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## Mayor proposes radical change to EDC

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

In a surprise move pushed forward by Mayor Tommy Duncan, the Big Spring City Council is set to consider a radical reorganization and repurposing of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation that could see the

dismissal of the agency's board of directors. The council is set to consider first reading of an ordinance calling for a special election to be held during the Nov. 6 general election for Big Spring voters to consider abolishing the current one-half cent sales tax currently devoted to Type A economic

development and replace the tax at the same amount with a Type B Tax under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code. The sales tax was adopted by Big Spring voters May 5, 1990, and designated solely for use on Type A projects, which include:

- Manufacturing and indus-

trial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, and small warehouse facilities. Research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, primary job training facilities operated by higher

**What:** Big Spring City Council meeting.  
**Where:** Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Smoke from a fire that began northeast of Big Spring fills the horizon. Howard County volunteer firefighters extinguished the blaze Sunday.

## 300 acres lost in fire

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A wildfire swept through northeast Big Spring on Sunday afternoon, and while the blaze managed to scorch between 300 and 400 acres of scrubland and came dangerously close to a number of homes, no structures were lost, according to local firefighting officials.

Firefighters with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by the Big Spring Fire Department, Howard County and the City of Big Spring responded to the fire shortly after noon Sunday at an area northeast of the intersection of FM 700 and Interstate Highway 20.

According to Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, portions of FM 700, Oasis Road, S. Anderson Road and other nearby roadways had to be shut down during the day because of the fire.

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## Glider pilots give back to Big Spring

*2012 championships kick off with dinner, donations*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Staff Writer

The 2012 National Hang gliding competition got started Saturday evening with a pilot's welcoming dinner at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The competition, which is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, brings 45 pilots to Big Spring this time around. David Glover, event coordinator, is responsible for bringing the competition to the community. This year, within those 45 pilots there were four countries represented, Mexico, Brazil, Australia and United States.

"We live in the most loving, giving, friendly community and every year at this time you guys (hang gliding pilots) make it better," Mayor Tommy Duncan said as part of his welcoming speech.

Glover said, "We have been here in Big Spring 11 years. We were lured here with the great atmosphere for flying, but it's the people and the fa-



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The Cloudbase Foundation made check presentations to different organizations throughout the community at the hang glider pilot welcoming dinner Saturday evening. Each donation was in the sum of \$2,000 and will be used to benefit the youth in the community. Ricker Goldsborough, Cloudbase Foundation treasurer, right, is shown making donations to representatives of Big Spring ISD, Child Welfare Board and Howard Cottage.

ilities that keep us coming back." Several presentations were made during the dinner. One of those presentations includ-

ed one from Lisa Brooks on behalf of Congressman Randy Neugebauer presented Glover with a flag that flew over the United States capital.

Another important presentation was from the Cloudbase Foundation. The founda-

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## Police/Fire/EMS

Because of computer problems, there was no activity report from the Big Spring Police Department.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 p.m. today (Note: The Howard County Jail reported 72 prisoners):

- JOREGE LUIS GOMEZ JR., 21, was jailed on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ANGIE KATHERINE MOORE, 41, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALLEN DAVID GILBERT, 37, was jailed on a charge by check of property over \$0 but less than \$500.
- MELITON GARZA JR., 41, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated/third or more offense and on a charge of theft of property over \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- VIRGINIA DAVILA CORDOVA, 31, was jailed on charges of no driver's license, speeding and violating promise to appear.
- PAUL GUERRERO RODRIGUEZ, 40, was jailed on a bond forfeiture warrant for possession of marijuana/less than two ounces, a motion to revoke probation warrant for possession of marijuana/less than two ounces and a charge of possession of marijuana/less than two ounces.
- ROBERT GARDNER LYNCH JR., 51, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- GILBERT JIMINEZ, 17, was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana/less than two ounces.
- KYLER MCEWELL-READ ALLEN, 18, was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana/less than two ounces.
- EDWARD MYERS JR., 67, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for failure to maintain financial responsibility, capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying expired registration and two warrants for failure to appear.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 27, was jailed on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- CHRISTOPHER SHANE ROSS, 28, was jailed on capias warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to signal turn, and for violation of promise to appear.
- MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON, 30, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- SCOTT RANDALL WHITLOW, 34, was jailed on a charge of theft under \$50.
- CRUZ NICHOLAS GUTIERREZ, 22, was jailed on charges of criminal trespass and accident involving damage to vehicle equal to or more than \$200.
- ROBERT CHARLES JOHNSON, 50, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRIAN QUIRINO, 27, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- SIMON JACOB ARENIVAZ, 21, was jailed on a charge of failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance.
- JASON RANDALL PORTER, 24, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY OLIVARES, 26, was jailed on a charge of criminal trespass.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of W. Fourth.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of S. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 12<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. There was no transfer.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported on S. Anderson Road.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## Support Groups

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

tact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

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

### WEDNESDAY






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

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Con-

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

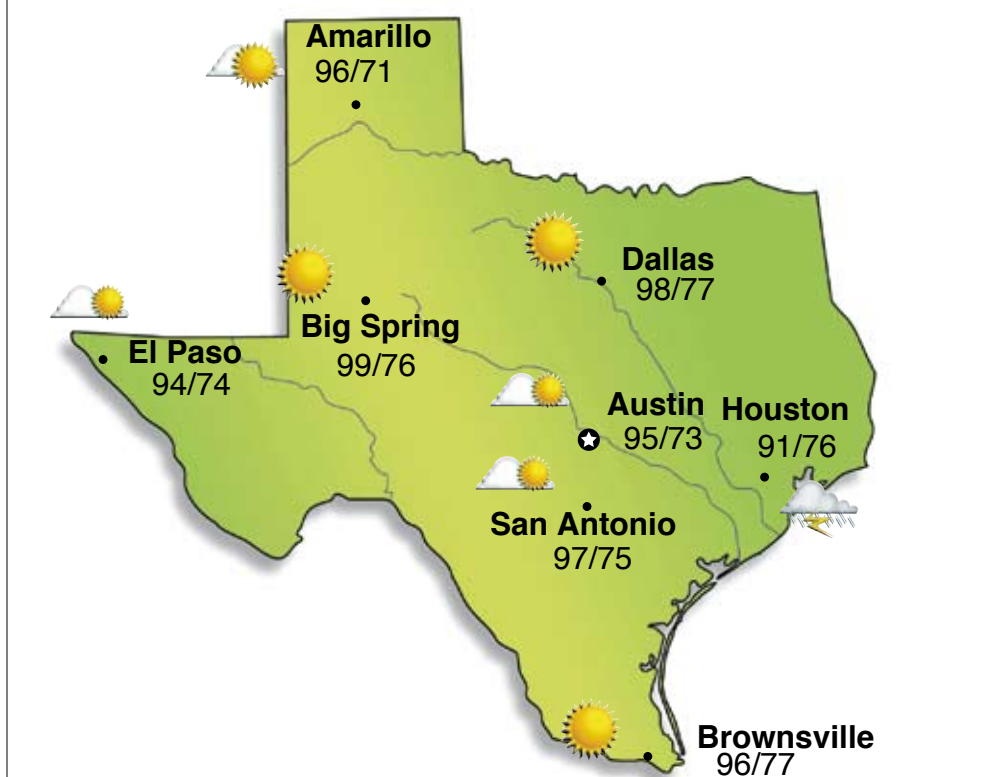
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 7/25	Thu 7/26	Fri 7/27	Sat 7/28	Sun 7/29
 <b>99/76</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>101/77</b> Plenty of sun. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.	 <b>95/75</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>99/75</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 <b>100/75</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
<b>Sunrise</b> 6:56 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:49 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 6:57 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:48 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 6:57 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:47 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 6:58 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:47 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 6:59 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:46 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	75	sunny	El Paso	94	74	pt sunny	Midland	98	76	sunny
Amarillo	96	71	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	97	73	sunny	Raymondville	99	76	sunny
Austin	95	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	98	76	sunny	Rosenberg	91	75	t-storm
Beaumont	91	75	t-storm	Greenville	97	74	sunny	San Antonio	97	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	96	77	sunny	Houston	91	76	t-storm	San Marcos	95	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	98	73	sunny	Kingsville	98	76	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	77	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	79	mst sunny	Livingston	93	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	98	74	sunny
Corsicana	96	74	sunny	Longview	95	75	sunny	Tyler	95	75	sunny
Dallas	98	77	sunny	Lubbock	96	72	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	75	sunny
Del Rio	100	79	sunny	Lufkin	94	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	101	77	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	95	75	pt sunny	Houston	91	76	t-storm	Phoenix	102	84	pt sunny
Boston	81	62	sunny	Los Angeles	75	61	sunny	San Francisco	62	53	pt sunny
Chicago	93	78	t-storm	Miami	90	78	pt sunny	Seattle	72	56	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	sunny	Minneapolis	86	72	t-storm	St. Louis	103	84	sunny
Denver	87	61	t-storm	New York	91	70	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	75	sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 7/25	Thu 7/26	Fri 7/27	Sat 7/28	Sun 7/29
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## Take Note

- Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.
- Christ Fellowship Church, 1008 Birdwell, will be the site of a menudo and burrito sale from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday. Call Michelle at 270-2202 for more information.
- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be

dropped of at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allans Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. Call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723 for more information.

- Nichols Road is closed for repairs through Tuesday, according to the Howard County Road and Bridge Department.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

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# Officials: Suspect bought arsenal on internet

DENVER (AP) — In a world where Amazon can track your next book purchase and you must register to buy allergy medicine, James Holmes spent months stockpiling thousands of bullets and head-to-toe ballistic gear without raising any red flags with authorities.

The suspect in the mass theater shooting availed himself of an unregulated online marketplace that allows consumers to acquire some of the tools of modern warfare as if they were pieces of a new wardrobe. The Internet is awash in sites ranging from BulkAmmo.com, which this weekend listed a sale on a thousand rifle rounds for \$335, to eBay, where bidding on one armored special forces helmet has risen to \$799.

er cultures," said Dudley Brown, executive director of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, which advocates for firearms owners' rights. "We do allow Americans to possess the accoutrements that our military generally has."

Gun rights activists like Brown celebrate that freedom, but even some involved in the trade are troubled by how easily Holmes stocked up for his alleged rampage.

Chad Weinman runs TacticalGear.com, which caters to police officers looking to augment their equipment, members of the military who don't want to wait on permission from the bureaucracy for new combat gear, and hobbyists like survivalists and paintballers. The site receives "thousands" of orders daily, sometimes from entire

platoons that are about to deploy to war zones.

On July 2, Holmes placed a \$306 order with the site for a combat vest, magazine holders and a knife, paying extra for expedited two-day shipping to his Aurora apartment. The order, Weinman said, didn't stand out.

"There's a whole range of consumers who have an appetite for these products, and 99.9 percent of them are law-abiding citizens," Weinman said. But he said that "it makes me sick" that Holmes bought material from him. He added that he doesn't sell guns or ammunition and that he was "shocked" at the amount of bullets that Holmes allegedly bought online.

Authorities say all of Holmes' purchases were legal -- and there is no official sys-

tem to track whether people are stockpiling vast amounts of firepower.

There is no restriction on the sale of bullets in the United States, except for armor-piercing rounds, which can only be bought by law enforcement, said Ginger Colbrun, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Hence the proliferation of websites offering Amazon.com-style wish-lists for hollow-point rifle rounds or tracer bullets.

There is a federal law that bars selling body armor to violent felons -- which Holmes was not -- but it is rarely used because there are no requirement to check whether purchasers of the material have criminal records, according to Dan Gross, presi-

dent of the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence.

Over four months, authorities said, Holmes received more than 50 packages at his Aurora apartment and the University of Colorado medical school, where he was studying neuroscience.

As the boxes piled up, he began to shop for guns at sporting goods stores -- because of the need to pass a background check to buy a firearm, they are still generally bought at brick-and-mortar locations.

On May 22, law enforcement officials said Holmes bought a Glock pistol. Less than a week later, he upgraded to a shotgun. The following week he bought an AR-15 rifle, versions of which had been outlawed under the assault weapon ban in 1994. But that prohibition expired in 2004.

## FIRE

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"Firefighters responded to the fire just after noon and had it more than 90 percent contained by midnight," Sullivan said. "The weather really played havoc with firefighting efforts throughout the day. There were microbursts and high winds pushing the fire in all sorts of direc-

tions, so we had to shut down several different roadways in that area throughout Sunday to protect motorists from becoming stranded."

Sullivan said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

"We had several downed power lines in the area, plus, there is the railroad nearby," Sullivan said. "Also, there are a number of quadrunner four wheelers that have been seen

in that area and if they are operating without spark arresters, they can blow large chunks of hot carbon out. We're going to have to look closely at the fire's timeline before we're going to be able to determine the cause of the fire."

Sullivan said no structures were lost as a result of the fire, however, there were plenty of homes in danger as a result of the blaze.

"There are plenty of

homes and structures along that stretch of FM 700. The closest the fire got to a structure was 50 yards," Sullivan said. "That was near a home on Marlyn Drive, off of Neil Road. There were plenty of homes that were in a high exposure situation, however, the firefighters performed very well. We have a super crew and they did their job. A lot of homes could have been lost, but they did an excellent job

Sunday."

Sullivan said no injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Heavy equipment -- mostly maintainers and bull dozers -- were provided by the city of Big Spring and Howard County.

Sullivan said Sunday's fire should serve as a reminder to local residents that while the Crossroads area has received a substantial amount of rain in the past month,

wildfire risks are still very much a concern.

"Things have gotten a bit better and gotten a bit greener, but the need for us to be aware of our surroundings and to be careful is just as vital now as it has ever been," Sullivan said. "Citizen vigilance is vital in keeping the number of wildfires down."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

## PILOTS

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tion was organized as a way of raising funds during each of the competitions throughout the year. The foundation has adopted a new goal to have sustainability. The trend has been to help a child and then walk away, but the

group now wants to focus on providing continued support.

Each entity received a \$2,000 donation to help support the youth of the Big Spring and Howard County community. Upon receipt, each of the representatives on hand gave a brief description for the use of funds. Howard Cottage will use the monies for a scholarship fund to

be used in support of single mothers who need assistance with childcare. Child Welfare Board will use funds to purchase needed items, including clothing, school supplies and other necessities as they arise, according to Irene Rodriguez. Big Spring ISD plans to purchase books for the school libraries.

"You may not realize the dif-

ference you are making, but I hope you can take a moment to reflect on the difference you are making," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "You never know what book a boy or girl may pick up that sparks their interest and makes them go on to be a doctor or lawyer."

The hang gliding competition will be in Big Spring until

Friday. For those wanting to watch the pilots take off there will be a designated area at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. Take off is expected to take place around noon each day with return flights to be determined each day depending on weather conditions.

To find out more information, contact the airpark at 264-2362.

## EDC

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education institutions, job training classes, telephone call centers and career centers not located within a junior college taxing district.

- Certain infrastructure improvements that promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises.

- Aviation facilities.

- Commuter rail, light rail or commuter bus operations.

- Port-related facilities, railports, rail switching facilities, marine ports and inland ports.

- Maintenance and operating costs associated with projects.

According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, with voter approval, Type A EDCs may fund projects eligible under Type B without voting to abolish the Type A tax and impose the Type B tax. In this situation, a Type A EDC must publish notice of its intent to fund a Type B project, hold at least

one public hearing and conduct a special election.

According to the comptroller's office, the Type B sales tax may be used for any project eligible under Type A rules and several other project types, including quality of life improvements. Type B corporations may pay for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements for:

- Professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks.

- Related store, restaurant, concession, parking and transportation facilities.

- Related street, water and sewer facilities and affordable housing.

To promote and develop new and expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, a Type B EDC may fund public safety facilities, recycling facilities, streets, roads, drainage and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, general municipally owned improvements

and maintenance and operating costs associated with projects.

Type B EDCs also may seek voter approval to spend Type B sales tax funds for a water supply, water conservation program or to clean up contaminated property.

Also on Tuesday's meeting agenda, the council is set to discuss and consider taking action on removing and replacing board members currently seated on the Big Spring EDC. The board is currently comprised of President Justin Myers, Vice President Dr. Keith Ledford, Secretary/Treasurer Rodney Bomar, Scott MacKenzie and Jim Depauw.

This move comes on the heels of a voter approved Type B project approved in May to fund a multi-million overhaul of the municipality's water and wastewater facilities.

As part of the agreement between the council and the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors, the EDC will provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax

revenue -- with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years -- with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder of the tab.

The agreement between the council and the EDC board was reached after several weeks of hot debate in which numerous local officials and residents opposed the use of EDC funds for the project, claiming cutting the agency's budget nearly in half for the next two decades will cripple economic growth in the Crossroads area.

In hopes of quelling the fear the municipality would use the EDC as a cash cow for future Type B projects, the council also added a provision to their May agreement to prevent what many residents considered a fleecing of the corporation.

"We also added a provision to delay any concerns the city council was going to keep

coming back to the well and pushing the EDC in this direction," City Attorney Linda Sjogren said after the agreement was reached between the city and the EDC. "In the future, if the city council proposes a Type B project and it is approved by the voters, the amount of the (new) project would reduce this project. This was just to show the spirit of the agreement."

At this time it's unclear how the provision or it's intent to show the council's "spirit of the agreement" will come into play during Duncan's push to reorganize the EDC.

Tuesday's meeting is

expected to get underway at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401. The meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

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## News in brief

### Colo. massacre suspect heads to 1st court date; so far refuses to talk about attack

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — As the suspected gunman in the Colorado theater massacre heads to his first court appearance, authorities have disclosed that he is refusing to cooperate and that it could take months to learn what prompted the horrific attack on midnight moviegoers at a Batman film premiere.

James Holmes has been held in solitary confinement at an Arapahoe County detention facility but will be moved Monday to a next-door courtroom for a 9:30 a.m. MDT hearing, where the charges against him of suspicion of first degree murder will be read.

Holmes has been assigned a public defender and Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates said that the 24-year-old former doctoral student has "lawyered up" since his arrest early Friday, following the shooting at an Aurora theater that left 12 dead and 58 wounded, some critically.

"He's not talking to us," the chief said.

Holmes has been held without bond at the lockup in Centennial, Colo., about 13 miles from the Aurora theater. He will be advised of the charges against him, and he could also face additional counts of aggravated assault and weapons violations.

### Obama, Romney resume campaigning

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The acrimonious presidential campaign eases back into action Monday after a weekend pause for the nation to absorb the shock of a horrific mass shooting at a Colorado movie theater.

The massacre stalled a race for the White House that has become increasingly heated in recent weeks. President Barack Obama, Republican rival Mitt Romney and their advisers are now weighing how soon after the shootings to resume their attacks or whether to temper the tenor of the campaign.

"There's not a playbook for this," said Jen Psaki,

Obama's campaign spokeswoman. "Just like everybody, we're taking this day by day."

Both campaigns were keeping their largely negative television advertisements off the air in Colorado, a key battleground state in the November election. The Obama campaign said it would not advertise in Colorado for the rest of the week; Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul said the Republican's ads in the state would be down at least through Monday.

The campaigns pulled the ads Friday, part of a widespread dialing back of election year politicking after shootings that left 12 dead and dozens more injured. The candidates and their surrogates also canceled campaign events and media interviews for much of the weekend.

### Officials: Onslaught of shootings, bombings across Iraq kill 93

BAGHDAD (AP) — An onslaught of bombings and shootings killed 93 people across Iraq on Monday, officials said, in the nation's deadliest day so far this year.

The attacks come days after the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq declared a new offensive and warned in a statement that the militant group is reorganizing in areas from which it retreated before U.S. troops left the country last December.

Al-Qaida has been seeking to re-assert its might in the security vacuum left by the departing Americans, seizing on Baghdad's fragmented government and the surge of Sunni rebels in neighboring Syria to sow instability across Iraq.

U.S. and Iraqi officials insist that the terror network's Iraqi wing, known as the Islamic State of Iraq, is nowhere as strong as it was when the nation threatened to fall into civil war between 2006 and 2008, and the Iraqi government is better established.

Still, the huge death toll Monday and an almost-daily drumbeat of killings last month show al-Qaida remains fully capable of creating chaos in the foreseeable future.

### After 3-year delay, jury selection to start in Drew Peterson's trial

CHICAGO (AP) — Jury selection is to begin Monday in Drew Peterson's long-delayed murder trial, where prosecutors want the former suburban Chicago police officer's wives — one he's charged with slaying and another who has disappeared — to effectively testify from their graves through friends and relatives about his threatening to kill them.

Those picked for the jury are likely to hear witnesses describe statements that Peterson's third wife, Kathleen Savio, and his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, allegedly made. Such hearsay is usually barred. However, an appellate court ruled jurors can hear them.

Peterson, 58, is charged with killing Savio in 2004. Her body was found in a dry bathtub in her home, her hair soaked with blood. The ex-Bolingbrook police sergeant is also a suspect in the 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson.

A judge will vet would-be jurors starting Monday. A 200-person jury has been waiting three years for a trial to get under way. It was put off because of appellate court battles over the Savio and Stacy Peterson statements.

"I've never heard of anything comparable to this — a jury pool waiting around for so long knowing what case they're going to be in and the reliance on hearsay," said Gal Pissetzky, a Chicago defense lawyer with no link to the case. "It's all very unusual."

### Should all kids get cholesterol tests? Doctors can't agree on widespread screening guidelines

CHICAGO (AP) — Should all U.S. children get tested for high cholesterol? Doctors are still debating that question months after a government-appointed panel recommended widespread screening that would lead to prescribing medicine for some kids.

Fresh criticism was published online Monday in Pediatrics by researchers at one university who say the guidelines are too aggressive and were influenced by panel members' financial ties to drug-makers.

Eight of the 14 guidelines panel members reported industry ties and disclosed that when their advice was published in December. They contend in a rebuttal article in Pediatrics that company payments covered costs of evaluating whether the drugs are safe and effective but did not influence the recommendations.

It also is not uncommon for experts in their fields to have received some consulting fees from drug companies.

Even so, the ties pose a conflict of interest that "undermines the credibility of both the guidelines and the process through which they were produced," says the commentary by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco. The authors are Dr. Thomas Newman, a researcher and former member of a Food and Drug Administration pediatrics advisory committee, and two heart disease researchers, Drs. Mark Pletcher and Stephen Hulley.

### Reports of blue, orange and other odd-colored lobsters on the rise as crustacean harvest grows

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — When a 100-pound shipment of lobsters arrived at Bill Sarro's seafood shop and restaurant last month, it contained a surprise — six orange crustaceans that have been said to be a 1-in-10-million oddity.

"My butcher was unloading them and said, 'Oh, my gosh, boss, they sent us cooked dead lobsters,'" said Sarro, owner of Fresh Catch Seafood in Mansfield, Mass. "He then picked one up and it crawled up his arm."

Reports of odd-colored lobsters used to be rare in the lobster fishing grounds of New England and Atlantic Canada. Normal lobsters are a mottled greenish-brown.

But in recent years, accounts of bright blue, orange, yellow, calico, white and even split lobsters — one color on one side, another on the other — have jumped. It's now common to hear several stories a month of a lobsterman bringing one of the quirky crustaceans to shore.


It's anybody's guess why more oddities are popping up in lobster traps, said Michael Tlusty, research director at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

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♥ 10  
♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 2  
♣ 10 5

**WEST**  
♠ 7 6 3  
♥ K Q 6 2  
♦ Q 9  
♣ A J 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ 4  
♥ J 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ K J 5  
♣ 9 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 8 5  
♥ A 7  
♦ A  
♣ K Q 7 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 2♣ Pass  
2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3♣ Pass  
5♠ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred many years ago in a board-a-match team contest in Maryland. The North-South pair in the auction shown were Simon Becker and B. Jay Becker, this writer's uncle and father, respectively, both of whom passed away in the late 1980s.

The brothers Becker reached a shaky spade slam and were very fortunate to receive the opening lead of the ace of clubs, after which 12 tricks could not be denied. Had West led a trump, or had he led another suit and then shifted to a trump upon winning the ace of clubs, the slam could not have been made. The score came to 1,430 points (500 for game, 750 for slam and 180 for tricks).

Both Beckers thought they had won the board easily. They expected that even if the opposing North-South pair got to the slam, it would be defeated. But there was no way they could have anticipated the actual goings-on at the other table.

There, the Beckers' teammates competed vigorously in hearts against North-South's spade bids. When South eventually bid four spades, West, for some unknown reason, decided to double, and South redoubled.

West led the king of hearts and subsequently switched to a trump after taking the king of clubs with the ace. This held declarer to 11 tricks. After such a debacle, the Beckers' teammates naturally assumed the board had been irretrievably lost.

The declarer at this table scored 480 points for his tricks, 50 for making the redoubled contract, 400 for the redoubled overtrick and 500 for game. This came to 1,430 points, so the two teams wound up tying the board!

Tomorrow: No way out.  
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## 11 dead after truck crashes in S. Texas

GOLIAD, Texas (AP)

— At least 11 people died Sunday and another 12 were injured after a pickup truck loaded with passengers left the highway and crashed into trees in rural South Texas, authorities said.

State troopers and Goliad County sheriff's investigators were investigating what prompted the single-vehicle crash and did not immediately know the names and ages of the victims. Gerald Bryant, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, told The Associated Press they were various ages and that he personally saw two young children among the dead at the scene.

**The white 2000 Ford F-250 pickup was heading north on U.S. 59 on Sunday evening when it traveled off the right side of the highway near the unincorporated community of Berclair in Goliad County and struck two large trees, Bryant said. The 23 people were loaded inside both the truck's cab and bed.**

"This is the most people I've seen in any passenger vehicle, and I've been an officer for 38 years," Bryant said, referring to the chaotic scene.

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side of the highway near the unincorporated community of Berclair in Goliad County and struck two large trees, Bryant said. The 23 people were loaded inside both the truck's cab and bed.

Six of those who died were still inside the truck when emergency

crews arrived to find the mangled vehicle, Bryant said.

He said several of the surviving victims had life-threatening injuries.

He did not have their official conditions but described them as "very serious." The injured were taken to various hospitals in San Antonio, Victoria and Corpus Christi. Berclair is about 100 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Border Patrol will assist with the investigation.

"It's unknown whether or not (the victims) were illegal, but it's possible," Bryant told the AP.

Crash investigators stayed at the scene into the late hours Sunday to assess the crash, which halted traffic on U.S. 59.

"It's been very chaotic here, and it's very traumatic," Bryant told the San Antonio-Express News earlier from the scene. "It's only first responders out here, and it's very solemn."

A Goliad County sheriff's dispatcher deferred comment to a department spokesperson, who did not immediately return a message left by the AP.

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AP photo

Texas slugger Josh Hamilton records the final out in the Rangers' 7-4 loss to Anaheim on Sunday as Angels catcher Bobby Wilson begins to celebrate. The Rangers wrapped up a road trip out west with a 4-4 record.

## Rangers go 4-4 on road, drop final game to Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Matt Harrison has allowed just four home runs over his last 13 starts, and three of them have been by the Los Angeles Angels. Bobby Wilson hit his first of the season leading off the seventh inning against Harrison on Sunday night, sending the Texas Rangers' left-hander to the showers in a 7-4 loss.

"The biggest mistake was that fastball to Wilson in the seventh," Harrison said. "I dropped my guard on him and tried to throw a strike in there on 2-0."

Harrison (12-5) gave up four runs and eight hits in six-plus innings after going the distance in his previous two out-

ings, including a five-hit shutout last Sunday at Seattle. He was attempting to tie fellow All-Stars R.A. Dickey and David Price for the major league lead in victories and become the first Rangers pitcher with three consecutive complete games since Kenny Rogers in May 1994.

"There were a lot of pressure at-bats, with guys on base pretty much every inning," Harrison said. "I had to battle the whole game. They were swinging the bats tonight, and I was just trying to minimize the damage as much as possible and keep the game close."

Rookie sensation See **RANGERS**, Page 10

## Broncos visit Colo. shooting victims

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — A half dozen Denver Broncos visited with survivors of the Colorado theater shooting on Sunday to try to lift their spirits.

The group visited with five patients at the Medical Center of Aurora and also met with the emergency room staff that provided the initial treatment Friday morning for many of the shooting victims of the massacre at a suburban Denver movie theater that left 12 dead, 58 injured and a nation in sorrow.

"What we were trying to do was go in there, show support and try to put a smile on these people's faces. But the thing is, they put a smile on our faces," linebacker Joe Mays said.

"They had such positive attitudes. They knew they were blessed

to live and they knew they were going to have another chance to walk about with their families."

Mays was joined by linemen Ryan Clady, Chris Kuper and Ben Garland, receiver Eric Decker, tight end Jacob Tamme and former teammate Brian Dawkins, who retired earlier this year.

The players gave up their last Sunday before training camp to lend a measure of comfort to the community.

"We felt this was the least we could do to help them get through this tragic event," Mays said. "We came out of there with just a different mindset on life as well. They were still able to smile and laugh and have people in their corner and by their side."

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## Astros stagger home after 1-9 road trip

PHOENIX (AP) — The Houston Astros' season went from very bad to even worse on an awful road trip to the West.

Houston dropped its sixth straight and wrapped up a 1-9 trip with an 8-2 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday. Arizona outscored the Astros 33-13 in the three-game sweep.

"We are glad we are going home," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "It seems like it has been forever since we have been home."

The Astros have dropped 19 of 21 as they prepare to open a three-game series against Cincinnati.

Things looked all right for Houston for a time in the Arizona series finale, with Jordan Lyles cruising until the sixth inning. Then the Diamondbacks erupted for a season-high seven

runs. "He was throwing the ball so well," Mills said.

The inning turned on Miguel Montero's ground ball up the middle with the bases loaded.

Shortstop Marwin Gonzalez chased it down. He flipped the ball to second baseman Jose Altuve, who tried to catch it with his bare hand but dropped it. Two runs scored on Gonzalez's error and Arizona led 3-2.

"He threw the ball to my side," Altuve said. "At that moment, I thought that I couldn't get it with my glove so I tried to bare-hand it. I was just trying to catch it. I thought that was the only chance I had."

Jason Kubel homered for the sixth time in five games and Chris Young added a three-run shot for Arizona.

Kubel, coming off a three-hom-

er game Saturday night, led off the second inning with his 21st of the season. Young's homer highlighted the Diamondbacks' big seventh.

Arizona, in the midst of a 10-game homestand, pulled within a game of .500 (47-48).

"We want to continue to roll on this," manager Kirk Gibson said. "We know when we come off this homestand it's very important that we get over .500. We head on the road for virtually all of August."

Justin Maxwell homered for Houston as the Astros lost their sixth straight and 19th in 21 games. Houston was swept for the eighth time this season.

Josh Collmenter (2-2), back in the rotation after touted prospect Trevor Bauer was sent back

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## NCAA levies heavy sanctions against PSU in wake of scandal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA slammed Penn State for the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal Monday with an unprecedented series of penalties, including a \$60 million fine and the loss of all the school's victories from 1998-2011, knocking Joe Paterno from his spot as major college football's winningest coach.

Other sanctions include a four-year ban on postseason games that will prevent Penn State from playing for the Big Ten title, the loss of 20 scholarships per year over four years and five years' probation. The NCAA also said that any current or incoming football players are free to immediately transfer and compete

at another school.

NCAA President Mark Emmert announced the staggering sanctions at a news conference in Indianapolis. Though the NCAA stopped short of imposing the "death penalty" — shutting down the Nittany Lions' program completely. But the punishment is so severe, it's more like a slow-death penalty.

Sandusky, a former Penn State defensive coordinator, was found guilty in June of sexually abusing young boys, sometimes on campus. An investigation commissioned by the school and released July 12 found that Paterno, who died in January, and several other top officials at Penn State stayed quiet for

years about accusations against Sandusky.

Emmert fast-tracked penalties rather than go through the usual circuitous series of investigations and hearings. The NCAA said the \$60 million is equivalent to the annual gross revenue of the football program. The money must be paid into an endowment for external programs preventing child sexual abuse or assisting victims and may not be used to fund such programs at Penn State.

"Football will never again be placed ahead of educating, nurturing and protecting young people," Emmert said.

See **SANCTIONS**, Page 10

## London Olympic mascots draw mixed reactions from public

LONDON (AP) — Sinister. Disturbing. Creepy. Frightening.

The official mascots of London's Olympic and Paralympic Games — Wenlock and Mandeville — have been called all of those things, but organizers are hoping to tack on a more positive title: merchandising magic.

The futuristic-looking pair have popped up all over London, casting their one-eyed gaze at tourists and locals alike from posters, statues and a slew of Olympic merchandise ranging from key chains to cutlery.

Bloggers and other commentators, however, have been skewering the duo for scaring children and projecting a creepy surveillance-state image of the Olympic games.

Wenlock — named after an English town in Shropshire that helped inspire the modern Olympic games — and Mandeville, whose name pays tribute to the hospital considered the birthplace of the Paralympic Games — look more like surveillance robots than humans or animals.

In a place of a face, each have one large, staring eye — a camera, according to Olympic organizers, to let them "record everything."

They have legs, but no feet; arms bearing "friendship bands" in the colors of the Olympic rings, but no fingers. Both of their heads have "taxi light" in the middle, a tribute to London's famous black cabs.

Wenlock's head is round, while Mandeville has ridges atop his noggin. They peer out of official London Olympics snow globes, adorn backpacks and

See **MASCOTS**, Page 10

## U.S. men hold off Argentina in Olympic exhibition

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Dressed like the Dream Team, tested like its predecessor never was.

The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team held on for an 86-80 exhibition victory over Argentina on Sunday, insisting it didn't expect an easy game and not believing there's benefit to one, anyway.

"I love it. You hate to breeze through exhibition games and then you get into London, and then you start getting competitive," U.S. forward LeBron James

said. "So we have a very good team. It doesn't matter about how many points you win by, you just want to play well and get better that night, and I feel like we got better tonight."

Kevin Durant scored 27 points for the Americans, who wore the throwback uniforms of the 1992 Dream Team for their return to Barcelona.

They looked like the Hall of Fame squad during a superb opening 10 minutes, but their lead was down to four with 2:50 left after Manu

Ginobili's three-point play.

Durant and Chris Paul then hit big 3-pointers as the Americans won after being pushed for the second time in their four exhibition games. Kobe Bryant added 18 points and James had 15 for the U.S., which beat Brazil 80-69 in a similarly rugged game last week in Washington.

"It's tough. Argentina's a very good team, very tough-minded," Bryant said. "They continue to play hard and for us it was a big chal-

lenge to try to put the game away, we could just never do it."

Ginobili scored 23 points, Carlos Delfino had 15 and Luis Scola 14 for Argentina.

Back in Barcelona, where the Dream Team won gold 20 years earlier in historic and overwhelmingly easy fashion, the U.S. players wore that team's throwback uniforms. The white uniforms with red and blue along the side and USA in the

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The Virgo moon has been accused of being overly critical, but she argues tonight that her criticism is precisely what keeps standards high and people striving to uphold them. As long as we are careful to be constructive with one another, quite a lot can be achieved where the structure of the Virgo moon meets the passion of the Leo sun.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Someone feels good about you and perhaps even better about how you make them feel. It's no surprise that this person wants to be around you more often.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your story follows you wherever you go today. Whether you choose to highlight a tale of woe, a romantic comedy or an adventure will determine the reaction you get from others.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's like you've landed on another planet, as you seem to have little in common with your surroundings or with the other beings who share them. Relate as best you can. There's something to be gained from this alien culture.

## "Classic" Ann Landers®

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** I would like to respond to the letter from "Ticked Off in Texas." His mother-in-law, "Edna," used her granddaughter's name to get phone service, and then "Tiffany," the granddaughter, wound up \$500 in debt. She filed

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**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There's something so flattering in your willingness to reach out and make the first move. Your friendliness will reduce someone's fear of rejection. You bring people together.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The one who helps you isn't waiting for acknowledgement; however, if that help goes on for a while without so much as a nod, it won't continue for long. The bigger your response the better.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be getting rid of a need and reducing it to a want or a mere preference. The magic happens when you add an interest to your life to help satisfy the cravings of your soul.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). charges against Grandma for fraud. You said, "Relatives don't do that to one another."  
Ann, Tiffany HAD to file fraud charges to get the negative credit removed from her report. Paying it off without disputing the charges would still cause credit problems for the girl.  
I negotiate home loans for one of the nation's largest lenders. Here's what would have happened had Tiffany not filed the fraud report: It would be virtually impossible for her to get a car loan at normal interest rates.  
She would forever have to put down a large deposit to get utilities. She would have difficulty qualifying for student loans and

As in landing a job or a relationship, the "interview" is crucial. There's an important conversation on the horizon. The work you do now to consider and highlight your strengths will be of great value.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are diligent, smart and hardworking. These qualities will help you finish a job before the day is done. Be sure to let others know, subtly if possible, of the accomplishment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way you view the general public will have an impact on today's experience. Try to adopt a positive viewpoint. If you think people are not to be trusted, they will prove you right.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been too hard on yourself in some regard. A gentle approach will reduce and perhaps even erase the hurt and tension. If you can simply settle down, there's much to be gained.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your sharp wit will be

highlighted. You'll notice what's going on and comment with such acuity that people can't help but laugh. Your ability to live in the moment makes you ultra-attractive.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). One way to protect yourself is to back up your work. A backup ensures that if things go wrong, you can recover what was lost. You owe yourself this kind of security.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 23). Your imaginative powers put you in the spotlight. Ebullient attitudes rule August. Personal and professional endeavors ignite your passion. You'll make tough demands of yourself in September, and as long as they are in line with what you enjoy, you'll be successful. Family news is wonderful in December. Pisces and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 24, 27 and 18.

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certainly would have trouble getting her first home.

Early credit problems for young people can forever change the way their credit is treated. Where I work, there is a flag put on credit reports for Social Security numbers issued in the last 18 years — and thus belonging to minors. If the phone company had had this information, they would not have extended credit to 16-year-old Tiffany.

While I'm at it, let me take this opportunity to get across some important credit information to your readers: If you are moving to another state and plan to buy a home, keep close at hand your tax returns, bank statements and recent paycheck stubs. You will need these to qualify for the mortgage on a new home.

If you are getting a divorce and dividing the debts, be certain you list the company name and account number for each credit card debt in the property settlement. Don't let your attorney write, "He gets this bill, and she gets the other." Ten years later, it's difficult to determine who was supposed to pay what bills when new accounts and new spouses are added to the mix. — Diana in Palm Harbor, Fla.

**Dear Diana:** Thanks for giving my readers a lot of valuable legal advice for free. Keep reading for more about Edna and Tiffany.  
From California: Your advice to "Ticked Off in Texas" was way off. My

wife's elderly aunt was ripped off for more than \$150,000 by her nephew. The money came from the sale of her home and was her retirement nest egg. She sued him to get it back. Would you have denied her that money just because he was a relative? Grandma is a crook and deserved to be nailed.

**Roanoke, Va.:** Filing charges is the only way to clear Tiffany's name. I have seen families try to put accounts in the names of children who were 4 or 5 years old. "Ticked Off" might want to write other utility companies and get a copy of Tiffany's credit report to make sure Granny hasn't surprised her again. In fact, everyone should get a copy of his or her credit report once a year. Also, Ann, your Pollyanna notion that relatives shouldn't sue each other is naive. When the relative is a crook, that person should be treated like any other crook.

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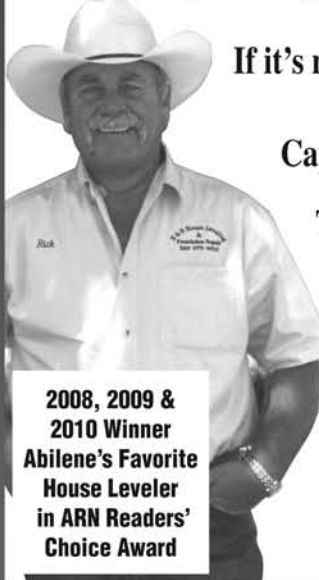
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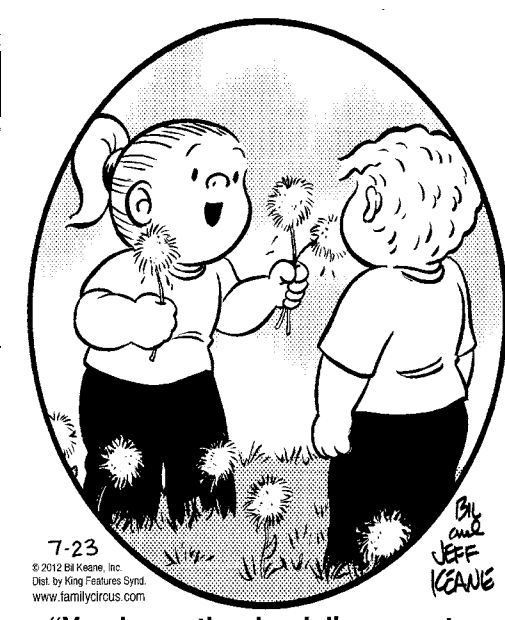
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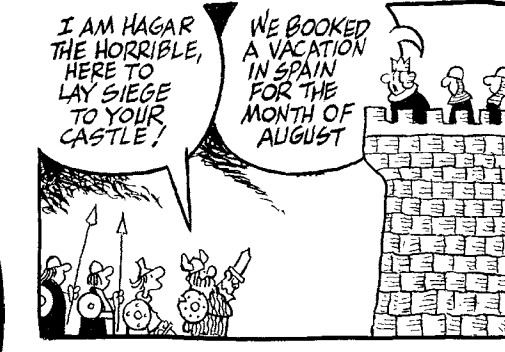
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You know the dandelions are too old when they grow gray hair."

## HAGAR



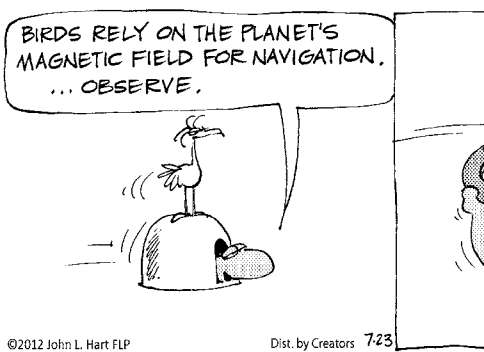
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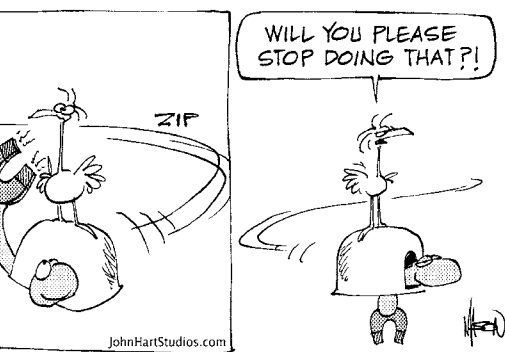
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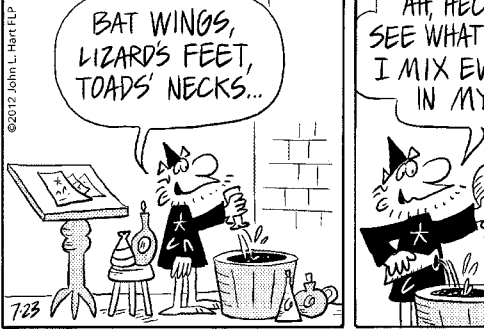
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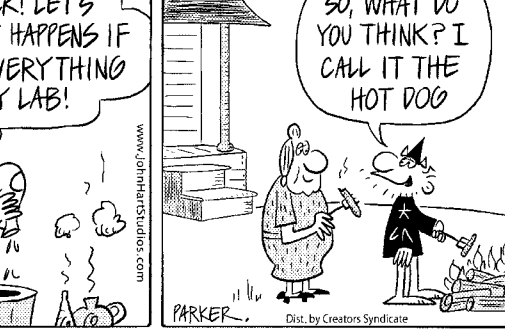
WILL YOU PLEASE STOP DOING THAT?!

## AGNES



BAT WINGS, LIZARDS FEET, TOADS' NECKS...

## HI AND LOIS



IT IS THE FIRST TENTATIVE, SOMETIMES POIGNANT, STEP INTO THAT WICKED CESSPOOL KNOWN AS CAPITALISM!

## THE OTHER COAST



I DID A FAVOR FOR MICHAEL, SO HE SENT ME A BOX OF CANDY.

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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 23, the 205th day of 2012. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On July 23, 1962, the first public TV transmissions over Telstar 1 took place during a special program featuring live shots beamed from the United States to Europe, and vice versa.
- On this date: In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y., at age 63.
- In 1886, a legend was born as Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into New York's East River. (However, there are doubts about whether the dive actually occurred.)
- In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.
- In 1942, Harry James and his Orchestra recorded "I Had the Craziest Dream" in Hollywood for Columbia Records.
- In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain (ahn-REE' pay-TAN'), who had headed the Vichy (vee-shee) government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was convicted and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted.)
- In 1951, Henri Petain died in prison.
- In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.
- In 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.
- In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C., convicted 12 Hanafi (hah-NAH'-fee) Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.
- In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie."

(Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace (JAH'-nee vur-SAH'-chee) and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 87. Concert pianist Leon Fleisher (FLY'-shur) is 84. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 76.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Oregon or Oklahoma
- 6 Of unknown authorship: Abbr.
- 10 Leave speechless
- 14 Des Moines resident
- 15 Secret writing
- 16 Sentence in a film script
- 17 Auto parts that slow you down
- 19 Radiate
- 20 Hurricane center
- 21 Midmorning hour
- 22 Baby bird's sounds
- 24 Frog relative
- 26 Slip away, as time
- 27 Have an influence on
- 30 "Hooray for me!"
- 31 Unit of gem weight
- 32 Small songbird
- 33 Smith or Jones
- 36 Office neckwear
- 37 Not correct
- 38 Baby's neckwear
- 39 Minor mistake
- 41 Years and years
- 42 Luxurious retreat
- 44 Sow's sounds
- 46 Politely
- 47 Morally pure somehow
- 49 Touched lightly
- 50 Winter ailment
- 51 Move to and \_\_\_
- 54 \_\_\_ no. (bank customer's ID)

DOWN

- 1 Brother or sister, for short
- 2 Pulled apart
- 3 On vacation
- 4 Have a 4 p.m. break, in Britain
- 5 U-turn from WSW
- 6 Had sore muscles
- 7 When morning ends
- 8 Poem of praise
- 9 Baby bird
- 10 Wake up late
- 11 Arithmetic lesson
- 12 Join forces
- 13 Tennis barriers
- 18 Sports-page number, for short
- 23 Fistful of dollars
- 25 Halloween mo.
- 26 Blissful settings
- 27 Performs on stage
- 28 Fall short
- 29 Train's cargo carrier
- 30 Fairway golf clubs
- 32 Composed, as a letter
- 34 Textile factory
- 35 Online auction site
- 37 Descended
- 40 Talk nonsense
- 42 Big shot, briefly
- 43 Arctic floater
- 45 Take advantage of
- 46 Person, place, or thing
- 47 Desert plants
- 48 Applauds
- 49 Settled the bill
- 50 Prepare a meal for
- 52 Capital of Italia
- 53 "Clumsy me!"
- 56 Business bigwig: Abbr.
- 57 Cook in hot oil
- 58 Letters after Q

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# ASTROS

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to Triple-A Reno, gave up two runs and seven hits through six innings to get the win. Collmenter struggled mightily early in the season, then had success in a long relief role before getting his chance to start again.

Kubel also singled and tripled. Gerardo Parra singled in two runs for the Diamondbacks, whose 12 hits gave them 40 for the series.

Lyles (2-7) allowed eight runs, five earned, and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He nursed a 2-1 lead going into the sixth before things fell apart.

"Up until the sixth inning me and Corp (catcher Carlos Corporan) were doing a pretty good job," Lyles said. "The wheels fell off in the sixth. I've got to make better pitches when your back is against the wall."

After Montero's grounder, Young lofted a 3-2 pitch into the left-field seats and it was 6-2.

Singles by Lyle Overbay and pinch-hitter Ryan Roberts put runners at first and second. Both advanced on a passed ball and scored on Parra's single to make it 8-2.

Maxwell lined a 1-1 pitch off the top of the porch in left-center for his ninth home run to put Houston up 1-0 in the second.

Kubel's homer just inside the right-field foul pole in the Arizona second tied it.

Consecutive doubles by Altuve and Gonzalez to start the sixth gave Houston a short-lived 2-1 lead. Gonzalez took third on a groundout but was nabbed in a rundown when Maxwell failed to put down a suicide squeeze.

# BRONCOS

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Just to see that couldn't help but put a smile on our faces and make us think about our lives and being with our families."

Among the patients who received visits from the Broncos was Carey Rottman, 27, a native of Mequon, Wis., who used to play football at Winona State in Minnesota, where he was a running back and faced Kuper's North Dakota teams.

Garland, a Colorado native who attended the Air Force Academy and whose family lost their home in the recent wildfires in the state, tweeted over the weekend that he had planned to attend

the new Batman movie at the Century 16 theater where the shooting occurred "but changed my mind" shortly before the midnight premiere.

Quarterback Peyton Manning on Sunday also called four patients who were taken to the Medical Center of Aurora after the shooter unleashed two canisters of gas and opened fire during the Friday midnight premiere of "Dark Knight Rises."

The four-time MVP signed with the Broncos this year after missing the 2011 season with a nerve problem in his neck that weakened his throwing arm.

The Broncos start training camp on Wednesday.

# RANGERS

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Mike Trout led off the Angels' first with a triple into the right-field corner and came home on Albert Pujols' ground-rule double into the left field corner. The Angels increased their lead to 3-0 in the second when Alberto Callaspo scored on a passed ball and Maicer Izturis came home on Wilson's single.

"Harrison put up four zeros up after that and kept us in the ballgame, but the bullpen just couldn't shut it down," manager Ron Washington said.

The Angels tacked on

three runs in the seventh — including Pujols' 18th homer, a two-run shot off Alexi Ogando that followed a single by Torii Hunter.

"I was just looking for a zone," Pujols said. "I faced him yesterday and he threw me some tough pitches. So I just tried to be aggressive, like I always am, and look for a pitch to hit that was up. I was able to put my best swing of the night on it, and it gave us a little cushion."

Michael Young's RBI single in the eighth off Scott Downs got the Rangers a run closer, but Hunter got it back with an RBI single in the eighth.

Angels closer Ernesto

# U.S.

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middle also had the letters "CD" in gold on the left shoulder in honor of Chuck Daly, the Dream Team coach who died in 2009.

Otherwise, the Americans are more interested in building for London than reflecting too much on the past. Coach Mike Krzyzewski, a Dream Team assistant, made that clear Satur-

day at practice when he was asked about the old days.

"I'm not here to sight see ... this isn't me doing a reminisce tour in my retirement," he said.

The two games here should certainly help them get ready. The Americans play Spain on Tuesday, a rematch of their 118-107 win in the gold-medal game four years ago.

First was Argentina, which won the 2004 Olympic gold medal, beating the U.S. in the semifinals. The Americans returned

the favor four years later in the same round before recapturing the gold.

Krzyzewski unveiled another starting lineup, with James, Durant, Bryant, Paul and Tyson Chandler. He has alternated the Durant- Anthony and Paul-Deron Williams combination, with the other three spots set.

The first group got off to a sensational start, Durant opening with two 3-pointers before Bryant's basket made it 8-0.

# MASCOTS

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towels, decorate magnets and mugs.

Olympic mascots over the years have raised the question: What were they thinking? (Turin's humanized snowball and ice cube in 2006, anyone?) But even Sydney's spiky echidna managed to look cute and cuddly, while a barrage of critics say Wenlock and Mandeville are anything but.

"It's not so friendly," said Jenny Zhang, looking at a Wenlock while in London from China for business. "We don't see a smiling face, it's not a friendly eye. It's just watching you."

Since they were selected as the official mascots back in 2009, detractors have had a field day with the pair, questioning how faceless monsters fashioned out

of "drops of steel" — the duo's creation story — won out over 100 other designs by artists and agencies.

Their watchful eyes — described in many forums as toy versions of London's omnipresent CCTV lenses — seem to have caused the most discomfort, drawing Orwellian comparisons and references to surveillance states. Wenlock figurines in police gear have come under fire from dozens of online commentators decrying the "fascist playthings" and "totalitarian toys."

Actor Ewan McGregor tweeted his disappointment Friday after seeing plastic mascot statues in London's Regents Park: "With this country's artistic heritage this one eyed joke made me sad."

Despite the vocal backlash, mascots are proving to be an important part of the London 2012 product range, according to the city's Olympic organizing

committee. It said in an email that soft toys of Wenlock and Mandeville were a "consistent best seller."

Despite the ever-present mockery, visitors to the mascots' official website have created more than 105,500 personalized avatars, and mascot statues in London seem to be inspiring more curiosity than criticism.

On a recent afternoon, some tourists gawked at the life-size statues while others hung off them for photos.

Six-year-old Nimaran Sandhu's face lit up when she saw a Wenlock statue.

"It hasn't got a face and I think it's funny," she told a reporter, adding with a giggle that Wenlock looked "fat."

Alessia Goldthorpe, 5, rattled off facts about Wenlock and Mandeville to her father in the same park before declaring that she likes Wenlock.

"He's happy!" she exclaimed.

# SANCTIONS

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By vacating 112 Penn State victories over a 14-year period, the sanctions cost Paterno 111 wins. Former Florida State coach Bobby Bowden will now hold the top spot in the NCAA record book with 377. Paterno, who was fired days after Sandusky was charged, will be credited with 298 wins.

The scholarship reductions mean that Penn State's roster will be capped at 65 scholarship players within a couple of seasons. The normal scholarship

limit for major college football programs is 85. Playing with 20 less is crippling to a program that tries to compete at the highest level of the sport.

Emmert had earlier said he had "never seen anything as egregious" as the horrific crimes of Sandusky and the cover-up by Paterno and others at the university, including former Penn State President Graham Spanier and athletic director Tim Curley.

The investigation headed by former FBI Director Louis Freeh said that Penn State officials kept what they knew from police and other authorities for years, enabling the abuse to go on.

There had been calls across the nation for Penn State to receive the "death penalty," and Emmert had not ruled out that possibility as late as last week — though Penn State did not fit the criteria for it. That punishment is for teams that commit a major violation while already being sanctioned.

Penn State has already agreed to not fight the sanctions.

Emmert said the university and the NCAA have signed a consent decree, essentially a pact signing off on the penalties.

"This case is obviously incredibly unprecedented in every aspect of it, as are these actions that we're taking today."

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