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# **Water use** restrictions get tougher

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

City officials said Tuesday night new, stricter restrictions on water use will go into effect Sunday, as the municipality attempts to comply with cuts in water deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

City Manager Gary Fuqua notified the Big Spring City Council during its Tuesday night meeting the city would schedule for outdoor watering, similar to those adopted by other neighboring cities also struggling with drought conditions. The city of Big Spring cur-

be going to a two-hour-a-week

rently allows for four hours each week, including Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. for residential customers and Tuesdays from 6 a.m. until

See WATER, Page 3A

## **VA plans welcome** home event Friday On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam

under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. On March 8, 2011, the United States Senate declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The West Texas VA Health Care System will host the sec-

ond annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Aviation Hangar, 3500 Airpark Dr.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System, 432-264-4824.



**HERALD** photo/Amanda Moreno

John Grant, Colorado River Municipal Water District general manager, delivered a report on projects that have taken place in the past year. Grant was the final speaker during the first State of the Community event Tuesday afternoon, which was held at the Howard College campus in the east room.

# War on drought

CRMWD's Grant explains district's efforts to enhance water availablity for customers

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

It's no secret water — or the lack of it — is a major topic of discussion in West Texas, and, as expected, that's what dominated the first installment of the State of the Community series Tuesday.

Comments from city, county and EDC officials will be highlighted in an article on Sunday's business pages.

issue in our community and I think we need to hear from these guys and know what is going on day to day with the "Communication is a key entities in our county," Jan See CRMWD, Page 3A

Foresyth, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president, said.

Representatives were on

course — but this rodeo is

about much more than just

As he has every year since

the rodeo's inception in 1978,

Coahoma rodeo legend Quail

Dobbs will host the event,

along with several of his

friends from his days on the

Dobbs and fellow profes-

sional rodeo clown Jim Bob

Fellar will be on hand, as will

ropin' and ridin'.

pro rodeo circuit.

# Wanna pet a piano?

Instrument zoo set before concert

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer Petting zoos aren't only for

animals — they're for musical instruments, too. Big Spring Symphony Guild

will be hosting an Instrument Petting Zoo this Saturday, the same night the Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra returns home to the Municipal Auditorium. From 7 p.m. until 7:40 p.m., area residents will have an opportunity to see the musical instruments up close and ask questions.

See **SYMPHONY**, Page 3A



The annual Coahoma Elementary Kindergarten Rodeo will be held Thursday, beginning at 9 a.m. The public is

# Ready to rope 'n ride at Coahoma

**By STEVE REAGAN** 

Staff Writer COAHOMA — A tradition

of the cutest kind returns Thursday, when Coahoma Elementary School hosts its 34th annual Kindergarten Rodeo at 9 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium. More than 60 kindergart-

ners, dressed in their cowboy and cowgirl finest, will show off their stick horse skills during the event, which is free and open to the public. Traditional rodeo events,

such as bull riding and barrel racing, will be held with a kindergarten twist, of

Miss Rodeo Texas Lauren Graham, former Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association announcer Ben Clements, Coahoma native and former bull rider Wacey Cathey and See RODEO, Page 3A





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## **Obituaries**

#### Brenda Robertson



a Baptist.

Brenda Robertson, 63, of Big Spring died Monday, March 26, 2012, at her daughter's home in Midland. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Nov. 27, 1948, in Colorado City to Johnnie and M.D. Robertson. She lived most of her

life in Howard County. She was a homemaker and

She is survived by two daughters, Michael Welch and husband Michael of Midland and Donni Robertson and husband Carl Wells of Big Spring; mother, Johnnie Robertson of Big Spring; one brother, Kim Robertson and wife Pam of Snyder; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony John Stevenson; father, M.D. Robertson; one brother, Randy Robertson; and a sister, Donna

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7

- DANIEL ERNEST WRIGHT, 56, transient, was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 25, of 2102 Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- STEPHEN PATRICK ADAMS, 48, of 604 Dallas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – fam-• GIORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 21, of 1308
- Wright, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of soliciting/peddling without a permit. • STEVEN DOUGLAS ELDER, 20, of 1809 Nolan,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. • CODY RAY THOMPSON, 25, of 200 Merrick Rd.,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxi-• JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 24, of 1010 N.W. Second
- St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for violation of a protective order.
- MELISSA URANGA VELASQUEZ, 47, of 4400 Beachnutt, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- KELVIN WAYNE FLARITY, 19, of 608 Steakley, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to
- DAVID WAYNE OBRIEN, 32, of 5807 Walter Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxi-
- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 34, of 1800 S. Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • WILLIAM WAYNE LEE, 43, of 1800 S. Monticello,
- was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear and no driver's license when unlicensed.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 900 block of Nolan.
- In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the
- 600 block of S. Lancaster.



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 ASSAULT was reported in the area near Barcelona Apartments.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this • BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 42, was arrested

- Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).
- JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for violation of a protective order. DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 25, was booked into
- the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. • MELISSA VELASQUEZ, 47, was arrested
- Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault family violence. • DENNIS EUGENE SCROGGINS, 49, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the another agency
- on a charge of theft by check. • DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-
- cation. KELVIN WAYNE FLARITY, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- DANIEL ERNEST WRIGHT, 56, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- STEPHEN PATRICK ADAMS, 48, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence. STEVEN DOUGLAS ELDER, 20, was booked
- into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- GEORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 21, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of soliciting/peddling after hours – Big Spring city ordinance. CODY RAY THOMPSON, 25, was booked into
- the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- WILLIAM WAYNE LEE, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## **Support Groups**

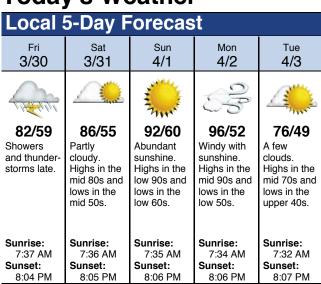
#### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Guest speaker for the night will be Dr. Larry Fish, who will speak on the subject of macular degeneration. The goal of VASG is to provide, through education and possibly services in the future, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss. Some types of vision loss that the VASG hopes to discuss are: glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, cataracts, trauma, infectious processes and neurological deficits. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call You can call us at 263-2501.

#### **FRIDAY**

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### **Today's Weather**







Area Cities					8	2/6	
City	Hi		Cond.	City	Hi		Cond.
Abilene	79		t-storm	Kingsville	83		t-storm
Amarillo	85	53	t-storm	Livingston	82		pt sunny
Austin	78	62	t-storm	Longview	82	61	pt sunny
Beaumont	82		pt sunny	Lubbock	83	55	t-storm
Brownsville	82	69	t-storm	Lufkin	83	61	pt sunny
Brownwood	79	62	t-storm	Midland	83	59	t-storm
Corpus Christi	80	69	t-storm	Raymondville	85	67	t-storm
Corsicana	79	61	pt sunny	Rosenberg	82	65	pt sunny
Dallas	81	63	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	65	t-storm
Del Rio	78	66	t-storm	San Marcos	79	62	t-storm
El Paso	85	55	sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	62	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	83	59	t-storm	Sweetwater	79	59	t-storm
Gainesville	79	59	pt sunny	Tyler	81	61	pt sunny
Greenville	78	60	pt sunny	Weatherford	79	59	pt sunny
Houston	81	66	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	82	58	mst sunn

## Fire/EMS

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

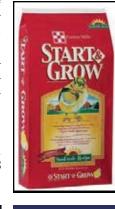
MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of

- Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of
- Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad. Service
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of
- Simler. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Elm.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of
- Robin. One person was transported to SMMC. • AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 900
- block of Main Street.

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## Note

· The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

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

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.

#### **WATER**

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10 a.m. for businesses.

According to Fugua, the new restrictions will permit residential customers whose address ends in an odd number to water for a two-hour period Tuesdays between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Residential customers whose address end in an even number will be allowed to water for a two-hour period Thursdays between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Commercial establishments will be permitted to water in accordance with the Drought Contingency Plan for a two-hour period Wednesdays between 6 a.m. and 10

"Starting April 1, the city will be limited to 6.3 million gallons per day by CRMWD, which is approximately 500,000 gallons a day less than what we were allowed this time last year," Fuqua told the council. "We'll be monitoring our water usage very closely.

"These cuts will allow use to remain in Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan, which is a very good thing because once we go to Stage 4, it's much more restric-

Fuqua said he and other city administrators realize the new schedule will make it tougher for law enforcement and code enforcement officials to regulate, but he's hopeful citizens will make it a matter of honor.

"We realized very quickly that by trying to give citizens a little flexibility in when they water we were making it harder to identify those people who are cheating," Fuqua said. "To a certain degree, we're relying on our citizens to be honest and only use their two hours during that time. Make no mistake, however, law and code enforcement will still be watching, and neighbors will still be calling, so this definitely is not a free pass to water for the entire four-hour block of time."

Despite the need for enforcement of the ordinance, Fuqua said that is not the driving force behind the city's efforts.

"Our job in all of this isn't to write tickets," he said. "Our job is to conserve water, and it's certainly our hope the citizens of Big Spring will help us do just that. The need for water impacts everyone."

Fuqua said if drought conditions don't improve considerably this summer, area residents will likely have to change their focus from saving their lawns to more substantial, long-term plans. "It's looking more and more like we're

going to have to focus on trying to keep the trees and shrubs alive and let the lawns go," Fuqua said.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting,

the council did not take action on a proposed amendment to its raw-water agreement with Alon USA, owner of the Big Spring Refinery.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the municipality has been in negotiations with Alon USA regarding its contract with the city for water for some time now.

"We've already met several times with officials from Alon USA regarding a rate increase, and while they don't want to pay any more than they absolutely have to, they understand the city's plight," Walker said. "The last rate increase that was made to the contract — which was originally signed in 1957 — was in 1997, and it called for the refinery to pay the city's cost for the water plus 5 cents. So, whatever rate the city has to pay CRMWD for water. plus a nickel, is what they have been paying since then."

However, due to scheduling conflicts, Walker said negotiations haven't yet been

"We expected to have them completed and be able to bring them back for the council to approve during the next council meeting," Walker said.

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## **CRMWD**

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hand from the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Big Spring Economic Development and the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

John Grant, general manager of CRMWD, covered the topic on everyone's mind ... water. Water has been provided by CRMWD since 1949 when only three cities were served: Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder. Today, the water district has 12 municipal customers, 14 major industrial customers and more than 300 rural users. Some water is sold to oil and gas industry

as well. It is also responsible for all or part of the raw water needs of more than 500,000 users.

"We began to see the

beginning of the current drought situation in the fall of 2008," Grant said. "Now most people are classifying this as the worst drought in Texas history." According to Grant,

the main water source comes from surface water, which typically provides for 100 percent of the district's needs. Three surface water sources are used by CRMWD: Lake J,B, Thomas, Lake E.V. Spence and Lake O.H.

"We are still pumping out of Thomas to meet the needs of Snyder, even though it is just

McIntosh said. "The

kids are our future audi-

ences and this is one of

the ways we can reach

"This isn't just for the

kids though. We encour-

age adults who want to

know more about the in-

struments, or just want

see one up close, to at-

While the petting zoo

is free to the commu-

nity, the concert does

require the purchase of

a ticket. Tickets can be

purchased at the door.

Tickets are \$5 for stu-

dents, \$15 for adults and

"We do want people to

come prepared to pur-

chase a ticket for the

concert, especially with

the event taking place at

the same venue and be-

ing so close to the start

of the concert," McIn-

Depending on the par-

\$10 for seniors.

tosh said.

them.

1.1 percent full," Grant said.

Lake Spence is less than 1 percent and O.H. Ivie is 17.7 percent full.

"We have just enough rain in the O.H. Ivie water shed that the water surface elevation today is about where it was the first of January. We are thankful for that," Grant said. Low lake levels and

no water inflow have damaged water quality. Higher level of suspended solids and total dissolved solids have been seen, Grant said. The higher than normal temperatures and winds have put the level of evaporation higher than is has been.

"Over the past few vears the district has spent well over \$3 million to construct damns, floating barges, canals, channels and pipelines within lake basins in order to move water around so we can pump as much water as we can from the lakes," Grant said. "We may have to ration customers on the capacity of our pipeline system and quantity of water remaining in the lake or both.

Water rationing occurred for the first time in the district's history in 2011 and restrictions will increase in April. The water delivery will be limited to just above winter time water limits to all customers.

sion to limit and save our surface water and make it last as long as we can. If we ration wa-

"We made this deci-

ter and limit the amount of water to what is typically used in the months of December, January and February, we may be able to extend our surface water supply to an additional 90 to 120 days if we don't ration to winter time demands, our projection shows we will run out of surface water by January 2013," Grant said.

In order to prepare for situations such as this, the district has been meeting with municipal customers since February 2010 to inform them of the drought situation and water rationing. Just enough inflow to the lakes stopped the rationing from occurring in 2010, according to Grant. Since Oct. 2010, monthly meetings have been taking place with municipal customers.

"We started looking at alternate water supplies in 2000 with no thought of the upcoming drought," Grant said. The water district is in the process of re-acti-

vating five wells in the Snyder area, which will provide half of the city's wintertime water use. This is in addition to the creation of the waste water and water treatment plant and the construction of water lines that will pump water from the Ward County water supply — which was

Contact Staff Writer

#### **RODEO**

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current PRCA bull rider Jess Franks.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the kindergartners themselves, with able assistance from Texas Swing music aficionado Jody Nix.

Organizers of this year's event are kindergarten teachers Sheila Holt, Connie Twillegear and Jennifer Baccari, assisted by Larinda Harrison.

in 1987, said this year's event will have a special feature.

- who most people here know as Nurse Wood," Baccari said. "She's played piano

ticipation in the event,

McIntosh said this is

something that could be

"One thing is for sure,

we are hoping to do

more educational events

in the upcoming year,"

Another Guild activ-

ity coming up May 12 is

Dressed to a Tea fund-

raiser. The event will

include a style show,

with donations from

local businesses and

participation by local

students and a Victo-

"It isn't necessarily

but it is still support

For those wanting to

become a Guild mem-

the symphony,"

an educational event,

rian tea.

McIntosh said.

continued annually.

McIntosh said.

at every one of the rodeos. She and Quail are the only ones who have been with this since the start."

Elementary at 394-5000, ext. 2.

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### SYMPHONY

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"We are going to make an effort to represent all instruments involved in the symphony and orchestra," Guild President Eulaine McIntosh said. "There may be a few that are duplicated and a few that get left out. It all depends on the volunteers we have."

Representatives of the symphony as well as the three area high schools and Howard College will be on hand for the petting zoo. The event will take place at the front of the stage before the "Pops Celebration" concert featuring singer, songwriter Paul Williams. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

"As a guild we have been looking for educational events and ways to build interest in the building arts while our future audiences,'

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ber, membership is \$15 a year. To find out more information about the Guild or upcoming events, contact McIntosh at 264-7671.

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ily will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

# Pops Celebration Featuring Paul Williams

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Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.

Joe Jones, Sr., 75, died

7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Brenda Robertson, 63, died Monday. The fam-

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**PRINCE** 

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#### Our Views

# **Empowerment: Healthy Woman**

ough topics often provide the most empowerment. This month, Healthy Woman will be tackling a topic most may not realize (or even want to acknowledge) is a problem sexual assault awareness.

The presentation, entitled "You are not alone," will include a tour of the SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) room and an explanation and importance of the exam. Christine Everett, RN and SANE nurse will be guiding the tour and providing information to questions those attending might have.

After the tour, a personal testimony will be shared by guest speaker Sandy Allen.

Allen is raising her three grandchildren after losing her step-daughter to a brutal murder by her estranged husband.

Representatives from Victim Services will also be on hand to deliver statistics, as well. There are sexual assaults occuring every five minutes and each year there are 200,000 reported. There is another 60 percent that are said to go unre-

The Healthy Woman program presentation is a topic less comfortable than other issues that have been addressed by Healthy Woman, however, it is a topic that needs to not be ignored.

Even in our community there are occurrences of sexual assault and violence. As Kim Howell, marketing director for SMMC said, we can chooose to be part of the solution or bury our heads in the sand and pretend the problem is non-existant.

As always the Healthy Woman events are free to the public. This is a topic that will be presented twice. The first session took place this afternoon and the second session will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday on the Fourth Floor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

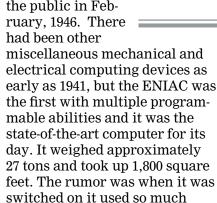
It is time the facts are heard and steps are taken to make a difference.

# Technology and the world today

he technology at our fingertips today is nothing short of amazing. Maybe mind-boggling would be a more appropriate description because it certainly does boggle mine. The gadgets and devices that have been developed in even the last few months are astounding and border on

The first general purpose computer was called ENIAC, announced to the world as a "giant brain," and its design and construction was financed by the US Army and introduced to the public in Feb-

the unbelievable.



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Philadelphia.

Today there is a computer shaped like a box that is mere inches square and has a 300Mhz processor, a 1GB CompactFlash card for storage and 64Mb of DDR SDRAM. It also has a USB port, an Ethernet port, VGA output and jacks for headphones or speakers, and nobody's lights are affected when it is on. The MTube computer measures 3.34 x 3.34 x 0.78 inches and weighs in at 5.3 ounces and easily fits in the palm of your hand.

I am fascinated by accomplishments of that nature and others in different fields as well. Growing up we had a couple of channels we picked up with rabbit ears or maybe even three channels with a mysterious looking apparatus on our roof called an antenna. Today we have hundreds of channels available in high definition and they can be watched on a color television that is half the size of a postage stamp which was developed to be watched from inside the frame of eye glasses. Or, if you prefer, you can watch your favorite program bigger than life on screens that take up half a wall.

There are some frightening and disturbing challenges and problems that are inherent to our generation's possession of such unrestrained technology. Privacy is basically non-existent and people have become increasingly dependent upon technol ogy so when problems occur, as they inevitably do, productive paralysis is unavoidable. We all know how wonderful computers are until they crash or lose connection to the internet. Then we have major issues.

The thing that really troubles me is the absolute lack of control you and I have over the development and use of these marvelous advancements. Satellites are circling our globe at this very moment with cameras on board that are capable of doing things that seem more like a science fiction movie than reality.

A spy satellite can monitor a person's every movement, even when the "target" is indoors or deep in the interior of a building or traveling rapidly down the highway in a car, in any kind of weather. There is no place to hide on the face of the Earth. It takes just three satellites to blanket the world with detection capacity. Besides tracking a person's every action and relaying the data to a computer screen on earth, amazing powers of satellites include monitoring conversations, manipulating electronic instruments and physically assaulting someone with a laser

As necessary as they seem to be to all of us, our cell phones and GPS systems make us visible and traceable wherever we are on the planet. Cameras the size of a pencil eraser can watch and transmit our activities from hidden nooks in our offices, homes and cars. The "big brother" syndrome is alive and well and anyone who doubts it can simply Google your address and look at the satellite pictures of your back yard. You can bet there is advanced technology operating that is not common knowledge to us common folks.

Now, I don't think anyone who is living an honest life need be too concerned about all this. It's not a bad thing that criminal and terrorist activity can be detected in such detail and I am not paranoid that someone in Russia or Washington is worried about me running my daily errands, although I would be an easy target since I keep the top down as often as possible.

It is disturbing to me, however, that we can be so observed without having any choice in the matter. There's nothing we can do to prevent it so I'm not going to lose any sleep over it. But I am going to guard my privacy to whatever extent I can and make sure that if my life ends up on television as a reality show, my momma would still be proud of me. Maybe we should all do a little house cleaning since we never really know who's peeking through our technological windows.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we form a new friendship with You, Lord. And bring everything to You through our prayers.

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## Romneycare vs Obamacare

resident Barack Obama keeps trying to give former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney credit for the Affordable Care Act, which tells you how unpopular Obamacare is.

Romney, Obama told the

public radio show "Marketplace," "is now pretending like he came up with something different" from Obamacare, which celebrated its second anniversary last week.

Like Obama, Romney's GOP primary rivals Rick Santorum

and Newt Gingrich also are talking as if Romneycare spawned Obamacare, as both plans rely on an individual mandate.

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But the philosophies behind the federal plan and the Massachusetts plan are radically different. Romney set out to offer a plan that would address the state's 460,000 uninsured residents, without putting undue burdens on state employers. Obamacare, conversely, is mandate heaven. Its expanding array of benefits effectively has created a new tax on employers. Already, for example, health

plans must offer coverage for

employees' adult children up to

age 26. Obamacare provisions to

end copayments for "preventive care," including birth control, may seem like savings for workers, but someone has to pay for all that free stuff.

"Free preventive services is a misnomer," the Boston-based Pioneer Institute's director of health care policy, Josh Archambault, told me. "It will often be passed on through higher premiums."

This goes to the fundamental problem with Obamacare. As a candidate, Obama promised to sign a universal health care package that would "cut the cost of a typical family's premium by up to \$2,500 a year." But in larding the health care menu, Obamacare gives consumers little to no reason to contain costs.

The Kaiser Family Foundation found that employer-sponsored health care costs rose 9 percent last year, and part of the credit went to the Affordable Care Act's mandates, which will not take full effect until 2014.

Romneycare also included minimum coverage requirements to protect consumers.

But the Romney model promoted flexibility, individual choice and responsibility. Instead of giving away benefits, Romney concentrated on providing medical care in a cost-sharing framework to encourage families to make smart choices, healthwise and moneywise.

As for the individual mandate,

Romney called it "the ultimate conservative idea," Boston Globe scribes Michael Kranish and Scott Helman reported in their book, "The Real Romney." Romney believed that the mandate told people, "Don't look to government to take care of them if they can afford to take care of

themselves." In drafting the Affordable Care Act as it is, Obama has told people they cannot afford to take care of themselves. Period.

Archambault uses an apt analogy to compare Romneycare with Obamacare. "Massachusetts is a car. It's smaller. It's easy to fix. Problems can still arise, but it's much easier to steer.'

Obamacare, he continued, "is like a train. It still has wheels and an engine like the car, but it's much bigger. It runs through all areas of health care, and it's inflexible. Once the track is laid it's very difficult to change the direction."

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## News in brief

#### If the insurance mandate falls: Supreme Court asks whether rest of Obama health law can go on

WASHINGTON (AP) — The heart of the Obama administration's health care overhaul hanging in the balance, the Supreme Court is turning to whether the rest of the law can survive if the crucial individual insurance requirement is struck down.

The justices also will spend part of Wednesday, the last of three days of arguments over the health law, considering a challenge by 26 states to the expansion of the Medicaid program for low-income Americans, an important feature toward the overall goal of extending health insurance to an additional 30 million people. The first two days of fast-paced and extended ar-

guments have shown that the conservative justices have serious questions about Congress' authority to require virtually every American to carry insurance or pay a penalty. The outcome of the case will affect nearly all

Americans and the ruling, expected in June, also could play a role in the presidential election campaign. Obama and congressional Democrats pushed for the law's passage two years ago, while Republicans, including all the GOP presidential candidates, are strongly opposed.

But the topic the justices take up Wednesday only comes into play if they first find that the insurance mandate violates the Constitution. If they do, then they will have to decide if the rest of the law stands or falls.

#### Romney's record undercuts high court's health care role in presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's much-anticipated ruling on health care, expected in late June, may have one surprising outcome: a modest impact on President Barack Obama's reelection bid, even though he is intimately associated with the challenged law.

That wouldn't be the case if anyone other than Mitt Romney was Obama's likeliest Republican challenger this fall. Romney, however, is singularly ill-positioned to capitalize on the issue because he championed a similar health care law as Massachusetts governor in 2006.

It's a political dilemma that some Republicans chiefly Rick Santorum — have been raising for months. It gained sudden urgency this week, as Romney continues his slow but steady march toward the nomination and the Supreme Court's conservative majority expressed pointed skepticism about the federal health care law's constitutionality on Tuesday.

At least one of the five most conservative justices on the nine-person court must vote to uphold the 2010 Democratic-crafted health law for it to remain in place and continue its phased-in changes to current policies. Some independent analysts were struck Tuesday by the seeming hostility of questions from conservative justices, and several now predict the court will overturn the law this sum-

Such a legal bombshell in the middle of an election year would have hard-to-predict impacts on the liberal and conservative bases of the parties and on House and Senate races. Leaders of both parties, however, say the effect on the presidential race will

be muted, at least in part, if Romney secures the GOP nomination, which he is on track to do.

#### Pope wraps up Cuba visit with Mass in Revolution Plaza; meeting with Fidel Castro

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI wraps up his visit to Cuba on Wednesday with an open-air Mass in the shrine of the Cuban revolution, hoping to revive the Catholic faith in this communistrun country. His other appointment promises a far more tantalizing climax: a meeting with Fidel Cas-The former Cuban leader announced late Tuesday

that he would happily meet with Benedict, saying he was asking for just a "few minutes of his very busy time" in Havana. The Vatican had already said Benedict was avail-

able, so the confirmation from Castro was all that was needed to seal the appointment and end weeks of speculation as to whether Castro would repeat the meeting he held with Pope John Paul II during his historic 1998 visit.

"I will happily greet His Excellency Pope Benedict XVI as I did John Paul II, a man for whom contact with children and the humble raised feelings of affection," Castro wrote. "That's why I decided to ask for a few minutes of his very busy time when I heard from the mouth of our foreign minister, Bruno Rodriguez, that he would be agreeable."

#### Supporters of Florida neighborhood watch shooter wary of speaking out, fearing public backlash

Trayvon Martin's supporters pack churches, swarm rallies and wear hooded sweat shirts in solidarity while friends and family of George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer who shot the unarmed teen to death, remain largely out of sight. The few that have defended Zimmerman did so reluctantly, most fearing public backlash. Zimmerman, 28, has gone into hiding. His ver-

sion of what happened on the rainy night of Feb. 26 has only trickled out from police and his attorney. Zimmerman said he was pursuing the 17-year-old Martin because he was acting suspicious. He said he lost sight of the teenager and Martin attacked him as he headed back to his sport utility vehicle.

Zimmerman told police he fired in self-defense and was not charged, touching off widespread public outrage and protests across the country.

Martin's supporters believe race played a role in the shooting. Martin was black; Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is Hispanic.

"The family has had death threats, the father and mother, George has had death threats. Anything related to George is a target," said Miguel Meza, who identified himself as Zimmerman's cousin.

#### In last-ditch overhaul, Gingrich lays off staff and refocuses effort to woo delegates

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican presidential ing his money- and delegate-deprived campaign, scaling back a traditional operation to focus on lowcost social media and an effort to cajole delegates to back him over front-runner Mitt Romney.

One-third of Gingrich's campaign staff has been laid off and his campaign manager has been asked to resign, Gingrich spokesman R.C. Hammond said

The new strategy hinges on preventing Romney from winning the 1,144 delegates he needs for the nomination, Hammond said. Gingrich plans to spend much less time in primary states and will instead personally call delegates to try to persuade them to back him at the Republican National Convention in August.

"We are not going to cede to Mitt Romney's strategy to take the party down," Hammond said. Ultimately, Gingrich would bring the fight to the convention floor, Hammond said. Gingrich still promises to support Romney if

Romney collects the necessary delegates before the party convenes in Tampa, Fla., Hammond said. In the meantime, Gingrich planned to shift the campaign's focus to digital outreach — in particular YouTube, Twitter and other social media.

#### Officials try to determine if Colorado wildfire was ignited by controlled burn CONIFER, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters were hoping

to start containing at least part of a mountain wildfire Wednesday that forced hundreds of residents to flee, damaged 28 homes and may have caused the deaths of two people. Strong gusts and erratic fire behavior forced

crews to focus largely on protecting homes overnight instead of attacking the fire that broke out Monday, but more resources have been arriving.

The blaze is among the top in the nation for the priority to get firefighting resources, fire officials said late Tuesday.

Some 450 firefighters from Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and Utah were sent to assist 250 firefighters on the ground. Weather permitting, four aircraft were scheduled to drop retardant Wednesday on the 7-square-mile blaze that resulted in mandatory evacuations of 900 homes south of the commuter town of Conifer, about 25 miles southwest of downtown Denver.

Residents of 6,500 more homes were warned Tuesday to be ready to leave because of the fire's behav-

#### Prominent Pakistani acid attack victim commits suicide after enduring dozens of surgeries

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani acid attack victim Fakhra Younus had endured more than three dozen surgeries over more than a decade to repair her severely damaged face and body when she finally decided life was no longer worth living.

The 33-year-old former dancing girl — who was allegedly attacked by her then-husband, an ex-parliamentarian and son of a political powerhouse jumped from the sixth floor of a building in Rome, where she had been living and receiving treat-

Her March 17 suicide and the return of her body to Pakistan on Sunday reignited furor over the candidate Newt Gingrich is drastically reorganiz- case, which received significant international attention at the time of the attack. Her death came less than a month after a Pakistani filmmaker won the country's first Oscar for a documentary about acid attack victims.

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Part of the skill of good declarer play consists of inducing your opponents to make errors. The more often a declarer gives the opposition a chance to make an error, the more often will the desired result be attained.

Consider this deal where South is declarer at six hearts. The contract cannot be made against best defense, yet there is a real possibility to make the slam if declarer sets the stage

three rounds of trumps and then cash the A-K-Q of diamonds and A-K of clubs, ending in your hand. At this point you lead a low spade toward dummy's 9-4, and West, who holds the Q-10 of spades, must decide which of them to play. If he makes the normal play of

the ten, you make the slam! East must win with the jack, and since his only remaining cards are the Q-10-7 of clubs, he must lead one of them. from one hand while you ruff in the other, and the slam is home.

If West is smart enough to play his queen when you lead the spade toward dummy, he defeats you, but it has cost you nothing in the process to present him with an opportunity to make an error.

Actually, West has a very difficult decision to make when you lead the spade. From his point of view, he should play the ten if he thinks you started with the J-6-3, and the queen if he thinks you started with 8-6-3. West might guess right, or he might guess wrong, but at least he should be given the chance to go astray. Lots of points — 1,530 of them — ride on

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# Pilot's breakdown recalled

LAS VEGAS (AP) -Passengers aboard an early morning flight bound from New York to Las Vegas first noticed something wrong when the plane's top pilot came out of the cockpit, didn't close the door and tried to force his way into an occupied bathroom.

The JetBlue captain's co-workers tried to calm him as he became more jittery, coaxing him to the back of the plane while making sure above all — that he didn't get back near the plane's controls.

Then, he sprinted up the cabin's aisle ranting about a bomb, screaming "They're going to take us down!" and urging confused passengers to pray.

"Nobody knew what to do because he is the captain of the plane," said Don Davis, the owner of a Ronkonkoma, N.Y.based wireless broadband manufacturer who was traveling to Sin City for a security industry conference.

"You're not just going to jump up and attack the captain," Davis

But four men did tackle the pilot, using seat belt extenders and zip tie handcuffs to restrain and pin him to the floor for more than 20 minutes while the co-pilot and an off-duty pilot who was aboard landed the plane in Amarillo, Texas.

president Dave Barger told NBC's Matt Lauer, who named the captain as Clayton Osborn, that the captain is a "consummate professional" whom he has "personally known" for years.

There is nothing in the pilot's record to indicate he would be a risk on a flight, Barger said in a Wednesday interview on the "Today" show.

"Clearly, he had an emotional or mental type of breakdown," said Tony Antolino, a security executive who sat in the 10th row of the plane and tackled the pilot when he tried to reenter the cockpit.

"He became almost delusional," Antolino said after arriving in Las Vegas from Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport some six hours after schedule.

Josh Redick, who was sitting near the middle of the plane, said the captain seemed "irate" and was "spouting off about Afghanistan and souls and al-Qaida."

The airline described the incident as a "medical situation" involving the captain of JetBlue Airways Flight 191 from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Airline officials said he was taken to a hospital.

"It was a scary situation," said Charlie Restivo, an employee of Davis' who traveled with him and sat in the plane's fourth row.

"It was like a movie, it really was," he said. "It just didn't look real."

The outburst came weeks after an American Airlines flight attendant was taken off a plane for rambling about 9/11 and her fears the plane would crash. An aviation expert could recall only two or three cases in 40 years where a pilot had become mentally incapacitated during a flight.

Gabriel Schonzeit, who was sitting in the third row, said the captain said there could be a bomb onboard the flight.

"He started screaming about al-Qaida and possibly a bomb on the plane and Iraq and Iran and about how we were all going down," Schonzeit told the Amarillo Globe-News.

"A group of us just jumped up instinctually and grabbed him and put him to the ground," Antolino said.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the co-pilot had locked the cockpit.

An off-duty airline captain who was a passenger on the flight entered the flight deck and took over the duties of the ill captain before landing in Amarillo.

The customers and crew "just did a great job," JetBlue's Barger said. "That was a true team effort at 35,000 feet."

Shane Helton, 39, of Quinlan, Okla., said he saw emergency and security personnel coming on and off the plane as it sat on the tarmac in Amarillo.

"They pulled one guy out on a stretcher and put him in an ambulance," said Helton, who went to the airport with his fiancée to see one of her sons off as he joined

the Navy. Authorities interviewed each of the passengers once they had landed and left the plane, said 22-year-old passenger Grant Heppes, of New York City.

"I had no idea it was an employee until it really started happening, Heppes said. "I just assumed it was a passenger who flipped out."

The FBI was coordinating an investigation with the airport police, Amarillo police, the FAA and the Transportation Safety Administration, said agency spokeswoman Lydia Maese in Dallas. She declined to comment on arrests.

The flight left New York around 7 a.m. and was in the air for  $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours before landing in Texas. The passengers boarded another plane for Las Vegas several hours later. That plane arrived in Las Vegas about two hours later.

John Cox, an aviation safety consultant and former airline pilot, said incidents in which pilots become mentally incapacitated during a flight are "pretty rare." He said he could only recall two or three other examples in the more than 40 years he has been following commer-

cial aviation. Airlines and the FAA strongly encourage pilots to assert themselves if they think safety is being jeopardized, even if it means contradicting a captain's orders, Cox said. Aviation safety experts have studied several cases where first officers deferred to more captains experienced

with tragic results. Unruly pilots and crew have disrupted flights in the past.

Earlier this month, an American Airlines flight attendant took over the public-address system on a flight bound for Chicago and spoke for 15 minutes about Sept. 11 and the safety of their plane, saying, "I'm not responsible for this plane crashing," according to several passengers.

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# HealthTalk

#### Q: Are homemade salad dressings healthier than bottled dressings, or do people just like their freshness?

A: The flavor of a freshly made dressing is hard to beat and making your salad dressing at home does offer you the opportunity to make a healthier

option than most of the commercial dressings. One of the biggest nutritional advantages is the opportunity to reduce sodium substantially.

Many bottled dressings contain from 260 to 550 milligrams (mg) of sodium in a two-tablespoon serving. That's 11 to 24 percent of the day's recommended limit — or up to a third of the lower limit recommended for people who are over 50, Collins African American, or who have diabetes or high blood pressure.

Start with a healthy oil like canola or olive oil and add lemon juice,

vinegar or other juice plus herbs and spices, and perhaps a little chopped garlic. You'll slash sodium to less than 5 mg in that same two-tablespoon serving if you don't add any salt, or to less than 160 mg if you add a dash.

If you like a mustard flavor, mustard powder (ground mustard seed found in the spices aisle) adds zero sodium; or a small amount of prepared mustard might raise sodium of your dressing just an additional 20 or 30 mg. To change up the flavor, you can play with different oils, such as grapeseed, walnut or pumpkin seed oil, as well as experimenting with different pure herbs and spices — all sodium-free. For creamy-type dressings, try using plain yogurt as a base.

#### Q: Is it true that coral calcium is better for me than regular calcium supplements?

A: Promotional material suggests that coral calcium — calcium supplements supposedly made from remnants of Asian coral — is responsible for the longevity and good health of people on Oki-Okinawans do have low incidence of cancer and

heart disease, and overall good health, but many things about their lifestyle are far more likely to be responsible: The Okinawan diet features an abundance of vegetables and frequent seafood, is low in fat and emphasizes portion control. Furthermore, people on this island are physical-

ly active and maintain healthy weights. Promoters of coral calcium say that it is better absorbed than standard calcium carbonate supplements, but I cannot find any scientifically sound studies published in journals to support such a state-

According to the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database, a recognized source of solid, research-based information on supplements of all types, "There's no evidence that calcium from a coral source has any advantages over calcium from other sources." Safety of coral calcium may be an issue, since some earlier laboratory analyses reported lead contamination.

Finally, some question the potential ecological disruption if coral reefs are disturbed to get this substance. For now, there appears no reason to switch from dairy products and calcium-fortified foods to get calcium, or if needed, economical calcium supplements that have been shown effec-

#### Q: How can I keep food costs under control when trying to lose weight? A: It's important to build an eating pattern that

helps you lose weight, maintain your new, lower weight and works for you economically. You can boost the foods that help with weight loss such as fruits and vegetables without breaking the food budget.

Choose produce that's in season, buying just the amount you need, and select frozen produce when it's less expensive than fresh. Cut back on foods and beverages that don't do anything for you nutritionally, including soft drinks and artificially sweetened water, teaching yourself to drink

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# Cremation: Truth vs myth

Recently, I had a family come to me after a loved one had died. This is not uncommon, as I am a funeral director. But this time, a cremation had already taken place.

"What can I do for you?" I asked. They responded that they were having difficulty coping with the loss. Mom had



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set up a simple cremation plan and "didn't want a fuss" made over her. They followed her wishes and had her cremated with no service. Now, her kids and grandkids were having trouble letting go. "I think we need to have a memorial," said the daughter. "Can you help us?" I was more than happy

to help. Together, we planned a very meaningful and personal service. Family members and friends from all over came to pay their respects. Everyone was so grateful to the family for holding the service and allowing them to be a part of it. "I never realized how many lives my mother had touched," the daughter said to me after the memorial. "It was a beautiful service."

All of this got me to thinking about some of the misconceptions out there about cremation. Here are a few of the myths that I have come across on an everyday basis at work:

Myth: You don't need a service with cremation.

Truth: Cremation does not replace a family's need for closure. It is simply an alternative to other forms of final disposition. When a death occurs, a service is still important for the family to find closure and healing.

Myth: If you want to be cremated, just tell your loved ones. That's really the only decision they have to make. Truth: When a death

occurs, there are roughly one hundred decisions your closest loved ones have to make. One of those decisions is whether you will be cremated or not. There are many, many other decisions that must be made in addition to cremation. For example, most people don't realize that you can have a viewing with the body present, then a funeral service followed by cremation. Many times families choose to have a viewing, then a memorial service without the body present, and then a burial of the urn at the cemetery afterwards. There are so many options with cremation, it makes it a great option for families who need versatility. Having a viewing with the body present (if it is possible to have one) is a significant time for the bereaved who are still coming to grips with the death. If cremation takes place too soon, some family members and friends may suffer because they feel they never had a chance

to say goodbye. All of these issues are important, and so very helpful if they are planned out ahead of time with love and care.

Myth: Cremation is much more inexpensive than burial. Truth: The cost of a

funeral or memorial mostly depends on all the options that are selected, not just whether cremation is chosen or not. I have seen elaborate services that ended in cremation, and I have seen extremely simple burials that were very cost-effective. The cost of a funeral is usually dependent on the type of services and merchandise that are selected.

Myth: With cremation, you don't need a headstone or grave marker.

Truth: While it is true that it is not necessary to erect a headstone when cremation takes place, one thing people sometimes fail to consider is that an equivalent to a headstone may be needed. After all, what is the purpose of a headstone? For one, it provides a physical location for family members to visit, reflect, and remember.

Second, it is important for generations to come. With the rise in popularity of genealogies, it is very likely that descendants may wish to visit the grave of a great grandparent or great, great grandparent. We suggest that a portion of the cremated body be reserved for burial in a columbarium,

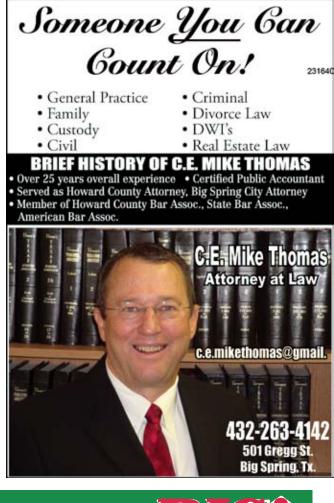
cremation garden, or family plot. That way, generations from now. a record of the person's life will be left behind.

As a funeral director, my job is to help families discover the choices that are right for them. I don't believe there is a right or wrong answer. My goal is simply to help families understand the choices they have available to them and decide what will be best for those left

If there is one message I'd like to leave you with, it would be to please talk to your family about these kinds of things. As Americans, we typically don't like to talk about death and end of life issues. However, with one simple conversation, one simple call, or one meet ing with a preplanning specialist or funeral director, you can make such a difference in the lives of those you care about most.

Kasi Welch Baker is a third generation of the Welch family that owns and operates Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Big Spring, Midland and Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and a licensed funeral director as well as the general manager of the family business. Kasi is vice president of the West Texas Funeral Director's Association and a member of various orga nizations in the funeral industry.







# When does my child need an orthodontic evaluation?

need an orthodontic evaluation?

Let me start by saying that this question has several answers depending the child. The most common answer

is around



**D**AVID Ward

age 12, but read on because many kids will benefit if treatment is started earlier.

Let me start first with another question. Who has to wear braces? The answer is no one. Crooked teeth and or misaligned jaws are not terminal. Almost no one can't eat because of a malocclusion (bad bite) or crooked teeth.

The reasons for treating these issues are cosmetic, social, psychological (self esteem) and financial. The first three are fairly obvious as a nice smile looks good, makes one more socially acceptable and attractive and reduces one potential cause of a poor self image. The last reason, financial, is not obvious, but people with straight teeth tend to have greater earning potential in their lifetime than those with significantly crooked teeth. It's not fair, but it is true.

Now, back to age 12,

kids have lost all their baby teeth. Most of the permanent teeth are in and it's a great time to get started. In most cases, any age past then is fine (including the adult years), but most kids like to get them off before high school. An average case lasts about two years.

So who needs to think about an evaluation sooner? Problems that benefit from early treatment include very

crowded teeth, jaws that don't seem to line up, front teeth that don't come together, the jaw shifting when biting due to teeth interferences and a long face especially with snoring or sleep apnea.

Kid with very crowded teeth often benefit from starting orthodontics a year or two early. In very crowded mouths, it's often necessary to extract 4 permanent premolars to have room to unravel the teeth. If treatment begins before the baby second molars are lost (usually age 10 or 11), we end up with more space to straighten the front teeth. That means perhaps not having to take out those permanent teeth. know that doesn't seem to make sense, so you'll have to trust me on that

In patients in which one jaw seems especially small or large relative to the other one, early treatment with dental orthopedic techniques can help reduce the need for surgical intervention (orthognathic surgery) in the teenage years. This treatment often begins in the early elementary years.

Kids whose front teeth don't come together have an "open bite." This is usually caused by a continuing thumb sucking habit (into the elementary years) or by a poor swallowing pattern where the tongue comes between the

front teeth. Dental appliances are very helpful for treating both of these problems and are usually used during the early

When the child has to shift his jaw to get his back teeth together the condition is called a "functional side shift." This is usually caused by very crowded front teeth and should be treated around age 6 or 7. This is important because this shift can even affect how the jawbone grows.

Finally, kids whose faces look long (not sad, actually long) often have an obstructed airway. This is often accompanied by restless sleep, snoring, and sometimes even apnea (interrupted breathing) with restless sleep, bedwetting and attention Common disorders. medical causes are severe allergies or very large tonsils blocking the airway. Sometimes however a constricted palate can be the cause. Orthodontically widening the palate is easy and can make a huge difference for

That's it in a very large nutshell. If you suspect these issues make sure you speak to your dentist (many general dentists and pediatric dentists manage such issues) or orthodontist soon.

kids.

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## Parker Ks 13, Forsan defeats Roosevelt

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The number 13 was lucky for the Buffaloes' baseball squad Tuesday, as that was the number of Lubbock Roosevelt players that pitcher Payton Parker struck out during a dominating performance from the mound.

Parker kept the Buffaloes' hopes for a win alive throughout a tight game until his team was able to rally in the bottom of the sixth inning, defeating the Eagles 6-2.

The win places Forsan alone in first place in District 3-2A with a 5-0 league mark.

With a 1-1 tie headed into the top of the second, Parker struck out the side, heralding a pitchers' duel from that point on, with both hurlers consistently finding the strike zone.

In the bottom of the fourth, Forsan took a one-run lead.

Clayton Galloway picked up an

RBI, scoring Patrick Robles, who and now boasts a 5-0 record (10-3 reached base on a walk.

The Eagles answered back in the top of the fifth, after a base hit and a pair of wild pitches from Parker allowed another run, tying the game 2-2.

But Forsan answered back in the bottom of the sixth. Trevor Burchett led off with a triple, and later scored on a wild pitch, making it a 3-2 ballgame.

Robles hit a grounder up the middle for a single, then Payton Parker hit a chopper he legged out to first.

Marcus Cervantes' two-out grounder to right field drove home Parker and Robles, giving Forsan a 5-2 lead.

A little more insurance was added after Blaise Coffaman drew a walk, and was driven home after T'oA MauMau singled, bringing the score to 6-2.

Lubbock failed to respond during its last at-bat, and Forsan remained perfect n in district play,

overall).

It was apparent to Forsan Coach Jason Phillips why the Buffaloes were able to edge a tough Roosevelt squad.

"Payton (Parker) pitched really well," he said. "He battled on the mound, and luckily, we came up with the hits in the sixth. If he can pitch like this every game, we will be pretty good," Phillips

Parker himself was humble about his career performance

"I was hitting my spots," he simply said.

Forsan will travel to Colorado City Friday for its next district match up. Game time is slated for 7 p.m.

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Contact Sports Editor Brian Forsan's Payton Parker delivers a pitch during McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 Tuesday's game against Lubbock Roosevelt. Parker  $or\ by\ e{-}mail\ at\ sports@bigspring{-}$  struck out 13 batters during the 6-2 district win.



Herald photo/Brian McCormack

Forsan's Ashley Buzbee belts a two-run homer during the Lady Buaffloes' victory over Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday.

# Buzbee keys Lady Buffs' win

#### By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes cruised to 5-1 in district play Tuesday, recording a lopsided 12-0 victory over the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles.

The scoring started early as Forsan went through its entire lineup of batters in the bottom of the first inning, scoring four and taking the early lead.

Defensively, the Lady 'Buffs dominated. Ashley Buzbee struck out the side in the

top of the second inning.

Buzbee (6-4), recorded six strikeouts on the day. Ali Knight came in to relieve Buzbee in the bottom of the fourth.

Offensively, it may not have been Forsan's best perfomance, but it was enough to overwhelm Roosevelt.

Kayla Tilley reached base on a single in the bottom of the second inning, and Buzbee

not content to only menace the Lady Eagles on the mound — hit a one-out, two-run homer, scoring Tilley and tacking on two more runs, bringing the score to 6-0.

Stevie Wilson then singled, and Shelby Roemer laid down a bunt to advance her to

Gabby Womack got a base hit that was converted into a double after a bad throw to first. The same throw allowed Wilson to score. At the end of the second inning, Forsan en-

joyed a 9-0 lead.

But the Lady 'Buffs weren't done.

Roemer hit a stand-up triple to get things started for Forsan in the bottom of the fourth, and a Womack sacrifice fly scored Roemer.

Three wild pitches charged to Lubbock scored Womack, and Brittney Cline's line drive to right field put her on base. Ali

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## Big Spring golf squads open district play

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School's golfers open district today as the girls' squad will be traveling to Abilene. The boys will compete in Snyder tomorrow to kick off their district run.

Last year, BSHS finished first in what Coach Chris Joslin calls "one of the toughest, if not, the toughest district in the state."

Four out of the five District 5-3A teams have a chance of moving on to regionals or state, according to Joslin, and the Big Spring boys team is poised to take first place for the second consecutive year if things go their way.

"We just have to perform," Joslin said. "We're looking forward to district and there are two teams — (Big Spring) and Wylie — who are ranked in the Top 10, and two other teams who are right there as well. All the teams have played well this spring."

Though both the girls' and boys' teams are quite young, talent abounds.

Junior Ryan Pollard, who qualified for regionals last year, is ready to step up and lead BSHS to another district title. Pollard has been swinging the clubs for seven years now, and was drawn to the singularity of golf.

"You are more on your own, and have to rely on yourself, but it's still a team sport," Pollard

said. "I think we can win if everybody plays like they should."

Joslin, who has been coaching for Big Spring for six years, also has high hopes for the girls'

"They are real young," he said. "I see a lot of potential. Kelsie Guinn qualified for regionals as a freshman."

Guinn, who is now a sophomore — and the elder on the squad — has an even loftier goal for herself this season.

"I want to make state," she said.

Guinn became a golfer after her father took her out on the course.

"My dad always played," she explained. "One time, he brought me with him, and I have been in love with the game ever since."

Guinn is optimistic about the future of the girls' team, although with the lack of experience it is unlikely they will qualify for regionals as a squad.

"The other girls are all in their first years. But they have gotten better every week," she said. "In a couple of years, we will be really good."

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## **Sports** Calendar

#### **TODAY**

#### Baseball

Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4 p.m.

#### Softball

Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.

#### Golf

Big Spring Girls at Abilene, TBA.

· Forsan and Coahoma at Coahoma Invitational, Comanche Trail Golf Course, TBA.

#### **THURSDAY**

#### Rodeo

 Western Texas College Rodeo, Snyder, (Through Saturday).

#### Track

Forsan at Colorado City, TBA.

#### Golf

Big Spring Boys at Snyder Invitational, TBA.

## Magic Johnson group to buy Dodgers franchise for record \$2B

#### RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — One Los Angeles institution is buying another.

A group that includes former Lakers star Magic

Johnson and longtime baseball executive Stan Kasten agreed Tuesday night to buy the Dodgers from Frank McCourt for a record \$2 billion.

The price would shatter the mark for a sports franchise. Stephen Ross paid \$1.1 billion for the NFL's Miami Dolphins in 2009, and in England, Malcolm Glazer and his family took over the Manchester United soccer club in 2005 in a deal then valued at

Mark Walter, chief executive officer of the financial services firm Guggenheim Partners, would be-

come the controlling owner. The deal, revealed about five hours after Major

League Baseball owners approved three finalists for an intended auction, is one of several steps toward a sale of the team by the end of April. It is subject to approval in federal bankruptcy court. "I am thrilled to be part of the historic Dodger

franchise and intend to build on the fantastic foundation laid by Frank McCourt as we drive the Dodgers back to the front page of the sports section in our wonderful community of Los Angeles," Johnson said in a statement. As part of the agreement, the Dodgers said Mc-

Court and "certain affiliates of the purchasers" would acquire the land surrounding Dodger Stadium, including its parking lots, for \$150 million.

"If they invested that much money, I'm sure they'll invest to get us a winner," said Tommy Lasorda, the Dodgers' retired Hall of Fame manager. "I wish them all the luck, and I admire them. I know both of them I know Magic from the day he came into Los Angeles as a basketball player for the Lakers."

The acquiring group, called Guggenheim Baseball Management, has several other investors, among them Mandalay Entertainment chief executive Peter Guber, Guggenheim Partners president Todd Boehly and Bobby Patton, who operates oil and gas properties among his investments. Kasten is the former president of the Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals.

"I am truly honored to have partnered with such talented individuals and to be associated with the Dodgers organization," said Walter. "We look forward to building upon the legacy of the Dodgers and providing long-term stability to one of the most revered franchises in baseball."

The 52-year-old Johnson played 13 seasons for the

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# Mavericks overcome deficit, down Houston 90-81

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Jason Terry scored seven consecutive points in a minute, starting a game-turning run for the Dallas Mavericks. And he wasn't alone contributing off the bench.

Rodrigue Like Terry, Beaubois and Brandan Wright scored in double fig-

ures in a 90-81 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night. Even Lamar Odom resembled the player the defending NBA champions always thought they were get-

"We got off to a very poor start," coach Rick Carlisle said. "Odom, Terry, Wright, all of those guys that came in, Beaubois had a very impact game. All of those guys did, and they were the difference."

The Mavericks fell behind by as many as 16 in the first quarter, and didn't overtake a short-handed and worn-out Rockets team until Terry's seven straight points started a 21-6 run in the third quar-

"We needed a spark. We

lagging there. It was an opportunity for us to take control of the game," Terry said. "The bench was tremendous. It will be a key for us down the stretch. We need to be consistent off the bench, especially offensively."

With 15 games left in the condensed regular season, the Mavericks (29-22) are tied

needed some energy. I saw us for fifth place in the Western Conference. Dallas has won consecutive games against the Rockets, also winning 101-99 in overtime Saturday night in Houston.

Terry finished with 12 points and four assists. Beaubois had 14 points with five assists and Wright 13 points.

Odom's nine points were his most in the last nine games,

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Los Angeles Lakers, winning five NBA championships and three MVP awards in a Hall of Fame career.

He retired from the NBA in 1991 after being diagnosed with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. He briefly came out of retirement during the 1995-96 season and had a short stint coaching the Lakers. Since leaving basketball, he has been very successful in business, investing in movie theaters, a production company and restaurants.

He has also been an activist in the fight against HIV.

"I'm upset he didn't cut me in," current Lakers star Kobe Bryant said. "I'm going to have to talk to him about that."

McCourt paid \$430 million in 2004 to buy the team, Dodger Stadium and 250 acres of land that include the parking lots, from the Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., a sale that left the team with about \$50 million in cash at the time. The team's debt stood at \$579 million as of January, according to a court filing, so McCourt stands to make hundreds of millions of dollars even after a \$131 million divorce payment to former wife Jamie, taxes and legal and banking fees.

Kasten is expected to wind up as the team's top day-to-day executive. The other two finalists were:

— Stan Kroenke, whose family owns the NFL's St. Louis Rams, the NBA's Denver Nuggets, the NHL's Colorado Avalanche and Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids. He also is majority shareholder of Arsenal in the English Premier

- Steven Cohen, founder of the hedge fund SAC Capital Advisors and a new limited partner of the New York Mets; biotechnology entrepreneur Patrick Soon-Shiong; and agent Arn Tellem of Wasserman Media Group.

It remains to be seen whether Major League Baseball will challenge the deal in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, where the case is before Judge Kevin Gross.

Under an agreement reached by MLB and McCourt in November, a private auction was to be held among the finalists and McCourt was to select the winner by Sunday. The sales agreement is to be submitted to the bankruptcy court by April 6, ahead of a hearing seven days later, and the sale completed by April 30, the day McCourt is to make a divorce settlement payment.

The acquiring group would gain the ability to sell the Dodgers' local broadcasting rights starting with games in 2014. The Guggenheim group likely would use money gained from the rights sale - or from the team's own network with outside investment — and use those funds to pay down the acquisition

"The amount of leverage is a big question," said Marc Ganis, president of the Chicago-based consulting firm Sportscorp, which is not involved. "The likely scenario is that they have a broadcasting deal in mind so that they pay up now and pay themselves down from a big broadcasting upfront payment.

"The problem with this strategy is that the more paid upfront by the broadcast deal, the less money is available for team operations. The more debt they take on, the more debt service is required, the less money that's available for team operations. With the only beneficiary being the man walking out the door. A challenging result that baseball tried to avoid.'

The current record for a baseball franchise is the \$845 million paid by the Ricketts family for the Chicago Cubs in 2009.

The Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in late June, just days before the team was expected to miss payroll. The filing came after baseball Commissioner Bud Selig refused to approve a 17-year agreement between the Dodgers and Fox's Prime Ticket subsidiary that would have been worth \$2 billion or more.

MLB feared McCourt would use about half of an intended \$385 million cash advance to fund his di-

Los Angeles finished third in the NL West last season at 82-79, had just three sellouts and fell short of 3 million in home attendance in a full season for the first time since 1992. There was some concern among MLB officials about the financing of the Walter bid because some of the money was coming from insurance companies that are owned by Guggenheim.

A person familiar with the baseball owners' teleconference Tuesday said several team owners voiced that during the call. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because MLB did not make any announce-

"The problem there is a fundamental problem as you go into an auction, and that is the absolute reliance on other people's money," said Ganis.

Kasten was hired as legal counsel of the Braves and the NBA's Hawks in 1976, and three years later became the NBA's youngest general manager at 27. He was promoted to president of the Braves and Hawks in 1986 and also became president of the NHL's Thrashers in 1999. After leaving the Atlanta teams in 2003, he became president of the Washington Nationals from 2006-10.

Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti recently had dinner with Kasten in Glendale, Ariz., the team's spring training home.

"He's very successful, very driven, relentless in his pursuit of excellence," Colletti said. "He's seen a lot and he's won a lot."

The Dodgers have won six World Series titles but none since 1988, when they were still owned by the O'Malley family that moved the team from Brooklyn to California after the 1957 season. Fox bought the team in 1998, then sold it to Mc-Court.

Colletti, whose baseball moves appear to have been constricted because of the team's financial problems, says the sale announcement brings "clarity."

"It's time to turn the page and move toward a new chapter in the history of the Los Angeles Dodgers," he said.

# **Parker, Duncan lead San** Antonio to fifth straight win

**BOB BAUM** 

**AP Sports Writer** 

Tony PHOENIX Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili have been beating the Phoenix Suns for a long time. No one should be surprised they were the main protagonists in vet another San Antonio victory Tuesday night.

Parker scored eight points in a 10-0 run early in the fourth quarter, and the Spurs went on to win their fifth in a row and eighth in nine games with a 107-100 victory over the Suns.

Duncan scored 17 of his 26 points in the first half and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Spurs, winners of 12 of their last 14 road games. Parker scored half of his 24 in the fourth quarter.

Kawhi Leonard added 14 points, Ginobili had 13 and Matt Bonner 10 for San Antonio.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Parker, Duncan and Ginobili know that if they stick with what they know works, victories more often than not will come.

"I think they play within the system and trust each other enough it comes out pretty good for them," Popovich said. "most of the time."

Shannon Brown, starting because Grant Hill was a late scratch with right knee inflammation, scored a careerhigh 32 for Phoenix. Marcin Gortat added 21 points and 14 rebounds in just the second home loss for the Suns in 10 games since the All-Star break. Steve Nash had 16 points and eight as-

"We got close," Nash said. "We kept ourselves in the game for a long time and couldn't ever really get more than that five- or six-point lead and they came flying back and then the start of the fourth there they kind of got up by nine and we couldn't close back the distance."

Brown, who signed with the Suns as a free agent before the season, matched his career best with five 3-pointers, in 10 tries

"I didn't know I was going to start until we were doing our pregame (meeting) and they said Grant wasn't going to go," Brown said, "so I had to prepare myself mentally. I just wanted to come out, play hard, play within the flow of what's going on and I wish we could have come out with a win."

Phoenix shot percent through three quarters but made just 33 percent (7 of 21) in the fourth.

"Shannon Brown was making crazy shots so we felt like if we could hang in there things were going to turn and they're going to miss at some point," Parker said, "and they started missing and we played better defense."

The Spurs led by as many as nine in the first half and were up 62-57 at the break behind Duncan's 17 points and eight rebounds. Duncan was 8 of 9 from the field.

Phoenix started the second half with a 12-2 run to go up 69-64 on Gortat's 6-footer. Brown's

fifth and final 3-pointer of the night put the Suns ahead 79-74 with 4:50 left in the third quarter, but San Antonio scored the next six, the last four by Ginobili, to take an 80-79 lead. The Spurs were up 84-83 entering the fourth.

After Robin Lopez's reverse layup cut San Antonio's lead to 88-87 with 10:08 to play. Parker started the decisive run with a layup on a pass from Ginobili. Parker followed with a 13-footer, then made a 20-footer. Boris Diaw sank a 20-footer, then Parker capped the outburst with a 10-foot jumper after Phoenix's second straight turnover, and the Spurs led 98-87 with

Nash's 18-footer cut it to 98-89, but Leonard made a 3 from the corner to put San Antonio ahead 101-89 with 5:29 to

Brown was fouled by Leonard on a 3-point attempt and made all three from the line to slice the lead to 103-94 with 3:15 to go, then Jared Dudley's tip-in, his lone basket of the night, cut it to 103-96 with 1:22 to play. Brown's driving layup made it 103-98 but with just 33.9 seconds left,

Phoenix ran out of time. Parker sealed the victory with four straight from the foul line.

"We let them get a little separation there and we had a couple crucial turnovers and crucial rebounds," offensive Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said, "and that's kind of what they do to people."

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Knight reached base as well, and with runners on the corners, Jahnia Willard singled to to drive in the twelfth run for theLady 'Buffs, and that would be the final inning as the Lady Eagles were sent home as a result of the 10-run mercy rule.

Forsan Coach Shanna Taylor said the focus will remain on hitting, as they prepare to face Colorado City, which is neck-and-neck with Forsan in a heated District 3-2A race.

"Defensively, we looked pretty solid," she said. "But with the slower pitching, we get a little anxious. We

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need to be more disciplined at the

plate, and wait for good pitches." Despite all the preparation, Taylor knows that Colorado City, as well as Coahoma (which Forsan will meet Monday) will be a test of the Lady

'Buffs. "We're all so evenly matched," she explained. "We hope we will come out on top, but it could come down to one mistake, and that could cost us big. We've got to stay focused, and do what we came out to do, and that's win dis-

Forsan will travel to Colorado City Friday.

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to lean into



every new twist and enjoy the adventure of not knowing

**ARIES** (March 21-April calming yourself down so that you can take on potentially stressful challenges. You'll take of fear and anxiety.

exactly what is to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Grudges don't harm in. anyone except the person who holds them. You'll let a grievance go for this fun is that you'll be in reason, and also because just the kind of mood to

Mischievous Mercury there are too many far throw reminds us that we're more pleasant things on which to focus.

> **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Just as furry animals get fluffier when they're apprehensive or angered, something may happen to make your "fur" stand on end momentarily. Another person will find it reassuring to know that you care.

> **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You know what you're good at. You'll apply yourself in your area of expertise and easily accomplish what others cannot do but by the uttermost exertion of their abilities.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). 19). You'll be brilliant at The journey is long, and what happens today is not a solid indicator of all that will happen. There will come a day when the controlled action instead forces that once seemed of reacting from a place to keep you out of a certain "club" instead be inviting you

> VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What makes today

yourself into situations, mix things up and see what happens. If play them as though who are accountable to you make a mistake, you'll soon recover.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Exciting projects are incredibly labor intensive. By the end of the better part of your energy has been poured into one rather frivolous endeavor that somehow still seems worthwhile.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). By late morning, you'll feel ready to take on the world. You're middle of a conflict. high level of energy and awareness.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a serious responsibility to yourself. If you're not loving and caring for diversify were one of the most important people in the whole world, you're ducking that responsibility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). If your resources improved behavior and were cards, you would performance from those you'd been dealt the best you in some way. A hand in the history of the coach or loving partner game. From perspective, you'll see heights in many glorious options.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20the day, you may feel that Feb. 18). You'll be lucky numbers are: 8, 40, wondering whom you can 2, 12 and 30. trust. Don't waste time doubt in you. Put the country top of your list.

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that spurs you to personal August. Capricorn and Libra people adore you. Your

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with those who inspire **PROFILES**: Fiery Aries star people who always take McEntire was born under your call or who call you a versatile Gemini moon, back immediately on the promising a razor wit and a knack for creating an PISCES (Feb. 19-March easy rapport with all likely to get caught in the 20). You feel that you different types of people could be more effective if — a skill that's served well in situation at hand takes a relationship or grew it multifaceted career. An author and more clothing designer, as well, frequent communication McEntire's Venus in Aquarius reveals that her TODAY'S BIRTHDAY first love may very well joy of giving back.

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#### Annie's Mailbox ®

**Dear Annie**: I am a 54year-old lesbian in a 23year relationship. My partner and I have begun to hate traveling. Don't get me wrong. We love and enjoy exotic places, but dealing with stupid rude people is getting old.

Our problem has to do

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with the ladies room. We you personally. You are are often mistaken for men and questioned. I don't get it. Some women seem shocked by us and occasionally make scene as if we chose the wrong bathroom.

While we don't wear makeup or frilly clothes, we also don't wear suits, ties and wingtips. I wear earrings, female clothing and a wedding band set. Think Ellen DeGeneres.

These ignorant women need some education. Please tell them they are rude and hurtful.

If our presence makes uncomfortable, maybe they should leave the bathroom. Many of the encounters make me feel bad for days. I just want to be left alone. What can I say to nip this in the bud? — Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear California: Unless you want to act when you super-girly enter a foreign bathroom, there's not much you can do to head off such an encounter before happens.

Try working on your response instead. This has nothing to do with

simply bumping into women who don't often have the opportunity to interact with those who appear to be different whether in dress or manner — and so they various react with degrees of surprise, some of which can be quite hurtful.

Use these encounters to educate these women by ignoring their shock, holding your head up and being exceedingly polite and possibly charming.

Dear Annie: My wife. "Gert," and I are in our mid-80s, retired and in good health. Gert worked for the same company for nearly 40 years and was well-liked.

She still goes back to visit every Wednesday and sits in the coffee room and gabs all day with the workers when they take their staggered breaks.

I can't help but think this has a tendency to lengthen break times and productive disrupt company time. If I were the manager, I would not allow this, but he doesn't interfere.

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My main though, is that this habit yours. interferes with our being able to get away together for a few days during the week when hotel rates are lower and traffic is lighter than on weekends.

I have asked Gert to stop this practice, but she refuses. Am I selfish to think she should spend more time with me so we can plan and enjoy mutual activities during the time we have left in this life? — *Husband* 

Dear Husband: Well, no, but this activity gives her a great deal of pleasure, and it would be considerate of you to work around it. In fact, she might resent your forcing the issue, in which case, those little vacations won't be as much fun as you'd like. And perhaps if you stop pressuring her to spend more time traveling during the week, she'd be more willing to do so on occasion, especially if you give her plenty of notice to rearrange her office schedule. of supportive her emotional needs, and she will be hopefully,

concern, equally supportive of

Dear Annie: So, "J" is afraid she might have to tip the clerk from the grocery store if she gets help while shopping with her two children. She states that she always returns her cart. While she is doing that, who is watching her kids?

This policy could very well be management's way of offering protection to parents who might otherwise leave their children unsupervised in the car while they return the cart. Would she rather have her children snatched by a pedophile just to save a tip?

I sure wish this service had been available when I used to shop with our children. She should quit looking a gift horse in the mouth. — M.

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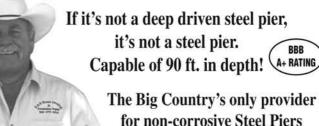
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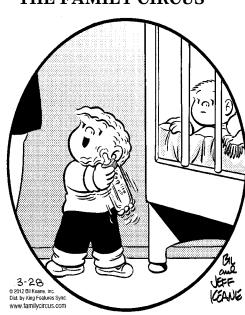


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For the last time, KID... Stop Hitting GOLF BALLS INTO THIS MANHOLE!"

BC



"I figured PJ would rather have a milkshake!"

WONDER WHERE

WHAT DO I CARE?

I GET PAID EITHER

HE WENT?



I HAVE TO LIST JOB-RELATED INJURIES FOR MY INSURANCE-IN JANUARY I GOT BOOMED, SLAMMED AND WHAPPED!



and Angora were changed to

In 1935, the notorious Nazi

propaganda film "Triumph des

Willens" (Triumph of the Will),

directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf

In 1939, the Spanish Civil

War effectively ended as Madrid fell to the forces of

In 1941, novelist and critic

Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned

herself near her home in Lewes,

In 1969, the 34th president of

In 1978, in Stump v.

died

the United States, Dwight D.

Washington, D.C., at age 78.

Istanbul and Ankara.

Hitler present.

Francisco Franco.



## This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 28, the 88th day of 2012. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On March 28, 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States. In 1854, during the Crimean

War. Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the

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East Sussex, England.

Eisenhower,

Court upheld, 5-3, the judicial immunity of an Indiana judge against a lawsuit brought by a young woman who'd been ordered sterilized by the judge when she was a teenager. In 1979, America's worst

commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

In 1987, Maria von Trapp. whose life story inspired the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music,"

died in Morrisville, Vt., at age

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic legend Jesse Owens, who was honored for his "humanitarian contributions in the race of life.'

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski (ZBIG'-nyef breh-ZHIN'-skee) is 84. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 71. Movie director Mike Newell is 70. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 69. Actor Ken Howard is 68. Actress Dianne Wiest (weest) is 64. Country singer Reba McEntire is 57. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 54.

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I NEED TO KNOW IF MY

CLIENT IS TELLING THE TRUTH

I'VE GOT

JUST THE



BEAR

YOU'LL HAVE TO

ADMINISTER

THIS SUPPOSITORY

TO HIM J











#### THE OTHER COAST



#### **SNUFFY SMITH**









I CAN'T STAND





THAT WON'T <sup>Y</sup>

#### **Newsday Crossword**

63 One of the

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65 Circle dance

66 Underworld

64 Slow as

river

**DOWN** 

1 Graceful bird

3 Kind of lens

Vogue

7 Rolling in

dough

6 Online

4 Competitor of

5 Chewy candy

appointment

8 Remote button

9 Gift-getter's

question

2 Corn Belt state

Three Bears

#### **ACROSS**

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- 14 Intense dislike
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