stay away from the conservative extremists, who never would vote for him anyway. He would have to resist the political pressure that transformed McCain from a compassionate conservative into a Draconian immigrant-basher.

The anti-immigrant NumbersUSA organization claims that its staff has conducted "an exhaustive research of public statements and actions by Huntsman on immigration" and has given him a D on its immigration report card. This means that xenophobes are not going to vote for him anyway.

But from the pro-immigrant perspective, that's the equivalent of a B-plus, and that makes Huntsman the only Republican who could compete with Obama for the Latino vote in the general election.

And because the Latino vote could be the swing vote needed to win the presidency, Huntsman needs to stop running on the fence, reassert himself as a champion for immigrants and convince his fellow Republicans that only by embracing Latinos can they win the White House.

When he announced his candidacy with Miss Liberty behind him, Huntsman promised "civility" and denounced the "corrosive" nature of contemporary political debate.

Bravo! If he can indeed avoid the corrosiveness of those who will ask him to bash immigrants, he may have a chance.

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**Church News**

**ALIVE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS**

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is [www.lutheran-sonline.com/aliveinchristbstx](http://www.lutheran-sonline.com/aliveinchristbstx).

Sunday services at 9 a.m. Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching Sunday; his sermon is from Matthew 11:25-30, titled "Come to me all you who are weary."

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:1-14, Romans 7:14-25, and Matthew 11:25-30. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte is MaKayla Overton. Our elders are Richard von Hassell and Phillip Reid. The flowers this week are given in memory of John Marino, Loleda Marino and Michael Marino by Kathy Laning.

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

Sunday, the adult Sunday school will continue the study "The Bible According to Andy Griffin" while the youth will continue the audio series "Adventures in Odyssey."

Wednesdays we are studying the video series, "That the World May Know," being hosted by Pastor Carroll Kohl. There will be no meals served prior to the study, but snacks and goodies will be available during the study. Join us at the church by 7 p.m.

The lesson for this week is Lesson 21: "Gates of Hell" - Caesarea Philippi.

The Board of Education has scheduled VBS for Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will be at 9 a.m. "Planet Zoom where Bold Believers Zip, Zap and Zoom for Jesus" will begin after 9 a.m. as soon as possible. The main focus is "Jesus Fed a Big Crowd." If you are interested in helping, contact a member of the Board of Education.

The Board of Elders have scheduled the Mariachi San Paulo from El Paso to be here July 15-17. They will perform a community wide concert Saturday, July 16 at 6 p.m. The Mariachi San Paulo will also be in charge of the worship service Sunday, July 17.

After Sunday school July 17, we will have our monthly pot luck.

Rally Day is for Sept. 11 after the noon pot luck.

The Board of Evangelism has scheduled "Wall Builders" for Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the amphitheater.

Former District Judge Rene Diaz will be the speaker for "WallBuilders."

The Board of Stewardship announced in September and October we will begin the "First Fruits of Giving - Back to Basics" program.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings for July include: Monday, July 11, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet July 12 at the church. The Elders meet July 21.

Neither the LWML nor the Board of Assimilation will meet during the summer.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BIG SPRING**

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. at the church library. There will be no choir practice until the last week in July; the choir will take a break and sing in the congregation for this month.

Saturday, 23 members of our congregation went to Lubbock to visit Berg Studio, the stained glass workshop

currently restoring the large window from our North Chapel. The visit was followed by lunch and a short organ concert at the home of Music Director/Organist Mike Mitchell, ending with an original song about our window.

Anyone having knowledge about the history of the stained glass windows in the chapel is asked to call the church office or Nancy Koger 432-267-7809 to share information.

July 17-20 is the date for a joint Vacation Bible School with Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Christian churches for all age groups. The event will kick off with a Sunday evening fish fry at First Presbyterian Big Spring. The following three evenings will begin at First Christian then progress to the courtyard at St. Mary's Episcopal for a visit to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth.

Ushers for July are Don, Christine and Charlie Boling. Communion servers are Helen Glass, Patti and Joe Horton and John Yater. Liturgist is Mark Morgan. Thanks to Kay Kenemur for providing refreshments for "Take Ten" last week; Ann Sinclair is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Last Sunday's Noisy Offering was collected by Chris Grisham and Glen Burch.

The lectionary is Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. There will be a congregational meeting to vote on two matters required by the New Book of Order: the setting of a congregational quorum and the requirement of advance notice for congregational meetings.

If you cannot attend worship, listen on KBST 1490 AM, at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website: [www.fpchs.org](http://www.fpchs.org). You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We also have come and go prayer time Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary.

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry. Orders for Angel Food can be placed July 22 from 1-5 p.m. and July 23 from 10 a.m. until noon, with food being distributed July 30. If you have questions contact Scott Jimenez at [angelfood@nazfamily.org](mailto:angelfood@nazfamily.org) or go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

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

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Sunday morning prayer worship services are at 10:30 a.m. in the church. St. Mary's church office will be closed Monday for the Fourth of July holiday.

The Daily Grind with God — coffee hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Family Reunion Celebration" will be Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7. RSVP by July 10 if you are planning in attending the evening buffet and music Saturday and Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 432-267-8201. There will be a charge for the meal. The evening buffet and music will begin between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Photography for our church directory/family album will be by Bruce

Schooler of the Red Barn Studio this weekend. Sign-up for sitting sessions by calling 432-267-8201.

Aug. 7, during our 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist we will re-dedicate our parish and property.

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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COAHOMA**

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom and the Rev. Craig Holdstedt continue to lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

The session will meet Thursday at 5:57 p.m. in the church social hall.

The lectionary is Genesis 24:34-138, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-30.

**CORNERSTONE COVENANT CHURCH**

At our 10:30 a.m. worship service we will be launching a brand new series, entitled "Each One Reach One."

We meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m., during the summer, for mid-week Bible study, Friday's for Celebrate Recovery at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. Hear Sunday's service at 10 a.m. on KXCS 105.5 FM. For more information, contact our office at 264-0015 or visit us on the web at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday Pastor Ivins will continue a series of messages entitled "The Jesus Movement." As our nation is celebrating its independence, Pastor

Ivins will help us focus on the greatest freedom we can know through Jesus Christ. This message is entitled "The Freedom Movement" based on Galatians 5:1-26. Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sundays.

Following the late service Sunday the congregation will hold the official welcome for our new pastor, Bill Ivins with a red, white and blue family picnic and old fashioned pounding in Garrett Hall.

Next week, the congregation will be welcoming its new director of student ministries, Beau Niewoehner. Beau has been serving as the associate director of the Wesley Foundation at West Texas A & M University and has also served in student ministry at The Summit in Canyon.

First United Methodist located in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

**COAHOMA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Coahoma First United Methodist Church meets for worship Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. The youth group meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. for students sixth to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Game and fellowship night is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth had a spaghetti lunch Sunday to raise money for their trip to Six Flags, scheduled for July 22, to attend a Christian rock concert.

United Methodist Women meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. There will be a business meeting followed by a study from "Bible People-Disciples" literature. A church wide work day is scheduled for Saturday, July 30. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.

Round up will be held in Lubbock at the First United Methodist Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Our Outreach Ministry accepts school supply donations and dona-

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such as small traveling size toiletries, hand sanitizers, etc.

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SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP

Welcome to new Praise Team bass guitarist, Randy Johnson. If you would like to sing or play in the SCF Praise Team, join us Wednesday nights in July at 7 p.m. in the worship area.

Wednesday we will be hosting a meet Matt Pizza Party in the garden area at 5:30 p.m. Come welcome the new part-time youth minister, Matt Warren. He is originally from Big Spring and has been involved in various ministries over the years, including directing YoungLife for several years. Matt will be playing guitar in our worship band Sunday.

Camp Creekbed, a one day Vacation Bible School Extravaganza event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Registration forms are available for pre-registration. If you would like to help with Camp Creekbed by volunteering your time and talents or by making a donation for items needed, get in touch with the church office.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings for snacks and fellowship before worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday evening activities this week due to the July Fourth Holiday.

"Kid-Connect" will not meet for the month of July, but will be back the first Sunday in August. "Boz and Friends" for preschoolers will continue to meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is also available.

Youth "Connection Groups" meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students. Adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Visit our website at http://springcreekfellowship.org.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, COAHOMA

Vacation Bible School will be July 18-21 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and is open to children pre-k age through those who have completed the sixth grade. There will be Bible stories, music, games, puppets, crafts and snacks.

For more information call 432-394-4990. The church van will be available for pick-up and drop-off. Call the church office if you are needing a ride.

First Baptist Church is located at 201 S. Avenue in Coahoma.

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday night at 6 p.m., the youth invite everyone to attend movie night in the sanctuary to watch, "Faith Like Potatoes." Admission is free and child care will be provided for children 5 years and under. There will be an intermission and a concession stand. Donations will be appreciated and used for summer youth activities.

3 G's "Golden Glory Gang" will be meeting July 14 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a pot-luck meal. Sandy Parra will give a talk on the benefits of home health care for senior adults.

Think on this: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything You gave me.'"

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Bible study is at 10 a.m., worship is at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer worship Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Our clothes closet ministry and food pantry is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday at 11 a.m. we will have a time of celebration honoring Tommy Sullivan and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. We will have a time of prayer for

tions to the State Hospital, such as small traveling size toiletries, hand sanitizers, etc.

them and for rain. Several of our local pastors will be involved. There will be something for everyone, including bounce houses, everyone, including bounce houses, horseshoe pitching, washers, dominoes and more. We will be serving refreshments, popcorn, hot dogs and hamburgers. There will be old-time country gospel music by The Gateway Praise Team, the Chuckwagon Ministries Team and others.

At 5 p.m. we will be entertained by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department bag pipe ministry.

Come as we acknowledge our local heroes. We want to show them how much they are appreciated and what they mean to all of us throughout Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding areas.

NORTH BIRDWELL LANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets Sundays for worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Billy Bates delivers the message Sundays. There will be no evening services or Bible study until cooler weather permits.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Jacque Mauch will be leading the adult discussion on "God Reacts to Disobedience" taken from Joshua 7:1, 10-12, 22-26.

The United Methodist Women have changed their meeting place to 503 E. 16th but will continue to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3 p.m. We will begin study on the Book of Proverbs.

We urge everyone to continue to honor the burn ban, no fireworks decree and the conservation of water and electricity. We must continue to pray for rain.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203. If no answer, leave a message.

TEMPLOY BELEN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH

Our Sunday school classes are as follows: children's Sunday school ages pre-K to sixth grade, youth Sunday school seventh-12th grade, adult English Sunday school and adult Spanish Sunday school class. All of our Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Our Celebration Service,



Pastor Rios

is a bi-lingual service and follows our Sunday school classes at 11 a.m. We sing, pray, and preach in English and Spanish. Our evening Celebration Service begins at 5 p.m. and is bi-lingual as well.

There are several opportunities for ministry. Children's Church takes place during morning and evening Celebration services. The children meet 6 p.m. Wednesdays for Royal Rangers or Girls Ministries at the church. The youth meet Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the church. Our Drama Ministry meets Monday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the church. Wednesday evening is a time for Intercessory Prayer at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 24 we will be holding our graduation ceremony for several of the students from Vision International University and School of Tyrannus, including Pastor Maria Rios. The ceremony will be at 10 a.m.

We are located at 2205 Goliad. If you have any questions, need a ride to our church services or need prayer, call 432-267-2111.

Independence includes having dependence on God

It is time to celebrate our nation's independence again -- time for parades, fireworks, music, and cookouts. It's time for flag-waving patriots of all ages to don their red, white, and blue. It's time to thank God for our blessings and time for us to remember that freedom is never free.

Throughout the course of history, some U.S. Presidents have unashamedly acknowledged their dependence on God and prayed for His guidance in leading America. George Washington, the first president, proclaimed, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

Even Thomas Jefferson, who supposedly made his own Bible by cutting out the passages of Scripture that he liked and pasting them into a notebook, discarding the rest, was concerned about what God would see when He looked down on America: "I tremble for my country when I

reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."

President Andrew Jackson, who gained his fame in the Battle of New Orleans, earned the nickname of "Old Hickory" because of his toughness. Yet this army general and seventh President of the United States declared, "The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests."

Apparently answering a question, Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War president, replied, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

President Ulysses S. Grant, who strongly supported the separation of church and state, took a stand for the Bible when he said, "Hold fast to the Bible. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

President Theodore Roosevelt, another

military leader and scholar, also had a



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high regard for the Bible. He stated, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

In the Scripture, we read the words of another leader who depended on God: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12a NASB).

Although King David was speaking of Israel, not America, his words are applicable to all of us. The nation that acknowledges God will be blessed. If we value our independence, we should increase our dependence on the Lord.

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Thirty-seven years afterward, on July 4, 1863, Lee's Confederate army withdrew in defeat from Gettysburg. On that same day, Vicksburg fell to Grant, two pivotal battles decided the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery.

July 4, 1884, France presented the Statue of Liberty to the United States. In many ways the history of our nation has been written by our efforts to live up to the Declaration of freedom and equality for all. We have struggled among ourselves, often falling short. We have sought to defend and extend freedom among foreign nations by sending our young men and women to lay down their lives. We have learned ultimate freedom can never be achieved through legislation and government alone, as important as those are.

Ultimate freedom must be achieved in each human heart. Every one of us must fight a personal war with our own sin nature that seeks to make us captive and steal our freedom. We see everyday in the lives of our politicians, sports heroes and celebrities the con-

sequences of losing that battle in the secret places of the heart. Greed and corruption remain the greatest obstacles to freedom and equality among the nations of the earth. The pervasiveness of sin is perhaps the best documented reality in our world. The media is filled with daily accounts of its presence and the horrendous consequences it can create.



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Two thousand years ago another document was drafted. It was not voted upon by representatives and did not found any government. But those words spoken long ago hold the secret to the ideals that we have embraced. Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin ... If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

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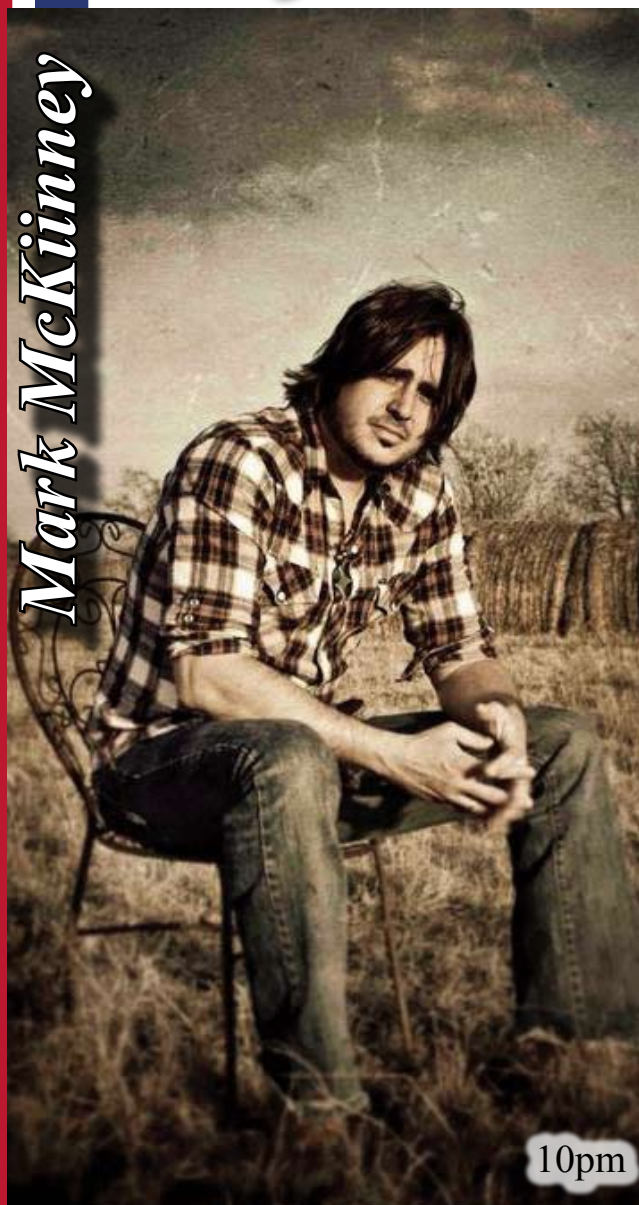
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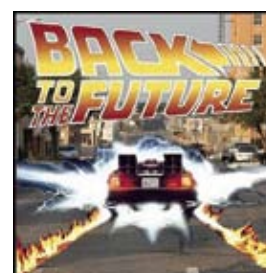


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## Local duo tackle heat in triathlon

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Odis Franklin and Bill Markunas have returned after completing the Ironman competition in Lubbock Saturday.

This was the second 70.3 mile triathlon for both men. Franklin finished the race with a time of 8:01:49 and Markunas finished with a time of 6:55:49.

"It really held up to its reputation as being one of the toughest races in the United States," Franklin said.

"The race director told us it wasn't going to be your Starbucks Ironman, but an old-school real Ironman."

With temperatures expected to reach 109, the race was started earlier than scheduled in order to allow for the racers to get out of the heat before it got too hot.

The water in the swim was choppy according to Franklin, but was smooth enough for Markunas to gain a 30 minute lead on Franklin.

"Bill was so fast on the swim, he caught up with the pro men who started six minutes before him," Franklin said.

Before the race, Franklin was certain the bike part of the race would give him an upperhand or at least level the playing field in the race against Markunas, but Saturday's event proved him wrong.

"The bike ride was extremely windy and I tried to catch him

on the bike, but couldn't quite do it," Franklin said. "I bet I passed 150 people trying to catch Bill and got within a few miles of him, but ran out of road."

The run — half the standard marathon distance — was not any easier than the previous sections. According to Franklin and Markunas, the heat had already taken its toll on the runners.

"It was so hot I passed the devil getting ice water at an aid station with God's help," Markunas said, smiling.

Franklin was determined to stay cool and kept his safety above all else. To ensure he would remain hydrated and stay cool, he carried ice in his trisuit, a spray bottle with ice water and used the wind to help keep him cool.

"We both thank God for helping us make it through this race," Franklin said.

Franklin raced in honor of those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and Markunas raced for Hope for Hailey.

Franklin will take the next month off to help his wife train and offer support for her first triathlon and will pick back up with the Wool Capital Triathlon in San Angelo in August.

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Courtesy photo

Odis Franklin (left) and Bill Markunas cool off after battling the heat during a recent Ironman triathlon in Lubbock.

## Astros break streak, beat Rangers in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas starter Matt Harrison simply couldn't get out of the fifth inning quick enough.

Jason Michaels homered and drove in three runs and Wandy Rodriguez and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as the Houston Astros snapped an eight-game home losing streak with a 7-0 win over the Rangers on Thursday night.

Harrison (6-7) yielded

seven hits and five runs in six innings, with four runs coming with two outs in the fifth.

Harrison plunked Michael Bourn on the right forearm with one out in the fifth inning before he advanced to second on a groundout by Angel Sanchez. Bourn scored to make it 2-0 before Harrison intentionally walked Lee.

A ground-rule RBI double by Michaels stretched the lead to

3-0. The ball bounced just fair in the right field corner before sailing into the stands and ping-pong off the tray of a snow cone vendor and back onto the field.

"One rough inning," Harrison said. "The at-bat with Pence, I made a pretty good pitch, but he hit it deep in the hole, and he was too quick to throw him out. I had a chance to get out of it after that double down the line."

Chris Johnson followed with a two-run single to shallow center to make it 5-0. Harrison finally got out of the inning when Clint Barmes grounded into a force-out. Harrison pointed to Johnson's at-bat in particular in the inning.

"I had Johnson 1-2, but I wanted to go down and away, and I went up and away," Harrison said. "It gave him more chance to put the ball in play, and he hit it up the

middle. That was the ball game right there. I could have kept it intact and at least give us a chance, but I let the ball game get away."

Carlos Lee homered for the second straight day in the fourth inning and Johnson drove in two runs in Houston's four-run fifth as the Astros won at Minute Maid Park for the first time since June 13.

Michaels pushed the lead to 7-0 with his two-

run shot to left in the seventh.

Rodriguez (6-4) allowed four hits and struck out four in seven innings.

The only real trouble for Rodriguez came in the third inning.

He walked Kinsler with two outs before a single by Elvis Andrus to left. Josh Hamilton walked, but Rodriguez escaped the bases-loaded jam when Pence

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## Briefs

### Area sports-related camps, events and happenings.

#### Free junior tennis clinics

Free Junior Tennis Clinics will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at Figure 7. The cost is free and will be conducted by local coaches, players and pros.

Just bring a racquet (some can be provided if needed). Balls and water will be provided. For more information, call Dana Jones at 432-557-3831.

#### Howard County A&M Club westexags shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to [westexags@hotmail.com](mailto:westexags@hotmail.com) or by calling 432-263-7969.

#### Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for information.

#### Football skills lineman camp July 16

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years-old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

#### BSSH cheerleader rag ball tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. until midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt.

A full concession will be open.

#### Big Spring All-Stars rag ball tournament July 1-3

Big Spring softball all-stars are hosting their annual rag ball tournament July 1-3 at Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost is \$10 per person and the teams will consist of 10-16 players. Registration is July 1 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Marie at 432-213-1208 or Lain at 432-213-5334.

# NBA locks out players

NEW YORK (AP) — The memories of a thrilling NBA season might have to last for a while.

There's no telling when basketball will be back.

The NBA locked out its players early Friday when its collective bargaining agreement expired, becoming the second major pro sport shut down by labor strife.

The players and owners remained far apart on just about every major issue, from salaries to the salary cap, revenues to revenue sharing.

"We had a great year in terms of the appreciation of our fans for our game. It just wasn't a profitable one for the owners, and it wasn't one that many of the smaller market teams particularly enjoyed or felt included in," Commissioner David Stern said. "The goal here has

been to make the league profitable and to have a league where all 30 teams can compete."

It is believed to be only the second time that two leagues have been shut down simultaneously by labor problems.

In 1994, both the NHL and MLB were idle from October through the end of the year. The NHL locked out its players from October 1994 until mid-January 1995 and reduced the 1994-95 season from 84 games to 48. MLB endured a 232-day strike from August 12, 1994 until April 2, 1995, which led to the cancellation of the entire 1994 postseason and World Series.

The NBA's long-expected lockout puts the 2011-12 season in jeopardy and all league business on hold — starting with the free agency period that would have opened Friday.

The NBA's summer

league in Las Vegas already has been canceled, and teams were prohibited from having any contact with their players.

The lockout comes exactly one year after one of the NBA's most anticipated days in recent years, when LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the rest of the celebrated class of 2010 became free agents.

That free agency bonanza — highlight by the James, Wade, Chris Bosh trio in Miami — got the league started on a season where ticket and merchandise sales, ratings and buzz were all up. That success contradicted the owners' argument that the system was broken beyond repair, but it also demonstrated why they wanted changes, with Stern saying owners feel pressured to spend as much as

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## TEXAS

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caught a long fly ball hit by Adrian Beltre.

Texas manager Ron Washington lamented his team's missed opportunities against Rodriguez early.

"Early in the game, we had him on the ropes, and we couldn't get the hit," Washington said. "He moved his fastball around ... he had a really good breaking ball. He had a couple good changeups, too. What he did to us tonight, he's capable of doing. We certainly had some chances, but we didn't cash them in."

Andrus was impressed by Rodriguez.

"That guy he threw pretty good," Andrus said. "He was consistently locating the curveball today. That was his out pitch today. It wasn't a lucky game for us. They got key hits in good counts."

Andrus had two hits for the Rangers in his

return after missing the last four games with a sprained left wrist.

"Before I got hurt, I was swinging the ball pretty good, so today it was really good for me that my timing was still there," Andrus said.

Hunter Pence singled off Dave Bush with no outs in the seventh inning before the homer by Michaels with one out.

He retired six straight after that before Andrus walked to start the sixth inning. He still faced the minimum in that inning thanks to Houston turning a double play.

David Murphy singled with one out in the seventh but Houston turned another double play to end that inning.

Hamilton robbed the Astros of hits with two nifty catches in the seventh inning. He made a leaping catch near the wall in left on a ball hit by Lee before diving to snag a ball hit by Johnson later in the inning. He turned and smiled while still on the ground

before getting up and removing grass that got stuck in his belt during the second catch.

"I just moved over like five feet," Hamilton said of his position on the second catch. "That's why I was smiling. I laid out and felt like I got extended a little. I landed on the arm, and it felt good."

Houston's victory broke a string of eight straight wins at Minute Maid Park for the Rangers.

NOTES: Houston 2B Jeff Keppinger was scratched about 90 minutes before Thursday's game with nausea. He was replaced in the lineup by Sanchez. ... Astros reliever Brandon Lyon had surgery on Thursday to repair the detachment of his right biceps tendon and repair his labrum. He is expected to miss the rest of the season. ... Texas C/1B Mike Napoli, on the DL with a strained left oblique muscle, began a Triple-A rehabilitation assignment.

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## Athlete puts dream on hold for friend

AURORA (AP) — Lukas Verzbicas sat in silence, trying to absorb the news that Kevin McDowell, his friend and longtime triathlon teammate, had been diagnosed with cancer.

Finally, Verzbicas' stepfather spoke. Lukas had a choice to make. He could continue to focus on the running career that has shown such promise he was being hailed as the next great American distance runner even before he broke the 4-minute mile, something only four other U.S. high schoolers have ever done.

Or he could put his own dreams and plans on hold for those of his friend, returning to triathlon for one last summer in hopes of claiming the junior world title that Kevin would have been favored to win.

"I made the decision right away," Verzbicas said. "I feel like Kevin would have definitely won that medal, and it's really not fair what happened. If I could bring it to him, I have to do it."

Triathlon is McDowell's passion, has been since he took up the sport seven years ago. The bronze medalist at last year's junior world championships, he graduated high school early so he could train full-time. At an International Triathlon Union sprint event in Clermont, Fla., in March, he finished 10th, the fourth-fastest American.

He was a decade younger than many of the other top racers.

"I was on a high, excited about how the race went," said McDowell, who turns 19 on Aug. 1.

When he returned home, however, his mother noticed a lump on his neck. McDowell didn't think much of it, just as he hadn't thought much about how tired he'd been lately, how drained he'd been after training. He had felt great during the race, and figured any fatigue was simply due to the intense workouts he'd been doing to get ready for the season.

But his mother, a nurse, told him to go have it checked out. Doctors said it was nothing, a torn muscle, perhaps. Just in case, though, they did an ultrasound and told McDowell to get an MRI.

The next day, the teenager learned he had Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of blood cancer. That lump in his neck was a tumor, and he had another in his chest.

The cancer was caught early, Stage 2, and his prognosis was — and is

— good. But McDowell would need five months of chemotherapy. His season, barely started, was over. So, too, his dream of winning the junior title at the world championships, Sept. 10-11 in Beijing.

"It's just a little bump in the road," McDowell said. "At times it doesn't feel like a bump right now, sometimes it feels like going up a mountain. But in the end, I'll be able to look back and say, 'All right, this was just a little bump.'"

After getting the news, McDowell went up to his bedroom, wanting to be alone. But the enormity of what he was facing — and what he was losing — overwhelmed him, and he knew of only one place where he would find comfort.

"He got the news at 1. At 5 o'clock, he shows up for practice," said Keith Dickson, director of the Multisport Madness Triathlon Team, McDowell and Verzbicas' club team. "He told his team, 'Guys, I've got cancer. So let's go run.' So he goes and leads his team on a 5-mile run. Nobody was saying anything, they're just running behind Kevin."

While the news stunned all of McDowell's teammates, Verzbicas took it particularly hard. He and McDowell have trained side-by-side the past five years, one driving the other every bit as hard as he drove himself. As naturally gifted as they are — McDowell is the stronger swimmer, Ver-

zbicas the better runner of course and they're about even on the bike — it's taken the other to make each the athlete he is.

"You can't have a bad day, really, unless you're both having a bad day," Verzbicas said.

The two have swapped places atop the podium since the very first time they raced. (Verzbicas won that time, though he admits he later discovered that he'd skipped a full loop on the course.) Verzbicas was the junior U.S. triathlon champ in 2008, McDowell in 2009. They finished 3-4 at last year's junior worlds, McDowell completing the sprint-distance course (a 750-meter swim, 19.03-kilometer bike ride and 5-kilometer run) in 52 minutes, 22 seconds, with Verzbicas a mere 14 seconds behind after being assessed a 15-second penalty.

But when asked if the two are rivals, Verzbicas recoils. Theirs is an individual sport, and each wants to win.

But they take their role as teammates seriously, giving each other encouragement and counsel.

It's a complex concept, this idea of friendly foes, one that's hard to fully appreciate for anyone who hasn't watched the teens push and pull each other along.

"I never thought of it as a rivalry," Verzbicas said. "A lot of people think that. I really don't feel like it's that way. I think we're more teammates. ... Team brothers."

That's what made Verzbicas' choice so easy.

The 18-year-old had given up triathlon last October to concentrate on distance running, and already has an impressive collection of records.

He won his second straight title at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships in December, only the third boy to win consecutive races in the event's 32-year history.

He single-handedly won the team title at the New Balance Indoor Nationals in March, winning the mile, two mile and 5,000 meters.

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LeBron's move to Miami and Dirk Nowitzki's title in Dallas couldn't hide a simple fact: Owners insisted they were losing money, perhaps \$300 million this season, and weren't interested in subsidizing a system they felt guaranteed they'd keep losing more.

The last lockout reduced the 1998-99 season to just a 50-game schedule, the only time the NBA missed games for a work stoppage.

"I think we're either going to not miss any games or we're going to miss the whole season," said Cleveland Cavaliers veteran forward Antawn Jamison,

a rookie during the last NBA lockout.

But union chief Billy Hunter Hunter said it's too early to be concerned about that.

"Obviously, the clock is now running with regard to whether or not there will or will be a loss of games," Hunter said.

"I'm hoping that over the next month or so that there will be sort of a softening on their side and maybe we have to soften our position as well."

Hunter said he hopes the two sides will meet again in the next two weeks, after the union has looked at some additional documents it requested.

The players' association seems unlikely, at least for now, to follow the NFLPA's model by decertifying and taking the battle into the court system, instead choosing to continue negotiations. Hunter said last week he felt owners believe the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in

St. Louis, which is debating the legality of the NFL's lockout, will uphold employers' rights to impose lockouts.

Despite a three-hour meeting Thursday and a final proposal from the players — which NBA leaders said would have raised average player salaries to \$7 million in the sixth year of the deal — the sides could not close the enormous gulf between their positions.

"The problem is that there's such a gap in terms of the numbers, where they are and where we are, and we just can't find any way to bridge that gap," union chief Billy Hunter said.

Owners want to reduce the players' guarantee of 57 percent of basketball revenue and weren't moved by the players' offer to drop it to 54.3 percent — though players said that would

have cut their salaries by \$500 million over five years.

They sparred over the league's characterization of its "flex" salary cap proposal.

Players considered it a hard cap, which they oppose and any chance of a last-minute deal was quickly lost Thursday.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You hate to ask people for anything you think you could provide for yourself. But get over it. Social scientists have proved that your helpers are more enamored of you than those you help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Raise your expectations. If you accept your loved ones as they are, they will relax and become less than they could be. If

Tomorrow's Horoscope

you treat them as though they have already reached their potential, they just might do it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're going to make an assumption, let it be one that will enhance your life. It does you no good to assume that when bad things happen, it's "just your luck." Assume that fortune is smiling on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have so many more freedoms than you ever had before. Your life is filled with creative tools and flexible arrangements. You can truly design your time the way you always wanted to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You notice when someone needs your encouragement, and you readily give it. Your sign mate Mother Teresa said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are hesitant to engage those who have obvious and multiple problems because you realize that becoming involved will reduce your resistance and you'll somehow be sucked into finding a solution. And you're right about that.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It truly is a lucky day. You can drop a fear and identify

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make only empowering assumptions. For instance, assume someone likes you, and treat that person as though they already have a friendship with you -- that friendship will develop quickly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (July 1). You're headed for the top. Once you get there, stay awhile. There are always taller peaks to climb, but unless you stop and enjoy your current elevation, life will be filled with struggle and strife.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Let your date go on too long about himself or herself, and that person will fall in love with him or herself and not you. TAURUS: You wouldn't mind if the other person took control so that you could catch a break.

GEMINI: You appreciate someone's abilities, and you also really want to attain those abilities for yourself. CANCER: It takes guts to ask

someone out. You're brave now, so go for it. LEO: Enthusiasm will win support more readily than appeals to logic. VIRGO: You want what you want, and there's no rhyme or reason to it, but that's the way your heart operates. LIBRA: You love the way a date responds to you, and it makes you like the person even more.

SCORPIO: Smile and laugh, but show your serious side slightly so that others understand that you're a person of substance. SAGITTARIUS: You'll lead with whimsy and fun, and only the most daring will follow you. CAPRICORN: You'll financially and energetically invest in a relationship because you believe in it.

AQUARIUS: You'll give back to the one who has inspired you many times. PISCES: The more you try to stop loving someone the harder it is to move on. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the new moon in Cancer and the sun and Mercury there, too, the water sign is powerfully magnetic to all other signs of the zodiac.

A Cancer/Cancer couple would be a wonderful fit, and these two moonchildren naturally take turns orbiting each other. The only problem is that each wants to spend time in his or her own home surrounded by his or her own things, so someone will have to give in.

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By Steve Becker  
Bidding Quiz

You are South and have the following hand:

♠K8 ♥5 ♦KQ1074 ♣AK963

1. You bid One Diamond, and after partner responds One Spade, you bid Two Clubs. Partner bids Two Spades. What would you bid now?

2. You bid One Diamond, and partner responds One Spade. After you bid Two Clubs, partner bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

3. You are the dealer, and the bidding goes:

Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. Bidding sequence: 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass, 2♣ Pass 3♦ Pass, 4♣ Pass 4♠ Pass, ?

1. Three spades. Your hand is by no means a minimum opening bid, so you cannot afford to pass. Nor should you bid three clubs, which might also bring matters to a screeching halt. The fact is that when partner bids spades a second time after you have bid two suits, he is almost certain to have six or more of them. Consequently, your K-8 constitute adequate trump support, and you should show that support — as well as your extra values — by raising partner to three. He might well have

something like: ♠QJ9762 ♥83 ♦A5 ♣J84, in which case you'd surely want to be in game.

2. Three clubs. It is true that you have extra values not revealed by the three-club bid, but at this juncture it is more important to describe the two-suited nature of your hand. You might well be on the way to a slam, but before you can consider how high to go, you must clarify your distribution.

You need not worry that partner will pass three clubs. Since he has already made two forcing bids, he can't stop bidding now. If he displays interest in one of your suits, or bids spades again, you can then attempt to show your excess values.

3. Four notrump. Four spades is a cuebid announcing first-round control of spades and interest in a slam, and you should be delighted to cooperate with partner by using Blackwood. How far you go will depend primarily on how many aces partner has. In the unlikely event that he responds with five diamonds, indicating only one ace, you will pass; if he bids five hearts (two aces), you will bid six diamonds; and if he bids five spades (three aces), you will bid a grand slam.

Tomorrow: Not all roads lead to Rome.  
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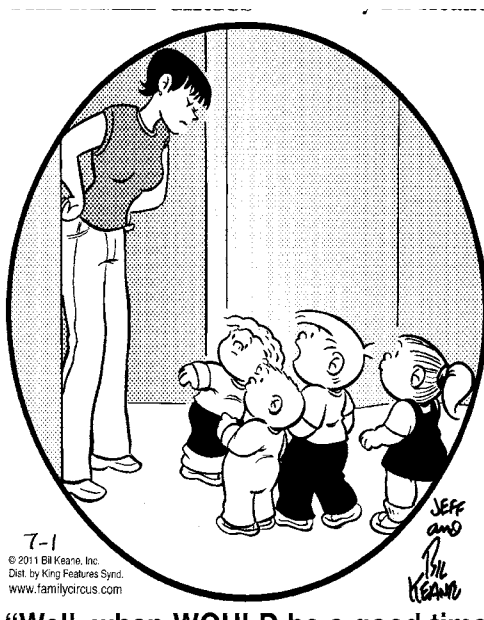
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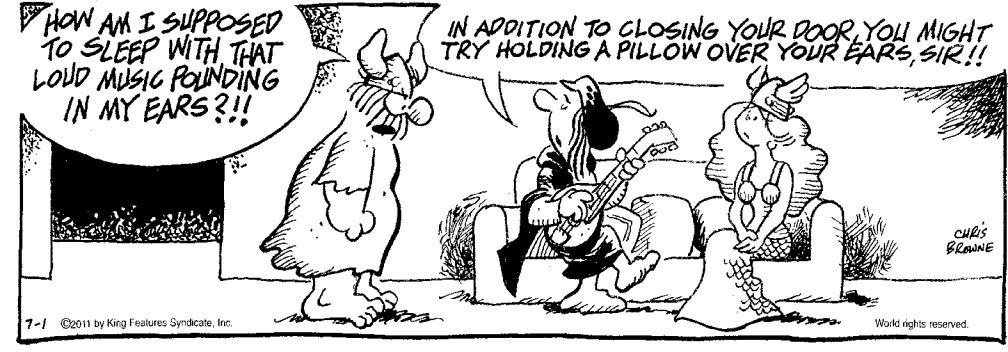
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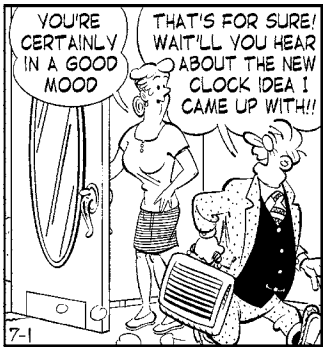
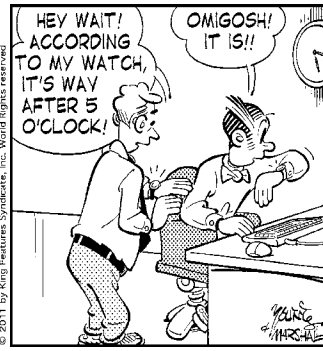
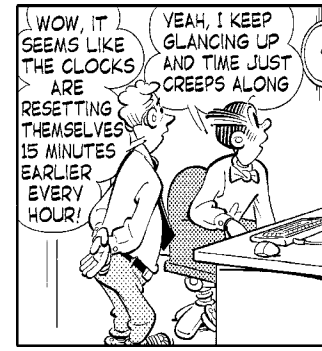
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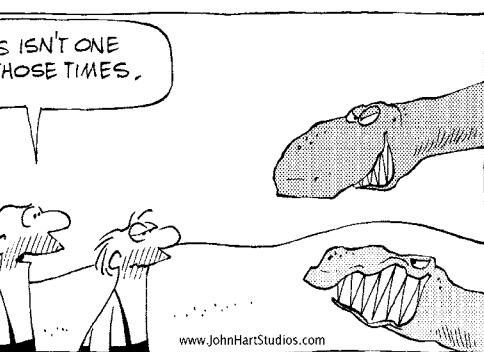
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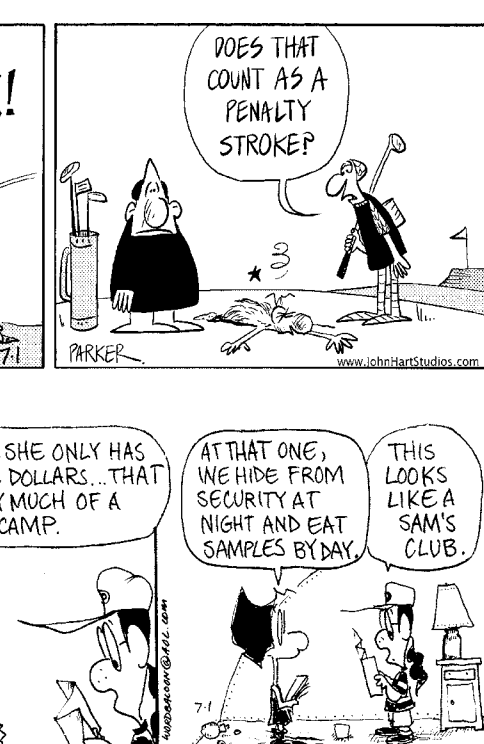
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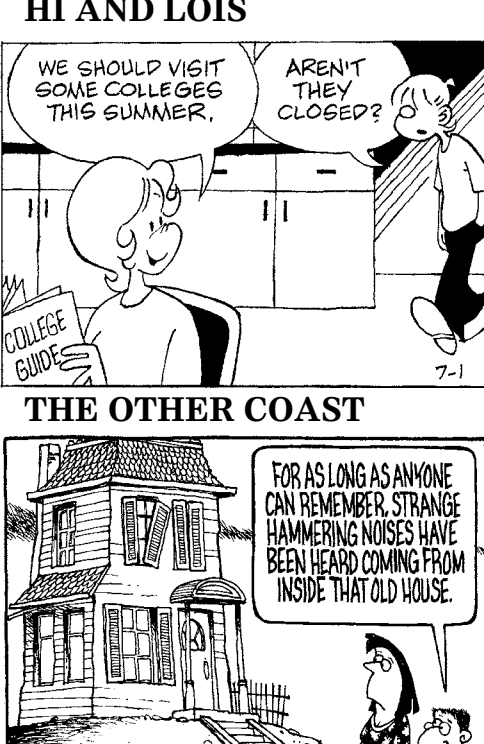
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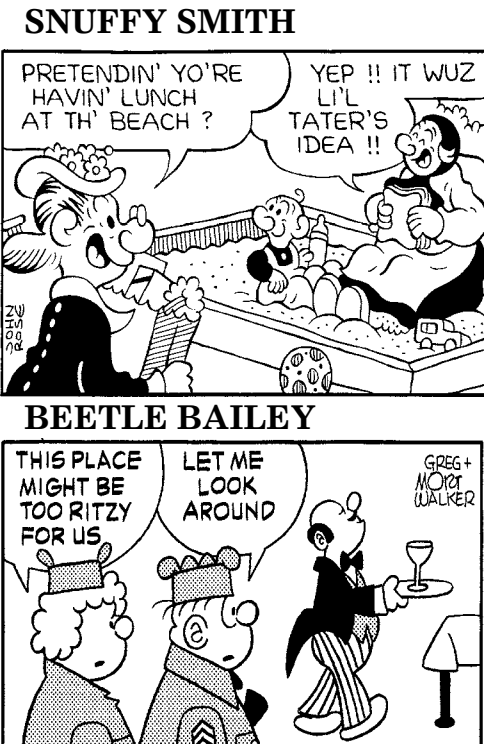
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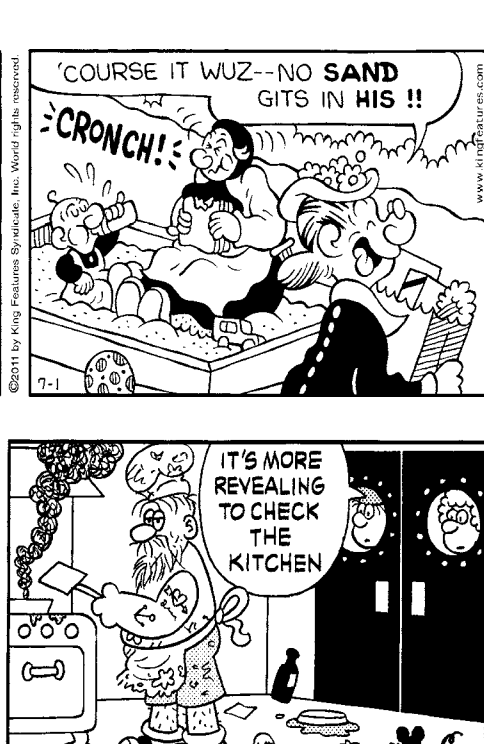
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2011. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day. Today's Highlights in History: On July 1, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18, was ratified. The State of Washington became the first state to ban sex discrimination. The United States Post Office Department was replaced with the United States Postal Service. On this date: In 1861, the first issue of the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano (loh-sehr-vah-TOHR'-ay roh-MAH'-noh) was published in Rome. In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania. In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

Actor Jamie Farr is 77. Bluesman James Cotton is 76. Actor David Prowse is 76. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 75. Actress Karen Black is 72. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 70. Gospel singer Andrae Crouch is 69. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 66. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 61. Actor Daryl Anderson is 60. Actor Trevor Eve is 60. Actor Terrence Mann is 60. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 60. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 60. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 59. Actress Lorna Patterson is 55. Actor Alan Ruck is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 51.

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