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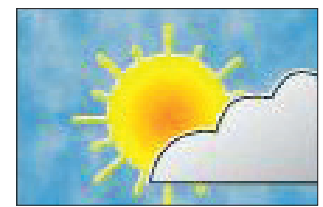
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 Otis Courville, left, lead window clerk at the Big Spring post office, receives a commendation from local Postmaster Andrew Lopez on Wednesday. Courville was recognized for catching a customer's attempt to pass a counterfeit \$10 bill at the facility recently.

JOB WELL DONE

Postal clerk honored for detecting fake currency

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

An apparent attempt to pass "funny money" at the Big Spring post office was foiled, thanks to the actions of one of the facility's employees.

Otis Courville, lead window clerk at the facility, was recognized for his actions during a brief ceremony Wednesday.

Local Postmaster Andrew Lopez said Courville was being commended for stopping a customer's recent attempt to pass

a counterfeit \$10 at the post office.

"An individual came in to purchase a money order (July 21)," Lopez said. "(Courville) examined the bill and marked it with a special pen (to determine its authenticity) and discovered that it was a counterfeit bill."

The case has been referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution, Lopez said.

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Texas may lose \$800 million in federal funding

Staff and wire reports

The U.S. Senate gave initial approval Wednesday to a bill that would require Texas to maintain state education spending levels through 2013, a state-specific mandate Republican Gov. Rick Perry has called unconstitutional.

A Texas Education Agency spokeswoman and an aide to

Sen. John Cornyn said the provision likely would mean Texas would lose more than \$800 million in federal money for its schools.

"It's going to be nearly insurmountable for Texas to get any funds out of this," said Kevin McLaughlin, spokesman for Sen. John Cornyn,

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Raises mulled at HC to offset insurance hike

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Despite a tight economic outlook, Howard County Junior College trustees are looking to help college employees with increased insurance costs.

During this week's budget workshop, trustees tentatively approved a \$500 across-the-board pay raise for employees to help defray increased insurance costs, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

"As part of the state reducing expenditures, it is cutting back on its contribution to pay for employee insurance

(at community colleges)," Sparks said. "That means employees are going to be paying higher rates for their insurance coverage."

In total, the pay raises will add about \$150,000 to the college's 2010-2011 budget, Sparks estimated.

The college is already dealing with a state-mandated 5 percent decrease in expenditures, so this added expense adds a little more pressure to an already lean budget, she conceded, but an expected increase in enrollment — which leads to more state aid — and

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Soaring heat poses threat; caution urged

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

With temperatures expected to remain in the upper 90s during the coming week, officials with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are urging Texans to

take precautions.

Emily Palmer, spokesperson for DSHS, said the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a one-vehicle rollover at the 164 mile marker of Interstate 20 west of Big Spring Wednesday afternoon. One person was transported to the hospital with undisclosed injuries, officials

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Obituaries

Joe Gomez

Joe Gomez, 51, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a brief illness. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Esqueil Banda, of 11th & Birdwell Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 28, 1959, to Lydia and Jose Gomez Sr. in Lamesa. He was a lifetime resident of Ackerly and Big Spring. He married Yolanda Aguirre on Dec. 3, 2004, in Big Spring. He had been a maintenance man at Knollwood Heights Apartments, the offices of Boothe & Vassar and Sands Schools at Ackerly. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Yolanda Gomez of Big Spring; two sons, Israel Aguirre III and wife Valerie of Weslaco, and Aaron Aguirre of Big Spring; two daughters, Marlene Garcia and husband David of Edinburg, and Alexandria Chavez and husband Efren of Big Spring; his mother, Lydia Gomez of Ackerly; three brothers, Jesse Gomez and wife Gloria of Lamesa, Albert Gomez and wife Lucy of Ft. Stockton, and Alfredo Gomez and wife Hilda of Temple; two sisters, Julie Ramirez and husband Cosme of Big Spring, and Mary Ann Calvio of Dallas; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jose Gomez Sr. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Marion Oliver

Marion Oliver, 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- RUDY ORTEGA JR., 30, of 1806 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- ROBERT LEE AIKENS JR., 47, of 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of license required.
- THEFT was reported:
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- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of S. Monticello.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of S. Aylesford.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANIEL ERNEST WRIGHT, 57, was arrested Wednesday by the VA Police on a charge of public intoxication.
- RUDY ORTEGA JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- ROBERT LEE AIKENS JR., 47, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of solicitation.
- SHETOYA NICOLE NEWTON, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of theft, bail jumping — failure to appear and bondsman off bond for terroristic threat.
- ALBERT RIVAS, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JASMINE RENEE GUILLORY, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- JUAN VALENCIA, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESSE TONY REYES, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for burglary of a habitation.

Take Note

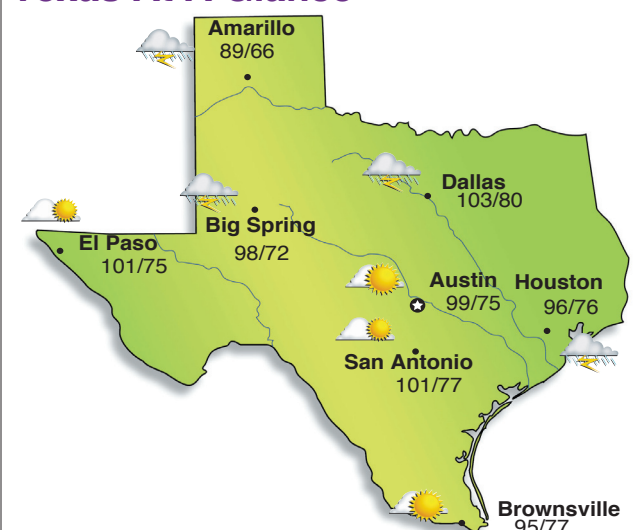
- Big Spring Independent School District will be taking applications for free and reduced-price school meals Monday through Wednesday. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Food Service office, 708 E. 11th Place. For more information, call 264-3635.
- American Legion Post 506 will host a benefit barbecue Saturday to help pay medical expenses for Marianne Garmaker. Serving will be from noon until 2 p.m. at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. An auction will be held at 2 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 8/6	Sat 8/7	Sun 8/8	Mon 8/9	Tue 8/10
98/72 Mostly sunny in the morning with isolated thunderstorms developing later in.	96/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/72 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/71 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM

Texas At A Glance



Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2100 block of Allendale. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Sterling. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of N.W. San Antonio. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 164 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

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R-Texas. "It's completely and totally impossible for the state of Texas to comply with the law as it is written."

The provision was part of a \$26 billion bill intended to help states ease severe budget problems and — advocates said — prevent the layoffs of nearly 300,000 teachers, firefighters, police and other public employees.

The legislation advanced by a 61-38 tally that all but ensured it would pass the Senate on Thursday.

Perry said last month that the provision would keep the state from getting any money, and his spokeswoman said Wednesday that his concerns haven't changed. The Texas Constitution prohibits the governor from committing to future legislative spending. Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said

previously that ties his hands.

The \$800 million would help save nearly 13,400 jobs in Texas education, according to estimates from the National Education Association.

Randy Johnson, superintendent at Forsan Independent School District, said removal of federal aid would impact the district to the tune of approximately \$300,000.

"The amount of money we've received from the federal government has gone down in recent years," Johnson said. "Having said that, we're anticipating \$275,000 in federal program funds ... and an additional amount that would finance food programs. That's a big chunk of change."

Johnson said federal funds help finance a variety of programs and positions at Forsan ISD, including instructional aides who help provide one-one-one teacher settings.

"I think it's critical,

at the elementary level, especially, to have that one-one-one attention," he said.

In addition, federal funds are used to help fund programs that target at-risk and economically disadvantaged students, Johnson said.

McLaughlin said it's not likely that Texas' two Republican senators can gather enough support in the Democratic-led Senate to strip the provision from the legislation.

No changes are expected in the House either.

A spokeswoman for Rep. Lloyd Doggett, the Texas Democrat who initially crafted the amendment in a House version of the bill, said it wasn't unconstitutional.

"All it is going to require is that the governor makes assurances that he's not going to sign a budget that singles out education for cuts more than anywhere else," Doggett spokeswoman Sarah Dohl said.

Led by Doggett, Demo-

crats in Congress said they put forth the provision because of the way the state handled federal stimulus dollars last year.

Doggett says state lawmakers used \$3.2 billion in federal stimulus money last year to replace state money and ended the legislative session with billions in the state's Rainy Day Fund.

That was an abuse of the intent of the federal stimulus act, Doggett said. He said his provision was intended to ensure state officials don't divert education dollars to other parts of the budget if they get more federal aid.

"We don't think it's fair that they're just singling out Texas," said Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency. "If this is a good idea, then why not make it apply to all states?"

Darrell Ryan, director of federal programs for Big Spring ISD, was not available for comment this morning.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Other factors should offset the added expense.

"By some of the cuts we've already made and some of the personnel

positions not being filled or being frozen, we had some money left over that allowed for (the insurance contribution)," Sparks said. "Plus, the last year or two, we've seen an increase in enrollment, which means an increase in reve-

lue." Sparks estimated that Howard's Big Spring campus will lose up to five positions (mostly in maintenance and administrative areas) while SWCID will lose four positions (two in faculty, one each in

maintenance and administrative). Those losses, however, will not effect the number of courses offered at either institution, she said.

The insurance contribution will have no effect on the proposed tax rate of 28.56 per \$100

valuation, which is almost 4 cents below the current rate but should collect the same amount of revenue as the current rate, Sparks said. Nor are college officials anticipating an increase student tuition or fees. Trustees are expected

to formally approve the new budget and tax rate at their Aug. 23 meeting.

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Lopez said it is unusual for persons to attempt to pass counterfeit bills as small as \$10.

"It's very rare," he said. "Mostly, the (fake) bills are \$100, \$50 or \$20. You very rarely see someone trying to pass a \$10 bill."

Courville, a retired Air Force veteran, has been employed at the Big Spring post office for the past 12 years.

"We catch counterfeit money orders all the time (at Big Spring and other post offices)," he said. "But it's something entirely different for someone to try to pass a fake bill."

Lopez saluted Courville for his actions.

"His actions saved us money

because we're not having to pay twice for the phony money," Lopez said. "He just did a very nice job."

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HEAT

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conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

"Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June," said Palmer. "Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms."

Palmer said the symptoms of heat-related illnesses are no joking matter, and could lead to serious health problems — even death.

"Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches," said Palmer. "People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation."

"To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning. If fluids are not replaced

soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death."

And with so many children home during the summer holiday, Palmer said parents should be vigilant when it comes to the heat.

"Children, especially, can quickly become dehydrated," said Palmer. "They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures."

Palmer suggests following a few simple rules when the temperature begins to rise:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- Wear sunscreen SPF (sunscreen protection

factor) 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

• Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

• Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.

• Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.

• Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate — will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

• Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

Palmer said the body's defense mechanism against skyrocketing temperatures — sweating — isn't always effective enough to protect people from the heat, especially when combined

with other health and environmental factors.

"The body normally cools down by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough," said Palmer. "The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death."

"A combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat may not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. The stress of hard physical activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and alcohol use also contribute to heat-related health problems.

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defense against heat-related illness. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are essential to staying healthy in hot weather."

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Willie Hubbard, 81, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Baker's Chapel, A.M.E. Church. Graveside services with Military Honors will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.
Marion Oliver, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Many people enjoy summer time in the mountains amid the trees and cool air. Some folks head for the lake to enjoy family time and leisure.

In the quest for rest and relaxation, it is possible to forget a basic truth. Joy is not a destination but a way of life. It is possible to let unrealistic expectations, unwise spending and selfishness crowd out peace and family bonding.

As you pursue summer activities, remember to acknowledge and appreciate the glimpses of God's glory you encounter. Seek to strengthen relationships and look for opportunities to laugh. Understand life is not just doing - it is being.

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OUR VIEW

One day left in Salvation Army supplies effort

One more day ... that's all that's left for those needing help in providing their children with school supplies for the start of the coming school year. Officials with the local Salvation Army say applications for the charity's annual back-to-school supply program will wrap up Friday.

Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Big Spring Salvation Army, said more than 160 backpacks — including school supplies such as paper, notebooks and pencils — were distributed during the first two days of the program.

“Things started out pretty quick this year,” Lafler said. “We were busy pretty much all day. We gave away between 160 and 165 Monday, but things slowed down quite a bit Tuesday.”

Salvation Army Capt. Terry Cheshire said the program helps provide much-needed school supplies to area low-income students before classes begin again in late August.

“We're handling this year's drive much like we did last year,” she said. “The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office.”

The annual program makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year, so, if you're a parent needing help to adequately provide supplies for your children, be sure to get to the Salvation Army offices Friday.

Cheshire may well have said it best the other day when she noted that “it's hard enough to get back into the books after a whole summer off. When you don't have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids' lives and we need to do everything we can to support them.”

It should also be noted that the Salvation Army still needs monetary help for the program, so any donations people in the community would like to donate to the effort are greatly appreciated.

Lafler said her office will be taking applications for the school supply program from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. through Friday.

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

“We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child,” Lafler said. “We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also, bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program. We'll let you know right then and there whether you qualify for the program, and if you do, you'll be able to take the supplies home right then.”

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be so obsessed with earthly details, Lord, that we miss heavenly details.

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Our grandchildren deserve better

We live in grim times, which is why you have to take your laughs where you can get them.

For example, in Washington, where Republican congress-people keep talking about their concern for their grandchildren as an excuse for voting against... well, practically everything: economic stimulus packages, financial reform, immigration reform, etc.

They say they don't want to hang a huge debt around the necks of their poor grandchildren, thereby robbing the tikes of a future. What a laugh.

In truth, your average Republican congressperson would feed his grandchildren to alligators if he thought it would get him enough campaign loot to put him over the top in the next election.

Thus we were presented with the delicious irony of Congress giving up on climate legislation—largely because of Republicans who say they don't believe in global warming—just as the mercury in Washington topped 103 degrees. Oh, and by the way, it also hit 105 degrees in Moscow the other day. That may not be proof of global warming, but it's a hint.

A good number of the Republicans said they were thinking of their grandchildren when they voted. Apparently the kids like hot weather.

Then there's the cosmic coincidence of the BP melodrama in



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the Gulf reaching a pause, just as another huge oil spill plumed in China and experts monitored the million gallons of gasoline that poured into a creek and the Kalamazoo River from a ruptured pipeline as it traveled toward Lake Michigan. Gee, I thought they only happened every hundred years or so. Drill, baby, drill.

Modern Republican politicians have no interest in the future beyond the next election. With an occasional exception, they have been unanimous in opposing every Obama initiative in an effort to discredit him with the public.

And to the great shame of the American people, their strategy seems to be working. Recent polls show the public to be largely dissatisfied with the way President Obama is running things. And that's just not the lunatic fringe talking; real people feel that way too. Amazing.

It's as though the crowd at a fire scene blamed the firefighters for destruction of the building.

Well, as H.L. Mencken once said, democracy means giving the people what they want—good and bad. And it begins to look as though that's exactly what we're going to get.

If I sound a little more dispirited than usual, it's because I am. I've generally supported this president. I've thought that he's a good man fighting the good fight against difficult odds and making a decent job of it.

The Shirley Sherrod affair, however, gives me pause.

By now you know the story: a two-bit right-wing blogger uncovers a clip of a black employee of the Ag Department confess-

ing that she had not done her best for a client because he was white.

Racism! And on the part of a black person! In the Obama administration! The clip flashed around the Internet and soon made appearances on Fox News, thence to respectable venues.

The White House acted with almost equal speed. In a flash and a half, the woman was called to task and fired. No racism here, the administration seemed to be saying.

Except nothing was as it seemed. The woman, far from being a racist, was a heroine of the civil rights movement and her speech, taken in the context intended, was an object lesson in the evils of discrimination no matter what the race involved.

The Obama administration, acting slower now, apologized and offered her another job, as the “Vast Right Wing Conspiracy” laughed out loud and congratulated itself on a job well done.

It had been able, with little effort, to make Obama and his merry band of Harvard graduates look like a bunch of boobies.

The implications are ominous. The right and its media cohort have this administration on the run. So-called liberals have taken to looking under their beds at night and sleeping with the lights on.

Obama's people took the word of a right-wing pipsqueak of evil reputation rather than get the real story from one of their own.

That truly bodes ill for the future.

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Indoctrinated Americans worst bigots

On the Internet last Wednesday, the bigots were going berserk. A federal judge prevented the most Draconian sections of Arizona's anti-immigrant law from taking effect, and the sore losers were throwing childish tantrums. It was hilarious!

Justice had prevailed, but right-wing extremists took it as a slap in the face — and they were itching to strike back. They were pledging revenge in the November midterm elections, impeachment for President Barack Obama and appeals all the way to the Supreme Court.

When I write about undocumented immigrants, the bigots always ask me the same question: “What part of the word ‘illegal’ don't you understand?”

So Wednesday, in response to their bitter diatribes on a social networking site, I posed the same question with a little twist: “What part of the word ‘unconstitutional’ don't you understand?”

The question was directed at a childhood friend whom I have not seen for many years. Since becoming reacquainted on a networking website recently, I began to notice how often he used his page to bash undocumented immigrants and promote extremist right-wing propaganda.

But when he railed against the ruling in Arizona, I couldn't take it anymore. “It's really sad to see you on the side of America's bigots,” I told him. “You are an immigrant, or did you conveniently forget?”

As teenagers growing up in Miami's Little Havana, we had many things in common. After all, our parents brought us here to save us from communist indoctrination in our native Cuba, to be free of the mind-controlling propaganda spewed by leftist extremists. Yet now my friend has become a propaganda machine — for the other extreme!

He argued that he came here legally, that he did not sneer or force himself in. And I had to remind him that as a Cuban like me, he had privileges that others did not have, that if he had not been given political asylum, his parents — justifiably — probably would have brought him here illegally just to get him out of

communist Cuba.

But he kept spewing the xenophobic propaganda that is tearing this nation apart, generalizing against all immigrants for “drugs, kidnappings (and) killings” at the U.S.-Mexico border. Yet he should know that the overwhelming majority of undocumented immigrants are not drug-dealing criminals, but hardworking people seeking the same opportunities that were given to his family.

The message board conversation between two old friends was moving along quite well. I thought that in the end, we both could agree to disagree. But it soon became obvious that given his knack for xenophobic propaganda, my friend had built himself a network of haters. And on the day justice prevailed in Arizona, other sore losers had to jump in.

There was the woman who claimed that I must not care about her “Greek friend” who has been waiting seven years to come here legally, when in fact I have a nephew who has been waiting even longer in Colombia and it hasn't turned me into a xenophobic bigot or made me lose compassion for undocumented families already living here.

There was the Mexican-American woman who went on and on about all her relatives who were lucky enough to come here legally, but she showed no compassion for her compatriots who were not so lucky.

“Now that I know your history,” I told her, “all I can say is you ought to be ashamed of hating your own people. Self-hatred is like racism — very ugly!”

And there was a white woman who claimed not to be racist but went on to prove otherwise. “Illegals are coming here and stealing from us in the form of welfare, health care and other freebies that they get from hardworking taxpaying Americans,” she said, noting that these immigrants should try to “effect change in their own damn countries.” I had to remind her that I'm a hardworking taxpaying American, too, and that there are many others like me who feel as I do. She claimed she was very knowledgeable of the U.S. Constitution and then erroneously claimed that “the only people granted rights under our Constitution are American citizens.”

This particular paranoid conspiracy theorist claimed that because the judge in the

Arizona case was appointed by a Democrat (former President Bill Clinton), “I wouldn't be surprised if (White House chief of staff) Rahm Emanuel strong-armed her into making such a bad decision.”

When I explained that she was terribly misinformed, that Emanuel is the worst enemy immigrants have in the White House, that he is known for calling immigration “a political third rail” that is not to be touched, that this is a “liberal” who is actually on her side, she seemed to be offended. After all, she also claimed to be some kind of expert on all the Marxists who — in her warped mind — have taken over the White House.

I told her that I lived under and fled from a Marxist regime, that I hate communists with every fiber of my being, that I'm no fan of President Obama's and that when she claims the White House is ruled by Marxists, she demonstrates she has no clue about what real Marxism is all about. I also said extremists like her are a dangerous threat to our democracy.

Frankly, I can understand second- and third-generation Americans who forget that their ancestors were once immigrants or that many arrived at Ellis Island without prior permission to enter the country or that those immigrants also had to deal with xenophobes when they arrived. Their repulsive lack of compassion can be blamed on ignorance.

What I don't understand are immigrants who come here and then want to shut the golden door for everyone else. Those hypocrites who believe they are superior to others because they managed to acquire legal status and who align themselves with white supremacists to denigrate their own people — they are the worst kind of bigots!

My friend left Cuba because his parents wanted to save him from leftist indoctrination, and he grew up to become a right-wing indoctrinated American. Because my dialogue with him and his extremist friends presented both sides of this controversial matter, he immediately removed our discussion from his propaganda Web page. So much for freedom of expression! He has become a fascist, but he would have made a great communist had he stayed behind!

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Texas briefs

Texas man to learn fate for DWI drownings

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston father could learn his fate for the drunken driving deaths of five children, including three of his own.

The children drowned after he lost control of his car and veered into a rain-swollen ditch.

A court hearing to decide 34-year-old Chanton Jenkins' punishment continues Thursday in a Houston courtroom. The hearing began last week but was delayed due to a scheduling conflict.

The judge in the case was expected to announce Jenkins' sentence after the hearing. Jenkins faces up to life in prison for five counts of intoxication manslaughter.

Police say Jenkins was driving drunk and using his cell phone on April 18, 2009, when he lost control of his car, which was carrying seven passengers. The vehicle veered off the road and into the ditch.

San Antonio OKs smaller Alamo banner

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A proposed 134-foot-tall banner to mark the 175th anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo was just too much.

But a San Antonio city panel has given the Daughters of the Republic of Texas the go-ahead for an 80-foot banner to drape on the windowless side of a downtown hotel.

By a 7-3 vote, the San Antonio Historic and Design Review Commission cleared the way for the banner to be hung for seven months on the east wall of the Emily Morgan Hotel, near the state-owned shrine.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the needed two-thirds vote came despite the opposition of the San Antonio Conservation Society. Society President Rollette Schreckenghost said she didn't think a big billboard was needed to remind her to remember the Alamo.

High-ranking Texas Mexican Mafia members get life

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge in San Antonio has assessed

life sentences for three Texas Mexican Mafia gang members convicted of helping the gang commit nearly two dozen murders.

A federal jury in San Antonio returned guilty verdicts in May on conspiracy counts against former Texas Mexican Mafia general Jacinto Navajar (na-va-HAHR') and two of his lieutenants.

Federal agents arrested 34 members of the gang in 2008, but these three were the only ones who went to trial. The other members pleaded guilty.

Prosecutors attributed six murders to Jose "Bam Bam" Martinez and two to Mike Garcia, the other two defendants who received life sentences Wednesday from U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia.

Federal prosecutors say they were hit men who killed others for cooperating with police or undermining the gang.

Conference scheduled in case of warden's wife

MANGUM, Okla. (AP) — Prosecutors and defense attorneys are scheduled to meet Thursday to discuss the case of a warden's wife who allegedly helped an inmate escape from her husband's prison in 1994.

Bobbi Parker is set to go on trial Sept. 20.

Greer County prosecutors allege Parker developed a relationship with Randolph Dial, helped him escape and then lived on the run with him for years. Dial and Parker were discovered living on a chicken ranch in east Texas in 2005.

Prosecutors charged Parker in 2008. Dial, who maintained that he kidnapped Parker and held her against her will, died in prison.

District Attorney John Wampler couldn't be reached for comment. Parker's attorney, Garvin Isaacs, says he's barred from talking about what will be discussed at the conference.

Ex-beauty queen arrested on shoplifting charge

DENTON (AP) — A former Miss USA has been released from a Texas jail after she was accused of stealing almost \$90 in merchandise from a Target department store in north

Texas.

Shannon Marketic was released from a Denton jail Tuesday after posting a \$500 bond. The 38-year-old former beauty queen is charged with stealing an Oil of Olay Professional ProX skin treatment worth around \$60, along with some baby items.

Marketic won the Miss USA title in 1992. In 1997, she sued the sultan of Brunei, accusing him of having held her as a sex slave.

The Associated Press couldn't find a phone listing for Marketic, but she told The Dallas Morning News the items had rolled beneath her purse in her shopping basket without her knowledge and she denied shoplifting.

Complaint against Houston PD, alleged nude photos

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman no longer accused in a Houston prostitution investigation has filed a complaint saying two officers took cell phone photos of her when she was nude.

Charges against the 28-year-old woman from Katy, who was arrested in March, were dismissed Wednesday.

The woman says she has filed a formal complaint with police over the photos. Her attorney, Windi Akins Pastorini, says the officers "are doing

this to humiliate women."

Pastorini says the exchange was caught on audiotape by police.

HPD spokeswoman Jodi Silva declined to discuss the investigation. Silva says the two undercover vice officers remain on duty.

Harris County District Attorney's spokeswoman Donna Hawkins says the office is looking into reasons for the dismissal.

Texas sales tax holiday Aug. 20-22

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas sales tax holiday is Aug. 20-22 as shoppers prepare to head for stores the weekend before most public schools resume classes.

The Texas comptroller's office says the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

The agency says backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt.

The 2009 Legislature expanded the list of items qualifying for tax exemption during the three-day weekend. Texas families get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

2010 Property Tax Rates in City Of Big Spring

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$4,361,100
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,117,393
Last year's total taxes	\$5,478,493
Last year's tax base	\$540,688,956
Last year's total tax rate	\$1.013243 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$5,451,469
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$537,061,520
= This year's effective tax rate	\$1.015054 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$___/\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$___/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$5,754,067
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$537,061,520
= This year's effective operating rate	\$1.071398 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$1.157109 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.280015 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$1.437124 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.258471/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$1.178653/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$1.015054 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$65,338.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O (General Fund)	\$4,983,095
I&S-2007 Series of Obligation	\$213,935
I&S-2007 Series of Obligation	\$7,026
I&S-2010 Series of Obligation	\$0

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bond 2007 Series	\$540,000	\$568,856	\$500	\$1,109,356
Certificates of Obligation 2007 Series	\$20,000	\$17,313	\$250	\$37,563
Certificates of Obligations 2010 Series	\$90,000	\$215,450	\$500	\$305,950
Total required for 2010 debt service				\$1,452,869
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$1,452,869
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$76,467
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,529,336

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,411,663 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex Bldg.)

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Angel Food Menu

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will be taking orders for the August Angel Food program from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church, located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

They will also take orders at the same hours Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14.

Delivery time is 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. Remember to bring a large box or basket to place your order in when you pick it up.

Angel Food is a non-qualifying program and open to all persons. Cash, money orders or Lone Star Cards are accepted. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

Signature Box (\$28.95)

4 6-oz. New York strip steaks; 1.5 lbs. breaded chicken breast chunks; 1 lb. lean ground meat; bake or fry 8 ct. crunch fish wedges; 4 6-oz. pork chops; 1 lb. lean ground meat (bonus item); 1 lb. frozen broccoli florets; 1 lb. frozen carrots; 1 lb. frozen corn; 1 lb. frozen cauliflower florets; 1 lb. pasta; 26 oz. pasta sauce; 32 oz. 2 percent shelf stable milk; dozen eggs.

Convenience Meals (\$28)

Fish fillet, rice blend, carrots, broccoli/red pepper blend; sweet and sour pork, rice, green pea/carrot blend, califlower; Red beans and rice, smoked port sausage, carrots, brussels sprouts; Chicken cacciatore, rice, carrots, yellow squash with onions; Chicken parmesan, spaghetti, corn/red pepper blend, zucchini; Chicken and noodles, corn, broccoli; Salisbury steak, graby,k red wedge potatoes, green pea/carrot blend, brussels sprouts; Meatball stroganoff, noodles, carrots, broccoli; Country herbed chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, lima beans/red pepper blend; Macaroni and cheese, black beans, corn/red

pepper blend, califlower.

After School Box (\$24)

2 lb. chicken fingers, 1.5 lbs. mini corn dogs, 2 chicken sandwiches (two packages with twin sandwiches), 4 4-oz. Hot Pockets, 12 ct. pizza bites, 6 cereal bars, 2 White Castle hamburgers (2 twin packages), 3 PBJ on Graham wafer, 2 peanut butter and jelly jamwich.

Special No. 1 (\$24)

2 8-oz. sirloin strip steaks, 4 8-oz. lean hamburgers steaks, 1.5 lb. mild Italian sausage, 4 6-oz. bacon wrapped chicken breast filets.

Special No. 2 (\$23)

4 8-oz. ribeye steaks, 4 8-oz. jumbo chicken breasts.

Special No. 3 (\$22)

4 6-oz. Italian chicken breasts, 4 6-oz. teriyaki chicken breasts, 4 6-oz. lemon herb chicken breasts.

Special No. 4 (\$24)

2 lb. seafood lasagna, 2 lb. lasagna with meat sauce, 2 lb. country fried steaks with gravy, 2 lb. chicken noodle casserole. Fully cooked meals, just heat and serve.

Special No. 5

1 canteloupe, 4 peaches, 4 navel oranges, 1 mango, 1 cello head lettuce, 1 lb. cello carrots, 2 lb. yellow onions, 3 lb. Idaho potatoes, 20 oz. bag fresh green beans, 1 head cabbage, fruit and vegetable recipe sheet.

Special No. 6 (\$21)

4 4-oz. stuffed sandwiches (assorted flavors), 2 6-oz. steaks or 1.5 lb. roast or 2 lb. mac and beef entre, 1.5 lb. country fried steak patties, 1 lb. ground beef, 1 lb. crunchy fish bites, 1 lb. frozen fruit or green beans, 1 lb. rice.

News briefs

BP to pump cement into blown-out Gulf of Mexico oil well, coast still faces long recovery

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP planned to start pumping cement into its blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday, following up on a key development in the effort to kill the well when mud that was shoved in successfully held back the flow of crude.

After a series of unsuccessful attempts to stem the flow of oil a mile underwater, the tide appeared to be turning in the monthslong battle to stop the massive oil spill.

BP PLC said Wednesday it was finally able to force the oil back down to its underground reservoir with a slow torrent of heavy mud in an early step toward plugging the well up for good.

The news came as a federal report indicated only about a quarter of the spilled oil remains in the Gulf and is degrading quickly, with the rest contained, cleaned up or otherwise gone.

But for the people who lost their livelihoods or still see oil washing up on their shores, the news is little consolation.

Judge overturns Calif. gay marriage ban, but appeal may put same-sex weddings on hold

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A judge struck down California's same-sex marriage ban as an unconstitutional violation of gay couples' civil rights, but a pending appeal of the landmark ruling could prevent gay weddings from resuming in the state any time soon.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker overturned the voter-approved ban known as Proposition 8 Wednesday, declaring that limiting marriage to a man and a woman serves no legitimate purpose and is an "artifact" rooted in "unfounded stereotypes and prejudices."

"Rather than being different, same-sex and opposite-sex unions are, for all purposes relevant to California law, exactly the same," Walker wrote in an unequivocal and strongly worded 136-page ruling. "The evidence shows conclusively that moral and religious views form the only basis for a belief that same-sex couples are different from opposite-sex couples."

Supreme Court nominee Kagan to win Senate confirmation, become fourth woman to be a justice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her confirmation assured, Elena Kagan is on the brink of becoming the fourth woman ever to serve as a Supreme Court justice.

The Senate is set Thursday to confirm President Barack Obama's nominee, whose addition to the court will mark the first time three female justices have served concurrently. Nearly all Democrats, the Senate's two independents and a handful of Republicans are backing her.

The vote is to be one of the Senate's last actions before its members depart for a monthlong vacation.

Republicans have harshly criticized Kagan, 50, as a political activist who would be unable to put aside her liberal views and render impartial decisions.

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Ryan group wins Rangers auction

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some of Nolan Ryan's best moments occurred in a Texas Rangers uniform: turning the struggling franchise around after he was bought as a free agent in 1988, his 5,000th strikeout and his 300th victory.

But 17 years after retiring and two years after becoming the team president, the Hall of Fame pitcher's best moment yet may have been in a federal courthouse, where he won the team early Thursday in a contentious and unusual auction spanning 10 hours.

When Ryan's group was announced as the winning bidder, the packed courtroom erupted in cheers and a standing ovation.

Ryan and his business partner, sports attorney Chuck Greenberg, won the team with a \$593 million bid, including \$385 million in cash, surviving the fierce bidding war with a group led by billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and Houston businessman Jim Crane.

The Greenberg-Ryan group had Major League Baseball's endorsement since being

named the new team owners after last year's original sale process. But the deal was stalled by angry creditors — and then unexpectedly put in limbo by the team's May bankruptcy filing.

"It was an emotional rollercoaster," a smiling Ryan said between hugs with colleagues and well-wishers in the courthouse. "You go to court one day and it didn't go your way, but you go back another day and it's a relief."

In the middle of the Rangers' best season in years, Ryan attended nearly every

bankruptcy hearing the past two months, wearing a suit and tie while sitting quietly in the courtroom. Last month the star was called to the witness stand, where he told the judge that the team should exit bankruptcy quickly so it would have enough money to keep star players and acquire new talent.

The much-anticipated auction started Wednesday afternoon, with the announcement that the Cuban-Crane bid was about \$25 million more than the Greenberg-Ryan group's offer, which was the starting

bid. The stop-and-start show-down was delayed for hours by closed-door haggling over the complicated nature of the bid.

But bidding heated up late Wednesday and included tense exchanges and even yelling between the attorneys before Crane, during a break after midnight, shook Ryan's hand in the corridor and said his group was dropping out.

The confirmation hearing on the team's bankruptcy plan was scheduled for later

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Big Spring defensive backs coach Nick Roberson, left, instructs safety Mike Menefield, Dennis Merworth and Terrell Dimmerson during the Steers' practice Wednesday. Members of the secondary this season are preparing to play both ways and help out on offense.

DBs prepare to play both ways

Secondary hopes to help ease loss of six skill players

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Mention Jaxon Shipley and teams like Brownwood and the Steers' secondary gets excited. Big Spring's defensive backs are eager to face the best.

"I know for sure Snyder throws it a lot," strong safety Dennis Merworth said, "and with Shipley being Brownwood's No. 1 receiver, you know they're going to pass it a lot."

"It's always good to go against the best and that's what we want."

This secondary might get all it can handle this

season, but similar to previous years at Big Spring, the defensive backs won't just be swatting away passes.

These may also be the guys who catch touchdowns and, in Debon Anderson's case, throws them.

With much attention on the what Big Spring lost at the skill positions, the Steers' defensive backs also hope to be adequate replacements at wideout and quarterback.

Coaches believe one thing is for sure: these players are not lacking talent.

Free safety Mike Menefield and Merworth have the experience as returning starters. However, Menefield will get a look at receiver and Merworth could get looks at quarterback too.

The new cornerbacks getting reps with the starters right now are Debon Anderson and Terrell Dimmerson. Anderson also could be at quarterback this season and Dimmerson also will be at wideout.

To handle all of this, coaches believe well-conditioned players are key.

With the workouts this summer, Menefield and Merworth and his teammates should stay in shape and be ready by the time the season starts.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey said two-way players are found at this level of high school football often and two-a-days are especially important for these four players because of what they're expected to do this season.

"The 3As, 2As and 1As, they've got guys that play both sides and

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Steers volleyball upbeat, positive at two-a-days

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Step into the Big Spring volleyball team's practice this summer and it's all smiles and laughter.

It's an atmosphere head coach Lynn Osborne said is going to help this team succeed this season.

It's year two for Osborne and she is confident about her Lady Steers as two-a-days continue.

Osborne, who came from Breckenridge last season to coach the Steers, said 2009 was about building skill and now this year, the Lady

Steers should play faster.

"I just think the atmosphere is amazing," she said. "That's what I'm excited about. The atmosphere is very positive, very upbeat. The girls are working very hard. I don't think I've ever had a group of girls in the 14 years I've coached that came in and had such a high percentage of kids that were working that hard."

Osborne said last season was rough for the simple fact she was new to the team and a relationship had to be built first. Now, Osborne said

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Agent, coach: Favre will play if ankle is healthy

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Brett Favre's flip-flopping is at full throttle, the surest sign yet that training camp is under way in Minnesota.

Vikings offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell and Favre's agent, Bus Cook, said Wednesday that the veteran quarterback plans to return to the team if he is healthy. The 40-year-old Favre is still rehabbing his surgically repaired left ankle that he injured in the NFC title game loss at New Orleans.

"I know it's a deci-

sion that he wrestles with," Bevell said after a morning practice as Favre was throwing the ball around with high school students in Mississippi. "He's a great player. He's a great competitor. He mulls things over. He's an emotional guy. So he thinks things through long and hard and takes his time with his decision. So I'm not surprised that things started to come out. We just have to wait and see."

A day earlier, Favre

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Sports in brief

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will take place Friday through Sunday. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit www.otcybc.com, e-mail risingstars07@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for more information.

Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the Big Spring High School ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting July 26 and ending Aug. 9. Public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Aug. 10 and ending Aug. 18. The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. The last day to purchase will be Aug. 18. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Athletic Physical Exams Notice

Athletic physical exams are required by the University Interscholastic League for all athletes entering the seventh, ninth and 11th grades.

This also includes any new person to athletics who has never completed a physical exam.

Forms can be picked up at the Athletic Training Center. Once completed, the physical form must be turned in to coach Campbell in the train-

ing room or to Kay Cook, the athletic secretary.

Prior to Aug. 2, equipment will not be checked out until physical is complete and on file in the training room. For more information, call 264-3662.

Over 80 Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club invites everyone to participate in its over 80 scramble Aug. 14 and 15. It benefits the Big Spring Shirne Club. Combined ages of the 2-person team must be 80 or higher. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry includes barbecue on the course both days. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the community center and everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior High Football Equipment Pick-up

Pick-up takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 9 and 10 at the junior high school. Make sure if player is entering the seventh grade or is new to the district he has a physical. If you have any ques-

tions or concerns, contact the ATC at 264-3662.

Soccer Sign-ups

Big Spring Soccer Association will have sign-ups from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, then from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 9 through 13. The last day to sign up is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14. All sign-ups are at the Big Spring Mall. There will be no late registration. This for 3-to 13-year-olds and cost is \$65.

Call Issac Miramontes at 935-9056 for more information

Big Spring Quarterback Club

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

Guys and Gals Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club WGA invites everyone to participate in this golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee is \$150 per team plus the golf cart and includes lunch Saturday and a meal following play Sunday. Practice round are available Friday. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday Only 7:30am-?, 104 Heaton Rd. (Sandsprings). Like new furniture, girls baby clothes, woman's clothes, encyclopedias, movies, everything must go.

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France-Fashion-sewing machine cafe

By JENNY BARCHFIELD
Associated Press Writer
PARIS (AP) — In the realm of haute couture, where seamstresses concoct handmade gowns that cost as much as a car, one atelier has caused a sensation by purveying a different kind of made-to-measure.

Call it do-it-yourself chic. The atelier, called the Sweat Shop, is a kind of Internet cafe where Singer sewing machines replace computers, and would-be fashion designers and creatively inclined clotheshorses pay by the hour to stitch their own garments. The brainchild of a

Swiss makeup artist and an Austrian clothing designer, Sweat Shop opened in March, as France was still reeling from global economic crisis and unemployment in the country stood at more than 10 percent.

"It seems like a strange thing to say, but the crisis turned out to be the perfect timing for us," said Martena Duss, the atelier's Lucerne, Swiss-born co-founder. "After years of having this attitude that was all about consumption, people are now about recycling and saving and being creative."

The space itself sets the tone: A dilapidated former printing press in

the up-and-coming Canal Saint Martin neighborhood of eastern Paris, Sweat Shop is furnished with found and secondhand objects in what might be dubbed haute kitsch style.

A couch set in mustard yellow velvet sits beneath a mounted deer's head; grandma tschotskes and crocheted doilies cover every surface; the white sewing machines, provided free-of-charge by the manufacturer, sit atop refurbished school desks.

It costs €6 (\$7.90) per hour to use one of the Singers, but some prior sewing experience is required. For novices, Duss and her co-owner,

Sissi Holleis, offer sewing classes five evenings a week. Because home economic classes have long been absent from the French public school curriculum, the lessons are Sweat Shop's most popular offerings, Duss said.

Beginners all start with the same simple projects — a pillow or a bag — but after that, clients come with their own fabric and ideas.

"The most frustrating thing for people is that they just don't realize how time consuming it's going to be," said Duss. "They come in here thinking they're going to make a wedding dress in a single afternoon, and it's like,

"Um, no, that's just not possible."

Both Duss and Holleis learned how to sew in school, and 38-year-old Holleis turned the skill into a profession, designing an eponymous line that she sold in her Paris boutique. After a decade in business, Holleis closed the store in 2008, said 28-year-old Duss, who studied to be a makeup artist and works mostly on fashion shoots and runway shows.

"Sissi is the real professional. I don't sew well, per se, but I do it in my own way," said Duss, who was sporting a roughhewn gray haltertop of her own conception.

In addition to sewing classes, the shop offers knitting lessons, birthday and bachelorette parties and, during the summer, French language immersion-cum-knitting courses. It's also a cafe, serving up potent espressos and homemade cakes.

Sweat Shop has attracted considerable attention from French fashion magazines, and 80 percent of its clientele are women aged 25-35, said Duss, adding that for some reason "there are lots of men in the knitting classes." The shop also attracts a fair share of people passing through Paris, as well as some veteran seamstresses like an 80-year-old Swedish woman who spends

nearly every afternoon there.

The shop has already proven a much bigger success than Duss and Holleis initially envisioned.

"We were a bit nervous because there isn't much of a do-it-yourself culture in France," Duss said. "Maybe it's because there's so much perfection all around, with haute couture and haute cuisine, but French people are generally reticent to do things that may not be perfect."

"But now, I think people are eager to express themselves and be their own designer and personalize what they wear. They don't all want to be going around in the same H&M T-shirt," she said, adding that she and Holleis have already gotten franchise offers.

"For the moment, we're taking it slow. This is like our baby, so we want it to have time to grow up a little. But we sometimes joke that our goal is to have three stores in three years," she said.

A top destination for the first new branch? Possibly New York, she said.

Online: <http://www.sweatshopparis.com/>

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Take a moment to observe and assess your relationships. Look around at the people you keep close to you. They are your assets and, upon closer examination, people you can deeply appreciate. When you show your appreciation, be as generous as you can be. This paves the way for Venus' grand entrance into Libra tomorrow.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll want to connect with a person who is beyond shouting distance, and your choice of how to do so will determine the effectiveness of your connection. A short text might be best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You might not think you are on a winning streak, but those around you notice, and are appropriately envious and will find the whole thing difficult to deal with. You'll all have to cope with the new you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will set the routine, and others will stick to it. Thinking ahead is key. It allows you to give a verbal preview to others about what you'll all be doing next. When everyone knows there is a plan, they'll relax into your leadership.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's moving to you just how well a loved one knows you. This person understands when you need extra care and when you'd rather be left alone, and will favorably affect the overall structure, movement

and rhythm of your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know the secret. Creativity is not just about the arts. It's part of every aspect of life. You will once again use your imagination to create ideal scenarios in your mind that will eventually play out in real time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have forgotten, but you'll be reminded today: The thing you've chosen to do is just about impossible. So when it gets hard, that's to be expected. If it were easy, everyone would be doing it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want the best for others, but you sometimes shy away from experiencing the best yourself. There's no reason you should! There is plenty to go around, especially today. Others will be glad that you're happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If manners are all about making others feel comfortable, being overly polite is actually rude. Instead of impeding the action by taking the rules too literally, read your social situation and go with the flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your beliefs shine through in all you do. Some of these beliefs are unconscious and may surprise you. Your actions are the evidence that helps you pinpoint an underlying belief. If you find it unsuitable, change it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What appears to be a waste of time could lead to a valuable piece of information and start you on an interesting path. So go ahead and mosey around on the Web, searching people from your past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Go ahead

and ask for help. Because you are tactful and considerate of other people's needs, you will succeed. That doesn't mean you'll get what you want, but you will build the connection, which is what matters now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if the value of your life is counted exclusively in the feelings you produce in others? Centering your actions on this thought will produce a shift in your approach.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 5). The support for your dreams starts close to home. Loved ones accommodate you well, and finally the rest of the world catches on to what you're offering. This (embellished) old adage will be your success key: Early to bed, early to rise, work off your tail, and advertise. Invest in October. A windfall comes in June. Scorpio and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 21, 43, 39 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL STUDY OF ARABIC PARTS: THE PART OF ACCOMPLISHMENT: This is a good one for those of you who may be trying to decide on a college major or a change of career. You can determine where you have the greatest astrological chance for great accomplishment by applying an ancient Arabic method known as The Arabic Parts to your horoscope chart. The mathematical formula is Ascendant plus sun minus Jupiter equals The Part of Accomplishment. Let's try this example: Ascendant 29 degrees Virgo plus sun 7 degrees Cancer minus Jupiter 57 degrees Capricorn equals 9 degrees Aquarius. This person has the star power to become an accom-

plished scientist, humanitarian or philanthropist. Here's another: Ascendant 30 degrees Leo plus Saturn 15 degrees Pisces minus Jupiter 5 degrees Taurus equals 10 degrees Cancer. Since Cancer is the sign of patriotism, perhaps this person is destined to become a national hero. Or maybe she's renowned for her gracious hospitality or cooking. She would do well in any sort of leadership role, too, as Cancer is a cardinal sign and therefore born to lead. In what area of your life are you destined to make a splash? You can find an Arabic Parts calculator by doing a search on the Internet. Then enter your Ascendant, Saturn and Jupiter coordinates into the Arabic Parts calculator to find out your Part of Accomplishment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Billy Bob Thornton is best known for his stellar talent as an actor, director and writer, but he started his artistic career as a drummer and singer in a band. Thornton has an astounding number of planets in Leo: His sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto are all in this powerful station for performance. His chart indicates that Thornton is best suited for either superstardom or royalty.

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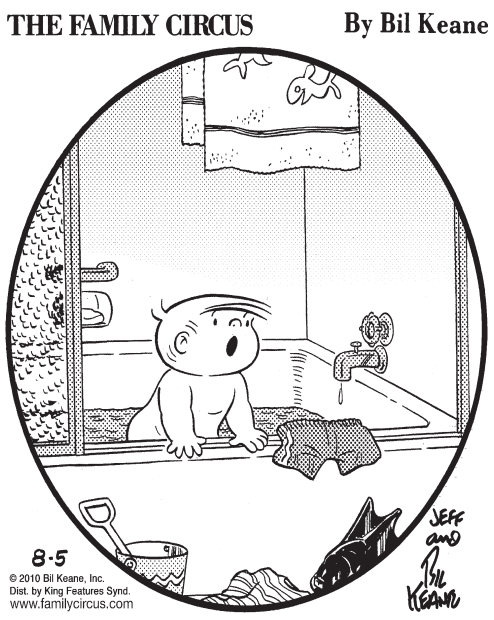
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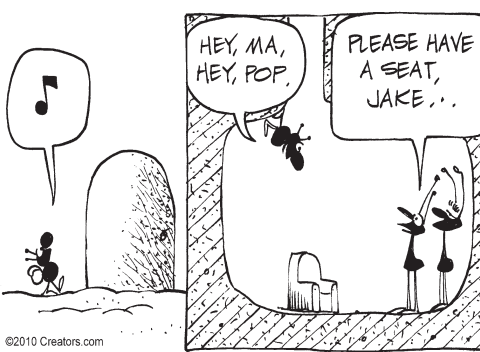
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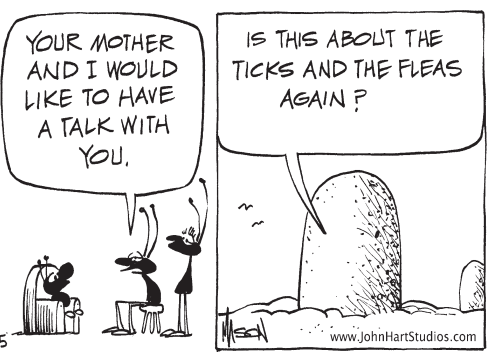
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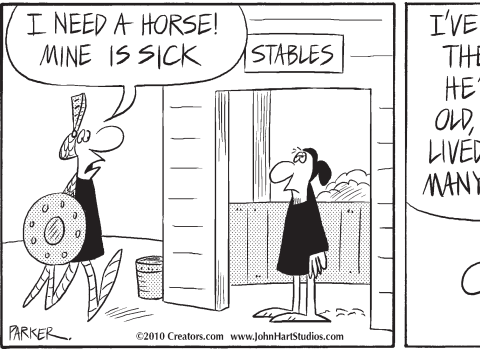
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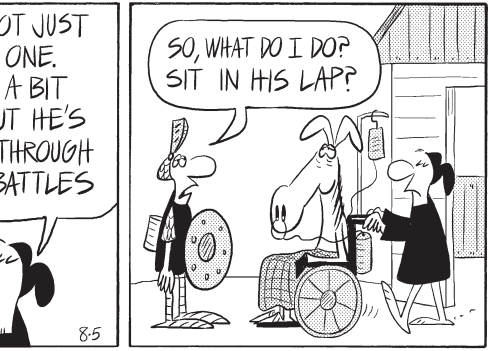
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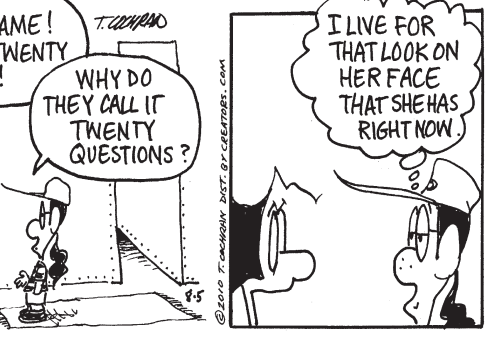
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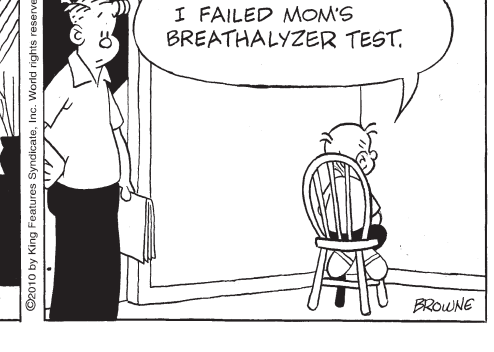
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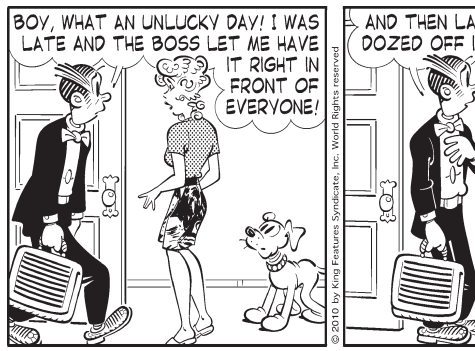
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2010. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

On this date:

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Admiral David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1960, the West African nation of Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) became fully independent of French rule.

In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

In 1968, the Republican national convention convened in Miami Beach.

In 1969, the U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

In 1984, actor Richard Burton died in Geneva, Switzerland, at age 58.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 80. Actress Cammie King ("Gone with the Wind") is 76. Actor John Saxon is 75. College Football Hall of Famer Roman Gabriel is 70. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 70. Rock musician Rick Huxley (The Dave Clark Five) is 70. Actress Loni Anderson is 75. Actress Erika Szlezak is 64. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 63.

Actress Holly Palance is 60. Singer Samantha Sang is 57. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 54. Rock musician Pat Smear is 51. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 49. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Patrick Ewing is 48. Rapper MCA (The Beastie Boys) is 46. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 44. Country singer Terri Clark is 42. Former MLB player John Olerud is 42. Rock musician Eicca Toppinen (EYE'kah T A H ' - p i n - n e h n) (Apocalyptica) is 35. Actor Brendon Ryan Barrett is 24.

Thought for Today: "We are all snobs of the Infinite, parvenus of the Eternal." — James Gibbons Huneker, American author and critic (1860-1921).

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 - 15 Talked incessantly
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 - 19 Barrie pooch
 - 20 Follow closely
 - 21 Online issue
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 - 24 Music category
 - 26 Ranch denizens
 - 28 Sixth sense
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 - 34 Fido's tether
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UPBEAT

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she's settled in and so have her players.

The Lady Steers are younger than they were last season, with three seniors on the rosters. Osborne said outside hitters Desiree Anderson and Belle Feaster and libero Valerie Ross have emerged as leaders of the team.

Feaster said it's right on cue, too, for the group's senior season.

"I was looking forward to it," she said. "In the past, we've always been the timid underclassmen. Now we finally have the authority to say what we want in a constructive way."

Anderson, Ross and Feaster agreed staying around volleyball with their club teams this summer has helped, too, and some of the younger players bring much-needed talent.

The Lady Steers will get the chance to see

where they stand with a scrimmage at 9 a.m. Friday at Steer Gym. Midland Christian, Colorado City, Lamesa, Snyder and Crane are on tap for the Lady Steers.

Osborne said it'll be a good chance for them to see if they've made some improvement.

The Steers are expecting to face top-notch competition this season, even though they've moved to a new district.

Anderson, Feaster and Ross said Brownwood and Abilene Wylie are two new district rivals they look forward to facing.

Osborne said her players are now in one of the best districts in the state and they wouldn't have it any other way.

"You don't want to be away from the competition, you want to be with the competition," she said. "I think we're with the competition."

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STEERS

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sometimes hardly ever come off the field," he said. "You've got to be in shape and that's the most important part of these two-a-days is getting those guys in shape along with the practice they get on both sides of the ball."

Replacing all six skill players can be tough, but Menefield said this offense should come together and keep things rolling for the Steers.

"People say we've lost a lot of skill people, but there are people on this team they haven't heard of," he said. "We have a lot of great players coming in and I think we're going to be a surprise next year coming out and we're going to be playing pretty good."

Anderson may have the toughest challenge when it comes to being a two-way player.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey said the coaching staff is far from

naming a starter, but Anderson is getting strong consideration.

Ritchey said his athleticism and ability as a dual threat gives the Steers options at quarterback.

Anderson has a good source to refer to, if he ever needed advice, too.

Monte Anderson, Debonte's brother, was the Steers' stud running back last season and one of the players their trying to replace.

Debonte said he is glad for the one year he got to play with his brother, but now he has a chance to keep the offense rolling like Monte did.

"We'll keep contact and he's going to always give me advice and always help me out," Debonte said. "I know I can lean on him when I need his help."

Dimmerson is the new face on the secondary. He got experience last season after being pulled up from junior varsity for the playoffs and he said that helped



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Safety Mike Menefield prepares to make a play in practice Wednesday.

him settle in at left corner.

Defensive backs coach Nick Roberson said the good thing about his players is their athleticism allows them to play both ways, especially with Menefield, who also is a track star.

"You can tell by his triple jump and everything else he's an incredible athlete," he said. "He's going to have a chance to get to college and play. Yeah, he's a great athlete, but he's real coachable too. That's what makes him an even better athlete."

Dennis is a good athlete and those others are good athletes."

Defensive coordinator Don Kelso knows the challenge his secondary has in front of it, but he is confident he has the right personnel.

"It's not only conditioning but it's mental," he said. "They're going to have to change their mindset to an offensive mindset, then change it back to a defensive mindset. That's hard to do if you haven't been doing it."

Murphy, Young power Rangers over M's

SEATTLE (AP) — The Texas Rangers just found 385 million and one reasons to be thrilled.

David Murphy hit a go-ahead, three-run home run, Michael Young added his first grand slam in three years and the first-place Rangers beat the lowly Seattle Mariners

11-6 on a weird Wednesday night that Texas won't soon forget.

The offensive breakout of 10-plus runs for the first time in a month was one reason for smiles inside the Rangers' clubhouse.

The other came about 15 minutes after the game,

when it became official that an investment group led by Hall of Fame pitcher and Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan won a contentious and unusual auction for the team.

The courtroom battle back in Fort Worth, Texas, was the dominant topic of con-

versation among the Rangers all day. When it was over, at nearly 1 a.m. Texas time, a clubhouse shout of "We have an owner!" drowned out another yell of "Aw, sweet!" from across the room.

The players' choice to be their new owner, along with co-investor Chuck Green-

berg, beat back a nearly \$600 million offer from outspoken Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban with a final offer that included \$385 million in cash.

Ryan and Greenberg's employees were just about beating each other in the back with glee that they won the auction.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Long Live the King

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J
♥ A 6
♦ Q 10 3
♣ A Q J 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ 10 7 3

EAST
♠ 8 7 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ J 10 9 8 5 3
♦ J 9 4
♣ K 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — ten of spades.

The defenders are usually in the dark when play commences. Whatever knowledge they have of declarer's hand at that stage comes largely from the bidding. But as the play progresses, the defenders learn more and more about declarer's high cards and distribution, and can then apply this knowledge to score their rightful share of the tricks.

Take this deal where East has a crucial decision to make early in the play. West leads a spade, taken by South's king. Declarer plays the jack of hearts, West and dummy follow low, and East wins with the queen.

If East lacks the courage to return a diamond at this point, South makes the contract. Declarer wins any other return, cashes the ace of hearts and then plays four rounds of clubs, discarding two of his diamond losers. West ruffs the fourth club with the heart king, but the contract is home.

In general, it is poor policy for a defender to lead away from a king when dummy has Q-10-x, as this can all too easily cost a trick if declarer has the ace. But this generality should not be allowed to intimidate the defense in all situations. Each deal is an entity in its own right and should be approached in a practical manner, not in a vacuum.

East's aim here is to find some way for his side to score four tricks. In attempting to reach this goal, he must not credit declarer with a holding that renders the contract impregnable. He should instead assume declarer has a hand that permits the contract to be defeated.

As a first step, East should assume his partner has the king of hearts, since it is unlikely that declarer would take a first-round finesse for the queen with a trump suit headed by the K-J-10. East therefore credits his partner with a trump trick.

He then starts looking for two more tricks. Since declarer obviously has no spade or club losers, East's only remaining hope is that West has the ace of diamonds. So East shifts to a diamond at trick three, and West takes the ace and returns a diamond to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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RYAN

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Thursday, bringing an end to one of the most contentious sales of an American professional sports team.

Final approval of the Rangers sale rests with MLB, which is expected to wholeheartedly approve the deal next week before the Greenberg-Ryan group's funding guarantee expires Aug. 12.

Despite losing, Cuban was smiling after the auction. His group dropped out of bidding after reaching a predetermined limit. Cuban, who also made an unsuccessful bid for the Chicago Cubs last year, said he wanted to buy the Rangers but remains an enthusiastic fan of the team — and of Ryan.

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FAVRE

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texted some teammates and Vikings officials to say that his ankle was not healing like he had hoped and that he planned to retire. Favre denied sending any such messages and there was no explanation for the discrepancy.

Bevell, who became close friends with Favre during three years as his quarterbacks coach in Green Bay, said he has spoken to Favre recently, but not in the last 24 hours. He said it's been his understanding that if Favre's ankle heals, he will return to play for the Vikings this season.

"That's what I've been getting all along," Bevell said.

Cook told The Associated Press that Favre will visit his surgeon,

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