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Brown Snyder bound

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Dr. Randy Brown, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District the past three years, is resigning to accept a similar position in Snyder.

Snyder ISD trustees unanimously named Brown the "lone finalist" for their superintendent post during their Monday meeting. The school district must wait a state-mandated 21 days before making the hiring official. Brown replaces Mark Eads, who resigned in May to become superintendent at San Marcos ISD.

Brown's first official day on the job at Snyder will be Aug. 22.



Brown

Brown was selected from among 51 total applicants to head up the Snyder district. Trustees had named Gene Solis of Whitney as the lone finalist in April, but Solis withdrew his name from consideration to remain at his current post.

Snyder ISD Board President Richard Chambers said he believed the new superintendent is the first one in Snyder in 40 years who will have children in the district's classrooms.

"And that's very good," said Chambers.

"I'm excited," Brown said this morning. "It's a good community and a good opportunity for me and my family. I think it'll be a good fit for us."

Brown said the Snyder position appealed to him for a number of reasons.

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HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

A Chevrolet Silverado crashed through the front of Diego's restaurant this morning, located at 1703 S. Gregg. According to local news sources, two vehicles collided, sending the truck into the building. No injuries were reported. Calls to Diego's were answered, but no information concerning the accident was provided. However, the manager did say the restaurant will be closed for the week in order to make repairs.

School registration going on now at Coahoma ISD

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School officials here have released registration information for students enrolling in classes for the 2011-2012 school year.

Coahoma Elementary will hold registration for new students only from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday. Parents of new students must bring their children's updated immunization records, state-issued birth certificate, original Social Security card, the parent or guardian's driver's license, proof of residency form (available at the CISD central office) and appropriate legal documentation if guardianship or custody is an issue.

In addition, Coahoma Elementary will hold a "meet the teacher night" from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18.

For more information, contact the campus at 394-4290, ext. 2.

High school students may pick up their registration packets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. today and Wednesday, while new student registration will be held Aug. 10-11, school officials said. Juniors and seniors may pick up their schedules on Aug. 9, while freshman and sophomores may do the same Aug. 10.

Orientation for high school students will be held Aug. 15-19.

For more information, contact the high school at 394-

4290, ext. 1.

Junior high students can pick up registration packets between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. today and Wednesday and schedules will be distributed to students Aug. 9 and 10, officials said.

Registration for new junior high students will be held through Friday and a "meet the teacher night" is scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 18.

For more information, contact the junior high at 394-4290, ext. 3.

The first day of classes for Coahoma ISD students is Aug. 22.

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Senate debates debt limit bill, passage seems likely

Neugebauer votes against legislation

Local and AP reports

WASHINGTON — Emergency legislation to allow the government to borrow more money headed toward passage in the Senate today just hours before the national debt bumps against its ceiling. Expected approval sends the bill to President Barack Obama, averting a potentially disastrous, first-ever government default and making a down payment toward taming out-of-control budget deficits.

"Finally Washington is tak-



Neugebauer

ing responsibility for spending money it doesn't have," Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said at the start of debate.

The legislation, which easily passed the House on Monday, is virtually assured to clear the Senate at midday by a bipartisan tally. The White House promises Obama will quickly sign the measure into law. Obama planned to issue a statement after the vote.

One House member representing Howard County, Rep. Randy Neugebauer, voted against the legislation.

"We have come a long way in these negotiations to get our fiscal house in order, but ultimately this bill's failure to include a Balanced Budget Amendment, combined with severe spending cuts for our nation's military while our nation is at war, resulted in my opposition to this bill," said Neugebauer. "It is

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Enrollment for Forsan ISD will get under way next week

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School district officials here have released enrollment information for new and returning junior high and high school students.

New student enrollment will be held from 8 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at the the junior high/high school campus. Parents of new students must bring their children's updated immunization re-

ords, state-issued birth certificate, original Social Security card and the parent or guardian's driver's license.

Students in grades 7 through 12 may pick up their enrollment/registration packets beginning Tuesday, Aug. 9. The packets can be completed at the campus or taken home and later returned to the school. Student and parent signatures are required on the documents.

Once the packets are completed, students can receive their schedules, officials

said.

Registration/enrollment for sixth-graders will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. Students will receive their schedules that day.

For more information, contact the high school/junior high campus at 263-6571, ext. 1.

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Obituaries

Cindy Bingham Payne



Cindy Bingham Payne, 51, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 29, 2011, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 17, 1959, in Hobbs, N.M. to Ruby and Wesley Bingham. She came to Big Spring more than 20 years ago from Hobbs. She worked at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation from

2006 to the present.

She is survived by a son, Jayton Hal Bingham and wife Crystal Gale of Hobbs, N.M.; three granddaughters, Joyce Elizabeth Bingham, Natalie Jewel Bingham and Jayden Jayse Bingham, all of Hobbs, N.M.; mother, Ruby Bingham of Hobbs, N.M.; four brothers, Kirby Bingham, Randy Bingham and Jim Bingham, all of Hobbs, N.M., and Buck Bingham of Ravenna, Texas; one sister, Janna Jones of Hobbs, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father, husband and father-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas 79761.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Paid obituary

Consuelo Hernandez



Consuelo Hernandez, 68, of La Marque, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011. Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Joe Monje officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 24, 1942, in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Guillerma and Valente Hernandez. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel Hernandez of Texas City and David Hernandez and wife Anita of Dickinson; four brothers; three sisters; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Paid obituary

Elsie Norman

Elsie Norman, 89, died on Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

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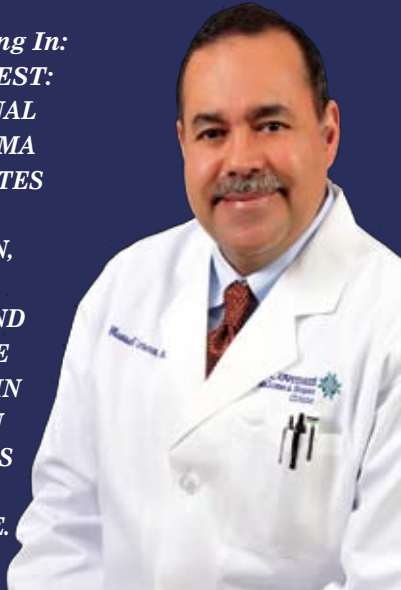
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Ruth Salazar



Ruth Salazar, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 4, 1935, in Tom Green County, Texas to Sally Mabel and Thomas Earl White. She came to Big Spring in 1959. She married Frank Salazar May 31, 1964, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2010.

She worked at the V. A. Medical Center for more than 47 years in dental service, rehabilitation and purchasing. She was an active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. For a number of years, she was a part-time secretary and always a full-time volunteer. She was a Lay Oblate and a Cursillista.

She was very active in the Signal Mountain Emmaus Community. She was very active in R.S.V.P. for more than 15 years.

Ruth was the longest serving volunteer for Rape Crisis, now known as Victim Services. She began her service in 1992 and served over 15,000 hours.

Ruth was always proud to be an organ donor and her donation will assist with research and help 60 to 80 people. Also, she loved sewing and cooking and had won awards for both at the Howard County Fair.

She is survived by one daughter, Lisa Williams and her husband Mark of Midland; two sons, Tony Salazar and his wife Michelle, and John Salazar, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Laura Williams and Jordan Williams of Midland, and Michael Salazar, Beth Salazar, William Salazar, Aaron Patterson and Alana Salazar, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Sue McGee and husband Ben of Haskell, Linda Honer and husband John of Corpus Christi and Donna Sasseen of San Angelo; two brothers, John White and wife Marilyn of Farmington, N.M., and Truman White of Albuquerque, N.M.; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; infant daughter Elizabeth Ann Salazar; and two sisters, Ann Barler and Phyllis White.

Pallbearers will be Michael Salazar, Jordan Williams, Mark Williams, Tom Sherman, Ben McGee and Dale Pittman. Her godchildren, her brothers and Sammy Dennard are honorary pallbearers.

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Billy Light



Billy Light, 71, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Select Specialty Hospital in Midland, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Shelley officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. at Terrace Cemetery in

Post.

He was born May 15, 1940 in Slaton, Texas to Willie and Fabien Light. He was an electrical engineer, having worked for several radio and TV stations, including KWAB in Big Spring. He was a singer and musician and was an active community volunteer.

He is survived by one daughter, Lana Churchwell and husband Chris of Big Spring; one brother, Carroll Light of Tow, N.M.; one sister, Aimee Hill of Georgia; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Jimmy Light.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Reva Susanne Daniels

Reva Susanne Daniels, 59, of Coahoma, died Sunday, July 31, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 6, 1951, in El Paso, Texas. Reva was a longtime resident of Coahoma and had worked as a manager for Town & Country Convenience Stores at various locations.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Ward of Coahoma; one daughter, Canyon Daniels of Coahoma; two step-daughters, Amy Otho and husband, Michael and Ashley Ward of Coahoma; one step-son, Chase Ward and wife, Elizabeth of Coahoma; her mother-in-law, Annie Ward of Coahoma; and a huge extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her father-in-law, Jim Ward.

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“When we started looking at Snyder, for personal reasons, we needed to stay close to Lubbock,” he said. “Snyder is a larger district, so obviously, it’s a move up. Also, it’s a good school district ... and there’s a real sense of community that was attractive to us.”

At the same time, he expressed regret at leaving Coa-

homa. “We’re definitely going to miss our time there,” he said. “It’s a good town with really good people, good kids and a good school program. But Coahoma’s had a good district for a long time and I’m sure there’s going to be many qualified candidates looking at that position.”

Brown, the former superintendent at Motley County ISD, was hired by Coahoma trustees in July 2008 to replace Jerry Johnson, who had retired.

The Levelland High School graduate has 20 years experience in education. He began his teaching career at New Deal in 1992 and also has taught at Bastrop, Fort Stockton and Mesquite. He was later assistant principal at Levelland High School and principal at Capitol Elementary in Levelland before becoming Motley County ISD superintendent in 2005.

Among his accomplishments at Coahoma was overseeing the completion of a three-year, \$13 million dis-

trict-wide facility renovation project.

“I think we made a lot of headway, academically speaking,” he said. “The teachers and administrators here really bought into what we were trying to accomplish and did everything they could to make sure our kids were successful.”

Cohaoma ISD trustees will meet Thursday, and it is possible they will begin laying the framework for the search to find a new superintendent at that time.

“Randy is a very talented guy and he’s done a great job for us,” CISD Trustee Jody Reid said. “We knew when we hired him he’d probably move up sooner or later. We hate to see him go, but we definitely wish him the best.”

The Snyder Daily News contributed to this report.

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Obituaries

Lenna Gay McPeak

Lenna Gay McPeak, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 29, 2011, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Shelley officiating.

She was born Aug. 29, 1930, in Stamford, Texas, and married Herman McPeak in 1957 in Abilene, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a homemaker and a member of Eastside Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Rhonda

Petty of Oregon; and one son, Joseph McPeak of North Carolina.

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Consuelo Hernandez, 68, of La Marque, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruth Nieman, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. today at the 1st Assembly of God Church. Burial will be at the Gilstrap Cemetery.

Ruth Salazar, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Cindy Bingham Payne, 51, of Big Spring, died Friday. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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critical that a balanced budget amendment be embraced by our government and our states. American families have had to tighten their belts and do more with less. Washington must do the same.

“We have a big spending problem in this country, and it needs a big solution. Simply put, this bill doesn’t go far enough in addressing our crushing debt. The government cannot continue to borrow 42 cents for every dollar we spend.

“As Congress moves forward, I am eager to continue to work in support of ensuring economic security for our nation by making sure Washington spends less of the taxpayer’s hard earned money and work to create an economic climate where more higher skilled, higher paying jobs are created,” Neugebauer added.

The legislation pairs an increase in the government’s borrowing cap with promises of more than \$2 trillion of budget cuts over the upcoming decade. Its passage caps a long, difficult battle between tea party-powered House Republicans and Obama — with House Speaker

John Boehner caught in the middle more than once.

After months of fiercely partisan struggle, the House’s top Republican and Democratic leaders swung behind the bill, ratifying a deal sealed Sunday night with a phone call from Boehner to Obama.

“I’m not happy with it,” Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said. “But I’m proud of some of the accomplishments in it. That’s why I’m voting for it.”

Amid the high intrigue of the historic moment, the drama was heightened even further when Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the Arizona congresswoman wounded in a shooting rampage seven months ago, made a surprise visit to the House floor to cast her vote. Colleagues on both sides of the aisle rushed to embrace her, and Pelosi publicly saluted her courage and resiliency.

Much of the House-passed measure was negotiated on terms set by Boehner, which included a demand that any increase in the nation’s borrowing cap be matched by spending cuts at least as large. But it also meets demands made by Obama, including debt increases large enough to keep the government funded

into 2013 and curbs on growth of the Pentagon budget.

Even though Obama strongly supported the measure, half of the chamber’s Democrats opposed it. Sixty-six conservative Republicans opposed the measure as well.

Still, after storming the Capital in January — only to see bill after bill die in the Democratic Senate — many junior House lawmakers opted to view the legislation through the prism of optimism.

“It’s about time that Congress come together and figure out a way to live within our means,” said Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wis. “This bill is going to start that process, although it doesn’t go far enough.”

The measure would provide an immediate \$400 billion increase in the \$1.43 trillion U.S. borrowing cap, with \$500 billion more assured this fall. That \$900 billion would be matched by cuts to agen-

cy budgets over the next 10 years.

What follows next is more complicated. The measure establishes a special bipartisan committee to draft legislation to find up to \$1.5 trillion more in deficit cuts for a vote later this year. They’re likely to come from so-called mandatory programs like federal retirement benefits, farm subsidies, Medicare and Medicaid. The savings would be matched by a further increase in the borrowing cap.

There’s no guarantee the committee, to be evenly split between the warring parties, will agree on such legislation. But there are powerful incentives to do so because more budget gridlock would trigger a crippling round of automatic cuts across much of the budget, including Pentagon coffers.

And questions linger about the effect the grueling political free-for-all will have on the U.S. credit rating.

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Democrats will also need a presidential primary in 2012

Ed Rendell, do you have plans for 2012? Hillary Clinton? If you, the former Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, or you, the secretary of state, are free next year and wouldn't mind, would you please launch a primary challenge against President Obama?

This request stems not from anger at Obama's penchant for blithely negotiating away certain Medicare benefits or the need to modestly raise tax revenues — things that Democrats want, and if the polls are correct, so do most Americans. It was about not negotiating at all while appearing to negotiate on a matter that should be non-negotiable: the full faith and credit of the United States.

In the last half-century, Congress has raised the debt ceiling 49 times under Republican presidents and 29 times under Democrats. The votes were cast without drama because the idea of this country defaulting on its debts was unthinkable. This last-minute deal notwithstanding, the dangerous precedent whereby America's promise to pay what it owes can be brought into political play has been set. Meanwhile, the spectacle of government dysfunction has already hastened our decline as a world power.

Make no mistake: The tea party Republicans have engaged in economic terrorism against

the United States — threatening to blow up the economy if they don't get what they want. And like the al-Qaida bombers, what they want is delusional: the dream of restoring some fantasy caliphate in which no one pays taxes, while the country is magically protected from foreign attack and the elderly get government-paid hip replacements.

Americans are not supposed to negotiate with terrorists, but that's what Obama has been doing. Obama should have grabbed the bully pulpit early on, belittling that everything can be discussed but America's honor, which requires making good on its debt obligations. Lines about "we're all at fault" and "Republicans should compromise" are beyond pathetic on a subject that should be beyond discussion.

That the Republican leadership couldn't control a small group of ignoramuses in its ranks has brought disgrace on their party. But oddly, Obama's passivity made it hard for responsible Republicans to control their destructive children.

The GOP extremists would ask Obama for his firstborn, and he'd say, "OK." So they think, why not ask for his second-born, to which he responds, "Let's talk."

House Speaker Boehner couldn't go back to his caucus members and tell them: "We fought like tigers with an intransigent White House. We did well, considering what we were up against." But he couldn't say that because they were up against Jell-O.

Obama can take credit for some major achievements. His auto industry bailout saved the

industrial Midwest from collapse. The financial industry reforms will begin to force at least some discipline on Wall Street. And the health care law will ensure coverage for all Americans while reducing deficits in the long-term. But Obama's successes are undermined by his inability to vigorously sell them, even to a receptive mainstream.

Recall the summer of idiocy, when Obama sat mute amid moronic charges that Democrats were establishing "death panels." A Democratic president with his party holding majorities in both houses of Congress could have quickly whipped health care reform into law. But Obama let it fester for month after month of phony negotiations.

Republicans are ultimately going to take the rap over this debt-ceiling outrage. The full faith and credit of the United States is not a matter over which reasonable people may disagree, and the larger public knows that in its heart.

But Democrats would do themselves a huge favor if they had a living, breathing leader as their presidential candidate in 2012. Won't someone step up?

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FROMA HARROP

Obama Is Fresh Out of Ideas

One of the most striking facts about the course of the Obama presidency so far is that Obama has no constructive solutions for anything, which is one reason he campaigned on vague promises. It's why he established bogus metrics, such as "saved or created jobs."

It's also why he's always pointing the finger of blame on others for his policy failures. Everyone knows by now that Obama's reckless and corrupt stimulus package failed to restrain unemployment as he had promised and that instead of accepting responsibility for it, he blamed Bush.

He also played another familiar liberal card: He insisted his stimulus bill would have worked if he had been allowed to spend more money. So he started pushing for a second stimulus, all while increasing the government's regulatory stranglehold on business and cramming Obamacare down our throats.

All of which is to say — with added emphasis — that Obama is fresh out of ideas. Worse, he's the immovable force standing in the way of those who do have constructive proposals.

He didn't even submit a plan during the debt ceiling negotiations, and his party's Senate majority hasn't presented a budget for more than 800 days. We have a spending and entitlement problem, but Obama's ideology precludes him from addressing either. It drives him, instead, to insist on increasing taxes on the rich. But raising rates would further smother the economy and not significantly increase revenues.

The GOP is far from perfect, but it has presented serious proposals to address the debt crisis, which include capping discretionary spending, restructuring entitlements, passing a balanced

budget amendment and reforming the tax code. These plans could work, but the Democrats have steadfastly and shamelessly opposed them and ridiculed their proponents, such as Rep. Paul Ryan.

During the debt ceiling negotiations, we've seen more of the same. Obama's Democrats are refusing to sign on to real cuts (only reductions on the rate of spending increases) and even more resistant to meaningful entitlement reform.

If a compromise passes, it will only be because Republicans have concluded, accurately or not, that it's the best they can get in their effort to reduce the bleeding until 2012, when they hope to regain firm control of both political branches. No matter how they spin it, it will not be a good deal; the only question is how bad it will be.

Republicans fear that if they don't take the deal and the budget ceiling is not lifted, disastrous economic and political consequences will ensue: Our economy will collapse and Republicans will be blamed and lose the 2012 elections, and then any chance of saving the nation from financial catastrophe will be lost.

I am not convinced that a debt ceiling impasse would result in the predicted Armageddon or that signing on to a dubious bill would enhance the GOP's 2012 electoral prospects.

But I am convinced that if we don't start working this debt down — as opposed to whittling away at the rates of increase while the debt continues to expand — we will experience real financial collapse, and sooner than we may think.

I'm also concerned that if this deal goes through, Obama will try to make the case that Republicans own the compromise bill as if they wrote it (because in part they did) and thereafter the terrible economy and the continuously exploding debt. If Republicans are so worried that Obama would successfully blame them for fallout from a

ceiling impasse, why aren't they worried about being blamed if the compromise doesn't stop the growth of the debt, which it won't?

Indeed, no matter how inept Obama is at many things, he is a master at propaganda and negative campaigning. That's all he's got. The only policies he can bring himself to support cannot work. So as 2012 approaches, don't look for Obama to emphasize his record. Look for more deflection and scapegoating.

There is a historical parallel to Obama's approach. History professors agree that during his rise to power, Hitler built a coalition based on a negative assault on the Weimar Republic instead of a positive set of ideas or programs. His propaganda gurus introduced the idea of perpetual campaigning, in which they would focus on technique, not content.

In no other way am I comparing Obama to Nazis, but I am struck by the propaganda and campaigning parallels. Obama has no ideas except to foment phony crises, exploit real ones and demonize and scapegoat business, corporations, "the wealthy," insurance companies, oil companies, Republicans in general and — President Bush.

Unlike some conservatives, I am confident that most people now see through Obama and are prepared to reject him as divisive, destructive and wholly without any solutions to our very serious problems. Republicans need to overcome the fear that now appears to be paralyzing them.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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| 4. Pupil | d. senses light in the retina |

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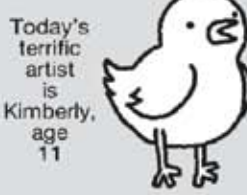


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Swallow: Downed by the drought

To open the front door on that June morning was to feel the threat of the afternoon heat to come. As the woman handed me three boxes, she identified the occupants as a mockingbird, blue jay and swallow. Having driven from Midland, she hurried back to the truck and her driving companion.

Varying in size, the containers aroused my curiosity. To discover which specie crouched inside each one would be a momentary pause in a summer filled with wild birds needing help.

Having had mishaps as nestlings, one had a broken leg. Another had fallen from too far a height. Their potential as a songbird and raucous bully would never be realized.

The third container was the smallest. Carefully removing masking tape, I raised one flap at the top of the box. Afraid its occupant might suddenly escape caused me to be cautious.

After slipping my hand inside the box, I brought out the remaining bird. In our 37 years of rehab work with over three thousand individual birds, including more than 110 different species, never had we received a cliff swallow.

As a juvenile, the top of its head was a dark brown. Most noticeable was its forehead. Speckled with white, it was an identifying feature of its specie, as were its brown cheeks. An ash-colored band on the back of its neck continued on to parts of its breast and sides. Its dark wings offered a bold contrast.

Just opening its eyes seemed an effort for the small bird. Weakened, it was a victim of dehydration and starvation. Our 2011 drought and extreme temperatures had lessened its chances of finding enough insects to become the flying phenomenon its destiny required.

Unable to perch, the bird accepted a makeshift nest of a small, woven basket lined with tissues. It readily fell asleep.

Re-hydrating and feeding the swallow was going to be a challenge. Its tiny bill, once opened, would offer a mouth that was capable of capturing winged insects in flight. Unknown, however, was if its system was still capable of digesting appropriate food.

For two days, an avian supplement dissolved in water and the soft guts of crickets and other insects



Courtesy photo

Landing on the shoreline of a pond or lake, a cliff swallow uses its beak to pick up mud. Rolling it around in its mouth, the bird forms a pellet that becomes coated with saliva. Flying to the nest site, it sticks the "building block," or wet mud, against other such globs. In a matter of days, a rounded, bottle-looking structure emerges. Inside, the bird furnishes its nest with bits of dry grass, feathers and horsehair.

were given. Carefully opening its mouth for numerous feedings was a meticulous exercise in patience. At least the bird swallowed readily when life-sustaining nutrition was placed at the back of its mouth.

As I approached the swallow the next morning, a strange sound greeted me. It was as if the bird was having a conversation with itself. Having planned

on another arduous day of handling and feeding it, I was overjoyed by its willingness to open its mouth on its own.

"We're over the hump," I thought as I hurried to place a small cricket at the end of a hemostat. The surgical tool allowed me to present the bird with its first meal of the day. Readily coming forward, it gobbled the morsel when it was half

way inside its mouth.

Its increasing appetite was encouraging. The next day, after placing it on a low perch, I was disappointed when it jumped to the floor. Continuing to position its feet around the roost throughout the afternoon, I saw the same results.

Two days later, the swallow surprised me. Finally strong enough to remain on the perch, it seemed proud of its accomplishment. Exercising its long wings meant it would soon be flying to a higher perch.

The day before taking it to South Plains in Lubbock was bitter-sweet. While enjoying the bird's twittering sounds and progress, we knew it would be releasable as soon as it mastered the demands of sustained flight.

The cliff swallow had been an entertaining interlude to soften the harshness of this summer's merciless heat. It deserved to be ready for migration between August and October with flocks heading southward. Arriving in Brazil, Chile or Argentina, the bird would start acquiring its adult plumage.

On future trips north, the swallow would have a bluish-black crown, back, wings and tail. Almost a reddish-brown, the chestnut hue of its throat and cheeks would be notable. Turning white, its forehead,

BIRD POOP

BY BEBE McCASLAND



throat with black spot, and back with white streaking, would bear identifying marks.

Weighing less than an ounce, it would once again travel around rather than over the Gulf of Mexico. Migrating in the daytime, it could be assured of more insects over a landmass than water.

During nesting season, adults build a jug-shaped nest out of mud with an entry from the side. Nesting in colonies under bridges or protruding ledges of buildings, they ensure their specie's future.

In the future, whenever Art and I are on the service roads of interstates, and loops that circle cities, we'll continue to enjoy the comings and goings of the cliff swallows nesting below and on the sides of the bridges in their "apartment complexes." Just by chance, perhaps our chatterbox will be among them.

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A sense of urgency

The problem with waiting until tomorrow is when it finally arrives, it is called today. Today is yesterday's tomorrow. Or as Yogi Berra would say, "It's like deja vu all over again."

The question is what did we do with its opportunity? All too often we will waste tomorrow as we wasted yesterday and as we are wasting today. All that could have been accomplished can easily elude us, despite our

intentions, until we inevitably discover the things that might have been slipped from our grasp has done so one day at a time.

Each of us must pause frequently to remind ourselves the clock is ticking. The same clock that began to tick from the moment we drew our first breath will also someday cease.

Time is the great equalizer of all mankind. It has taken away the best and the worst of us without regard for either.

Time offers opportunity, but demands

a sense of urgency. When the game of life is finally over there is no second chance to correct our errors.

The clock that is ticking away the moments of our lives does not care about winners and losers. It does not care about who succeeds or who fails.

It does not care about excuses, fairness or equality. The only essential issue is how we played the game.

Regardless of our current age, there is a sense of urgency that should drive us into immediate action. We

PARENT'S CORNER

BY DARRELL RYAN



should be constantly aware of the value of each and every moment of our lives; moments that seem so insignificant their loss often goes unnoticed.

At the current moment we still have the time; we still have lots of chances; we still have lots of opportunities; we still have time to show what we can do.

For most of us, there will be a tomorrow, a next week, a next month and a next year. But unless we develop a sense of urgency, those brief windows of time will be sadly wasted, as were the weeks and months and years before them.

We must remember that there isn't an endless supply.

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Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey looks on as the Steers work out during their two-a-day practices this week.

Cowboys defense weak and shallow

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Akwasi Owusu-Ansah was a small college cornerback recruited from shoulder surgery when he joined the Dallas Cowboys as a rookie last year. Once healthy, he played mostly special teams until he got hurt again.

With the lockout keeping him off the practice field all summer, plus a new coordinator and a new playbook to learn, Owusu-Ansah showed up at training camp pretty much starting over in his NFL career.

He also found himself starting at free safety.

His promotion is strictly by default, as the Cowboys are scrambling to find a veteran starter. For now, the job belongs to Owusu-Ansah and he's trying to make the most of it.

"When they put the depth

chart up, I was No. 1, and they expect me to hold higher standards," he said. "I've just got to go out there, embrace the opportunity, work hard every day and compete."

While the front office keeps searching, Owusu-Ansah is progressing slowly but surely.

The free safety is expected to call out coverages and signal for alignment changes to fellow defensive backs, but the first few days of practice, Owusu-Ansah was silent. He finally felt confident enough to bark out some changes on Sunday. Also, he also got burned several times in two-minute drills. Back on the plus side, the 6-foot, 210-pounder filled the hole on a running play and

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Randy Moss set to retire after 13 NFL seasons

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Randy Moss dominated when he wanted to dominate.

He scored when he wanted to score, cooperated when he wanted to cooperate and acted out when he wanted to act out.

Moss spent 13 seasons doing things on his own

terms, which is why perhaps the loudest career the NFL has ever seen — both in terms of the roars he induced on the field and the aggravation he caused off it — ended so quietly on Monday.

No farewell speech from maybe the most physically gifted re-

ceiver to don a helmet. No tearful goodbye from a record-setting performer who changed the way defense is played in the NFL. Just a one-sentence statement from his agent saying one of the most colorful careers in league history was over.

"Randy has weighed

his options and considered the offers and has decided to retire," Joel Segal said on Monday.

It was vintage Moss, a revolutionary talent who was never very much interested in doing things the conventional way.

Fans were awed by his once-in-a-generation

blend of size, speed and intelligence.

Team-mates were charmed by the charisma he showed behind closed doors and coaches were often infuriated by his boorish antics and lack of respect for authority.

"I don't know if anybody can totally pin down who Randy Moss

is," said Tim DiPiero, one of Moss' first agents said last year.

If this indeed is the end for Moss, he leaves the game with some of the gaudiest statistics posted by a receiver. His 153 touchdowns are tied with Terrell Owens

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Briefs

Fall tennis practice begins

Big Spring begins tennis practices Monday, Aug. 8 for their fall schedule. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. through noon weekdays at the courts at Comanche Trail.

Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading will be held Saturdays, Tuesdays

and Thursdays. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The

tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Chicano Golf Association posts meeting date

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will be having a meeting for all its members Thursday, Aug. 4. The meeting will be held at Comanche Trail Golf Course at 6 p.m.

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Boston	66	41	.617	—	—	6-4	L-1	33-20	33-21	
New York	65	42	.607	1	—	7-3	W-4	37-22	28-20	
Tampa Bay	56	51	.523	10	9	4-6	W-1	24-25	32-26	
Toronto	55	53	.509	11½	10½	6-4	W-1	28-26	27-27	
Baltimore	42	63	.400	23	22	3-7	L-3	25-28	16-35	
Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	57	51	.528	—	—	5-5	W-1	31-24	26-27	
Cleveland	54	52	.509	2	10½	3-7	W-1	29-24	25-28	
Chicago	52	55	.486	4½	13	5-5	L-3	24-29	28-26	
Minnesota	50	58	.463	7	15½	4-6	L-2	26-25	24-33	
Kansas City	46	62	.426	11	19½	6-4	W-1	28-29	18-33	
West Division		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	61	48	.560	—	—	5-5	L-1	35-21	26-26	
Los Angeles	59	50	.541	2	7	6-4	L-1	28-23	31-27	
Oakland	49	60	.450	12	17	6-4	L-1	31-24	18-36	
Seattle	46	62	.426	14½	19½	3-7	W-1	27-29	19-33	

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East Division		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
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Atlanta	63	47	.573	7	—	4-6	L-2	34-22	29-25	
New York	55	54	.505	14½	7½	5-5	L-3	22-27	33-27	
Florida	54	55	.495	15½	8½	7-3	W-2	23-30	31-25	
Washington	52	56	.481	17	10	4-6	W-3	31-22	21-34	
Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	61	49	.555	—	—	8-2	W-7	40-14	21-35	
St. Louis	57	52	.523	3½	5½	5-5	L-2	29-24	28-28	
Pittsburgh	54	53	.505	5½	7½	3-7	L-4	26-26	28-27	
Cincinnati	53	56	.486	7½	9½	5-5	L-1	30-27	23-29	
Chicago	44	65	.404	16½	18½	5-5	W-2	25-31	19-34	
Houston	36	73	.330	24½	26½	3-7	W-1	18-36	18-37	
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Arizona	60	49	.550	1	2½	7-3	W-3	29-23	31-26	
Colorado	51	58	.468	10	11½	4-6	L-2	26-27	25-31	
Los Angeles	49	59	.454	11½	13	6-4	W-1	28-31	21-28	
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News not good in NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — A month into the lockout, the only change is in David Stern's mood.

After long maintaining he was optimistic during this collective bargaining process, the NBA Commissioner said Monday "nothing" in a nearly three-hour meeting gave him reason for encouragement.

And for that, he pointed the finger in one direction.

"I don't feel optimistic about the players' willingness to engage in a serious way," a downcast Stern said.

So the first meeting to include Stern and fellow leadership from owners and players since the lockout began exactly a month earlier produced nothing new — except blame.

Stern said the sides were "at the same place as we were 30 days ago," a June 30 session hours before the old deal expired, adding he doesn't feel players are bargaining in good faith.

Players contend that although owners insist they are committed to making a deal, their proposals say otherwise.

Neither side offered a new one Monday, three months before the Nov. 1 scheduled opening of the regular season that seems more in doubt than ever.

Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver were joined by San Antonio Spurs owner Peter Holt, who heads the labor relations committee, and Board of Governors chairman and Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor.

Players' association Executive Director Billy Hunter, and

President Derek Fisher and Vice President Theo Ratliff, both of the Los Angeles Lakers, attended along with union attorneys.

"It's a tough position to be in," Fisher said. "I think Peter, Glen Taylor, Commissioner Stern, Adam Silver are articulating certain things in the room, expressing their desire to get a deal done, but where their proposal lies makes it hard to believe that."

"So we're continuing to try to work around what's been said and really focus on the deal on the table, and right now we're still a very, very long way from getting a deal done."

Stern disputed Fisher's take on the owners' actions.

"He's entitled to draw his own conclusion," Stern said. "We have absolutely the opposite take on it."

Fisher said the sides would try to meet at least two or three more times in August. Stern said there is always reason to have meetings, yet made it clear owners feel not enough is happening during them.

"Right now we haven't seen any movement," he said, adding "there's still a very wide gap between us."

That was left over from late June. Owners are seeking massive changes to the league's salary structure, saying they lost \$300 million last season and hundreds of millions more in each year of the previous CBA, ratified in 2005.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who are observant will notice straight away: You are different from who you were before. You would rather show your newfound confidence with action than talk about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know yourself well. You require a degree of challenge in order to stay engaged and involved. Another person might get stressed out by the stimulus you find comforting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have nothing to prove. People react to you the way they do because of their deeply rooted attitudes and opinions that have very little, if anything, to do with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll try new places, things and ideas. This keeps life fresh and exciting. You may spend more money than expected,

but you won't regret the expense. It's the cost of a good life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Opposites don't really attract as often as people say they do. However, reacting in an equal and opposite way to the one you love will build the relationship now. When the other person pushes, you pull back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You value your friendships and expect them to take up an appropriate amount of space in your life. You have no need for overpowering relationships that upset the flow of normal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you don't know what to expect, but that hasn't stopped you before. Go forward. You are a beloved child of the universe and will be cared for as such.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The way you learn grace is to, from time to time, fall from it. Much depends on your ability to recover from the tips and tumbles that are a normal part of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't give in. But the person you're negotiating with doesn't realize this just yet, so he or she will continue to try to sway you with logic, emotional appeals and other temptations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will maintain the policy that your emotions are no one else's concern. You are so impressively self-contained now that you will earn the trust of people you don't even know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will give in on the small points and validate your loved one with your agreement, even when you're not so sure he is right. Your selflessness, loyalty and support are commendable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though a certain person sees you as attractive in every way, your standards for yourself are a bit more stringent. You've set the bar high, and now you'll work hard to keep it there.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 2). No matter what you do for a living, this year you will be in the business of making people happy. Your intuition is honed, and you'll realize just what it takes to make people smile. This month, you'll spend time with those you admire and make some memories. In September, you'll sign an important contract. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 19, 31 and 11.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: A year ago, my 73-year-old sister, "Jenny," married a man she barely knew. He had been married three times before, and she was aware that he had problems. Being a nurturing person, she thought she could help him. They live off of his

Social Security and my sister's pension checks.

They are now buying a house, and her husband has some medical expenses, so things are tight. In addition, Jenny cannot sleep with him because he has apnea and won't do anything about it.

He also has an anger problem and has yelled at Jenny a couple of times. He has a sexual addiction and has made

passes at three people I know of, including Jenny's granddaughter. We haven't told Jenny about that, but her children are encouraging their mother to leave this man.

Jenny is diabetic and has some short-term memory loss. We are concerned about her future. Her husband shows signs of wanting to isolate her from her family and friends. She

told me she would like to get out of this marriage, but he has attempted suicide in the past, and she feels responsible for his safety.

Should we tell Jenny about his infidelities? We don't really see much hope in his changing. — Worried Sister in Memphis

Dear Annie: I am a 16-year-old girl and a junior in high school. I get great grades and am athletic and friendly. I have a lot of guy friends. They are funny and relaxed and don't gossip as much as the girls. The problem is, I am large-breasted, and a lot of the guys think that when I'm being nice, I'm somehow flirting. I don't want to say, "I'm

not interested in you," because it sounds offensive. But I hate feeling I have to hang out with guys when I know their intentions, and I end up miserable waiting for them to make a move, knowing I'll have to shut them down.

Lately, when a guy asks me to hang out with him, I claim to be busy. How do I make it obvious that I'm not interested? I don't flirt. I don't wear low-cut shirts or draw attention to myself that way. What do I do? — Lost for Words in Kentucky

Dear Annie: High school is a testing ground for relationships, so consider this good practice. When guys are attracted to you, it helps to decide which ones are worth your time and how to gracefully extricate yourself from the others. It is generally safer to hang out in groups of both males and females. If you don't wish to spend time with a particular guy, it's OK to say you are busy or, "Thanks, but no." And it is not offensive to tell a persistent suitor that you just want to be friends — please don't be afraid to say so.

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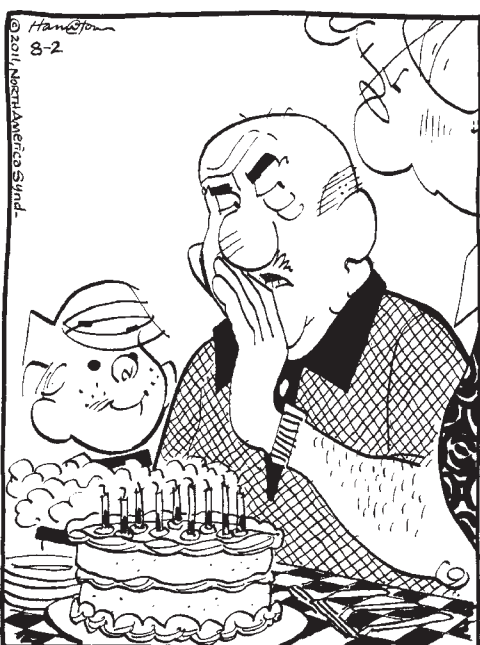
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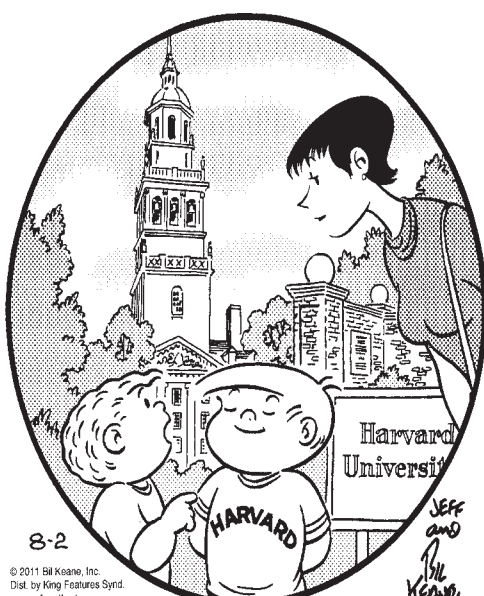
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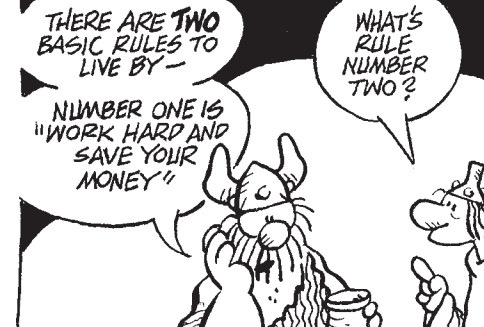
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"When Billy goes to Harvard can I have his room?"

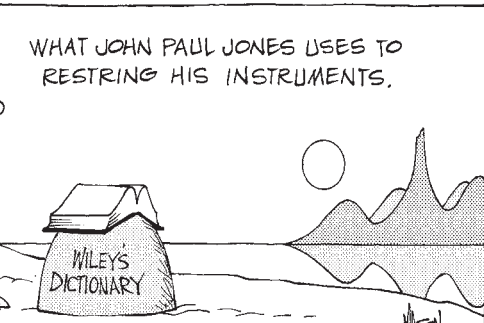
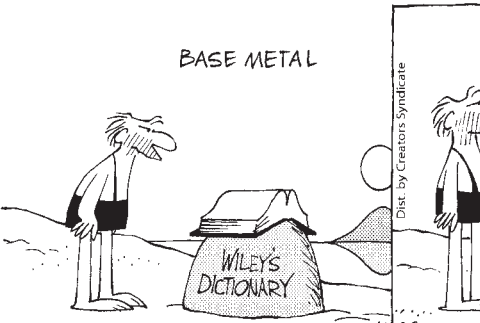
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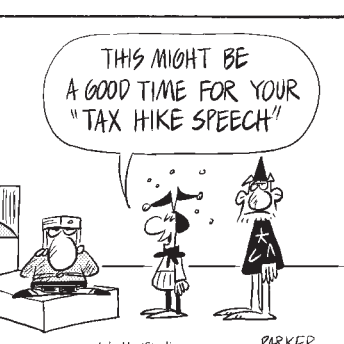
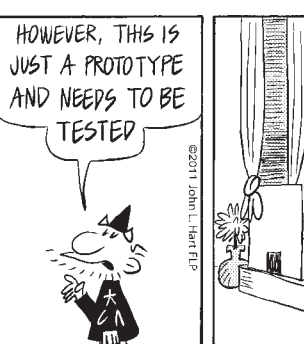
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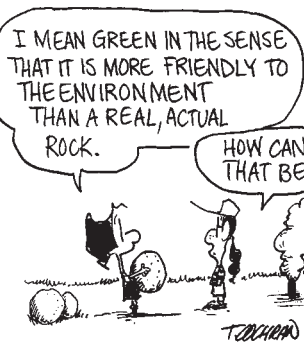
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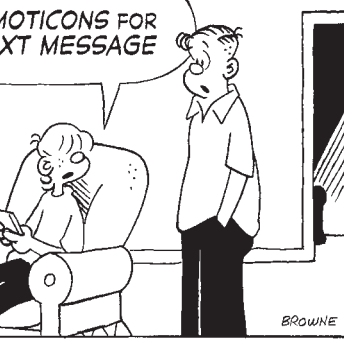
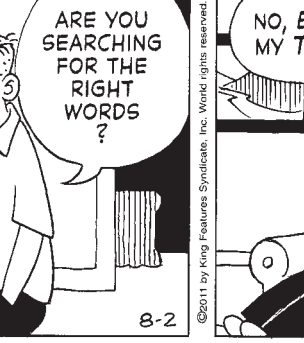
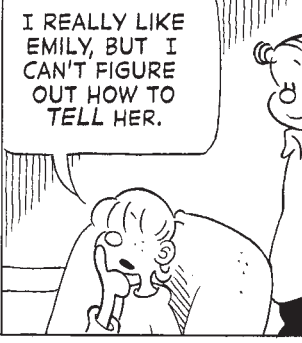
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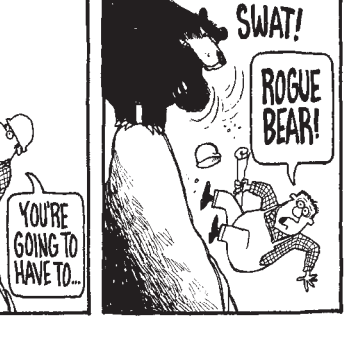
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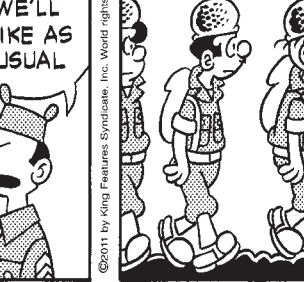
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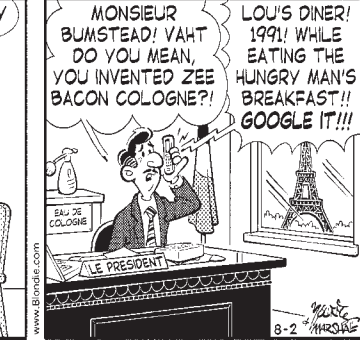
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2011. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged. (Legend holds that Hickok died holding a pair of aces and a pair of eights, now known in poker parlance as "the Dead Man's Hand.")

On this date:

In 1610, during his fourth voyage to the Western Hemisphere, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the

"Indian Head" cent.

In 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public in the notorious "Black Sox" scandal. Opera singer Enrico Caruso, 48, died in Naples, Italy.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 135 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 89. Actor Peter O'Toole is 79. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 74. Movie director Wes Craven is 72. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 68. Actor Max Wright is 68. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 66. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 61. Actor Butch Patrick ("The Munsters") is 58. Singer Mojo Nixon is 54. Actress Victoria Jackson is 52. Actress Apollonia is 52. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 49. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old furnace fuel
 - 5 In addition
 - 9 Shipping box
 - 14 Wistful sigh
 - 15 Stand the test of time
 - 16 Hazardous gas
 - 17 Peru's capital
 - 18 Assistant
 - 19 Television awards
 - 20 Nutritional-needs diagram
 - 23 Payment pledge
 - 24 Take to court
 - 25 Righteousness
 - 27 Sesame Street network
 - 30 Writings on a bridge, e.g.
 - 34 Vibrant
 - 36 Fin flavoring
 - 37 FBI agents
 - 41 World of government
 - 44 Up to the task
 - 45 Thick, strong string
 - 46 Top-floor storage area
 - 47 Votes for one not on the ballot
 - 50 Mouse sighter's cry
 - 51 "That's clear to me"
 - 54 ___ de Janeiro
 - 56 Caterer's coffee brewer
 - 57 Road-repair marker
 - 64 Montana neighbor
 - 66 Skewed view
 - 67 Explorer called "the Red"
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby cow
 - 2 Akron's state
 - 3 Bullets, briefly
 - 4 Is ahead
 - 5 Sports participant
 - 6 Lion's den
 - 7 Food inspection agcy.
 - 8 Flower stalk
 - 9 Cash alternative
 - 10 Ewe's mate
 - 11 Own up to
 - 12 "Happy birthday ___"
 - 13 Happen next
 - 21 Seattle's ___ Sound
 - 22 Climbing vines
 - 26 "Correct!"
 - 27 Mama's partner
 - 28 Splotch
 - 29 Window ledge
 - 31 Fancy scarf
 - 32 Emergency signal
 - 33 Creates origami
 - 35 Opinions
 - 38 Parcel (out)
 - 39 Cleveland's lake
 - 40 Giraffe's trademark
 - 42 More frosty
 - 43 Lose one's cool
 - 48 Snappy comeback
 - 49 Parts of eyes
 - 51 Matching furniture set
 - 52 "At ease!" is one
 - 53 Silly
 - 55 Atlantic or Pacific
 - 58 Eve's second son
 - 59 Manicurist's tool
 - 60 Quickly
 - 61 Estimator's words
 - 62 Workday start for many
 - 63 "Green" sci.
 - 65 Ad-___ committee

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COWBOYS

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levelled a hit that drew some oohs and aahs from the crowd.

"He's raw, he's got a ways to go," secondary coach Dave Campo said. "He's not ready to play right now, I can tell you that. But he's out there. He's kind of learning as he goes."

Owusu-Ansah's best ability is speed. He can cover a lot of ground quickly, which is why he's already someone to watch on special teams. He averaged 21.7 yards on 25 kickoff returns last season.

A fourth-round pick from Indiana (Pa.) in 2010, his various injuries didn't give him much chance to learn the defense. Less than a week into camp, he estimates he's already played more at safety than he did all of last season.

Alan Ball was the starting free safety last year, and could be a last resort this season. How he did last year is best summed up by the fact the Cowboys want him to be their fourth cornerback this season. (He can't practice at any position just yet because he was a free agent when the lockout began. He re-signed quickly, but is in a holding pattern like all veteran signees.)

MOSS

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for second on the career list, and he's also fifth in yards (14,858) and tied with Hines Ward for eighth in receptions (954).

"In a lot of ways, he was the Michael Jordan of offenses in our league," Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said. "He was a special player for a long, long time."

Those numbers, and his status as perhaps the best deep threat in NFL histo-

ry, will make him a strong candidate for the Hall of Fame.

But voters will also be weighing those achievements and his six Pro Bowl seasons against a history of mauling in performances and a reputation as a coach killer.

As Moss himself famously said: "I play when I want to play."

And when he wanted to, there was no one better. And when he didn't, there was no one more destructive.

Trouble off the field in

high school prevented Moss from attending Notre Dame or Florida State, so he landed at Marshall and scored 54 touchdowns in two electrifying seasons with the Thundering Herd.

The character questions hurt Moss in the 1998 draft. He fell to the Vikings at pick No. 21 and he spent the next seven years making every GM in the league who passed on him regret it.

He scored 17 touchdowns to help the Vikings reach the NFC title game.

NBA

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Players have acknowledged losses but dispute they're as large as owners say, and have balked at the league's

desire to institute a hard salary cap, slash salaries and reduce the maximum length of contracts.

That has created the possibility of lost games because of a work stoppage for only the second time in league history. The 1998-99 NBA season was reduced to 50 games, and players have been preparing for the potential of something similar, with many saying they would consider playing overseas to have a paycheck.

The NFL is back to work after settling its lockout that lasted

about four months without missing any regular-season games. A work stoppage of similar length guarantees the NBA loses games, but the NBA's issues seem to go much deeper than the NFL's.

"From where we sit, we're looking at a league that was the most profitable in sports that became more profitable by virtue of concessions from their players," Stern said, "and with an average salary of \$2 million.

"Our average salary is 5 million, we're not profitable and we just can't seem to get over the gap that separates us."

The central issue remains the divi-

sion of basketball revenues. Players were guaranteed 57 percent under the old agreement, and the league says it cannot address its losses without a significant change to that number.

The players offered a reduction to 54.3 percent that would have reduced their take by about \$100 million a year — an offer Stern called "modest" — and said the owners' proposal would have them well below 40 percent in the later years of the deal.

Hunter indicated after the last meeting that the sides might bargain on something besides economics when they returned, since they couldn't get past that hurdle.

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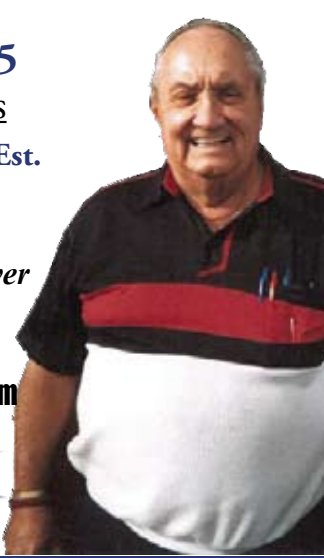
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