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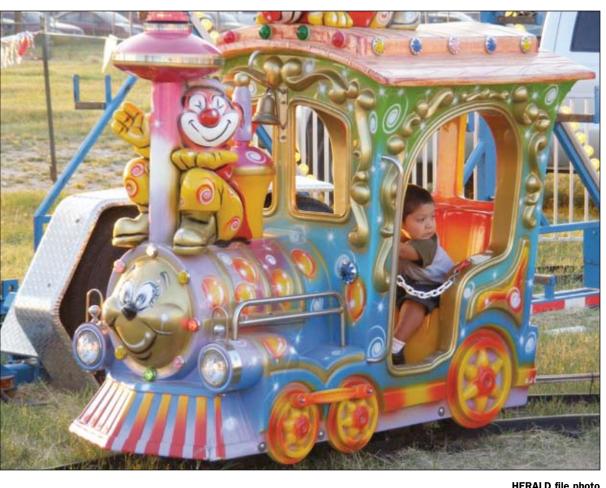
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It's not until Sept. 27-29, but it's not too early to make plans to participate in the Howard County Fair.

Plans being finalized for annual county fair

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

The fair is coming.

The Howard County fair will return for three days, Sept. 27, 28 and 29s. Fairground gates will be open from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 and Friday, Sept. 28 and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

"At this time, we are trying to get the vendors lined up for this year's fair," John Paul Nichols, Howard County Fair publicity director, said. "We are looking to draw in more

than we did last year."

Last year, more than 50 booths — comprised of profit and non-profit vendors were involved. Booth spaces indoors are \$175 and booth spaces outside are \$250. For those wanting booth space. the deadline is Sept. 1.

"The ideal situation would be to sell out and fill up the fair barn with vendors," Nichols said.

Another project under way this year is the Friends of the Fair. The group is made up of supporters aimed at assisting the fair through yearly mem-

bership fees. Funds raised through Friends of the Fair contribute to improvements, such as the projected plans to repair the parking lot and add lighting.

"Last year, we refreshed the paint and fixed the air conditioning," Nichols said. "This year, we are looking forward to being able to improve the parking lot."

Membership fees are \$20 for a single person or \$40 for a couple and \$18 for senior singles and \$36 for senior

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Early voting in runoffs ending; election Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The pace has quickened a bit as early voting for Tuesday's state runoff election draws to a close.

Today is the final day for voters to cast early ballots for Tuesday's election, Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom said.

Bloom reports 227 people have cast early ballots in person and another 133 have requested mail-in ballots. She said 74 people voted Thursday, almost doubling the total of early ballots cast Voters will pick their par-

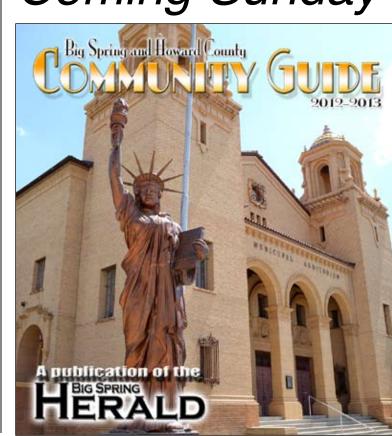
ty's nominee in five statewide races Tuesday. The Democratic ballot features only one contest, as

voters will decide between Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough to be that party's nominee in the U.S. Senator

Four Republican nominees will be selected:

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Capitol One to pay \$12M in case on servicemen

PETE YOST

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department says Capital One has agreed to pay \$12 million to resolve allegations the bank violated special protections in federal law for members of the military. The government says Capital One

wrongfully foreclosed on some homes and improperly repossessed some cars. In addition, the government says the bank obtained wrongful court judgments against some service members and improperly denied interest rate relief on some credit card and car loans.

In a settlement under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Capital One will pay at least \$125,000 to each service member whose home was unlawfully foreclosed upon and at least \$10,000 to each service member whose vehicle was unlawfully repossessed.

Capital One will provide \$5 million to service members denied appropriate benefits on credit card accounts, auto and consumer loans.

Keep the tab when you pop a top

Herald Staff Report

The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, is working with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge Aerie 3188 here to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House "The program is a way for

people of all ages to support RMHC and make a difference for families and children,' said Brian Sweeney,

Lone Star District executive. The fundraiser ben-

efits seriously ill children by helping provide a place for them and their families to stay while

they are out of town for medical treatment. Recycling the tabs generates proceeds to

> donate to an area Ronald McDonald House.

"Pop tabs are small and convenient to colsaid Sweeney. "Hundreds of thousands of pop tabs have been collected to benefit Ronald McDonald Houses. Save your pop tabs and bring them to the Big Spring Herald during business hours. There will be a conveniently placed drop bin as you walk in the door.' The Herald is located at 710

Scurry. For more information about

the Scouting program, contact Sweeney at 432-212-3577.





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Obituaries

Mary Roberts Dalton



Mary Roberts Dalton, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 26, 2012, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2012, at the funeral home. Mary was born May 1, 1926, in Topeka, Kan. She married Samuel K. Roberts on

July 1, 1944, and he preceded her in death Nov. 16, 1985. She then married James M. Dalton on Aug. 20, 1988, and he preceded her in death June 15, 1989. She came to Big Spring in November 1954 and had

worked at Cowper Clinic for 11 years and then at the Big Spring-Howard County Health Department for 15 years. She enjoyed yard work and especially spending time with her family and friends. Mary was a faithful member of Baptist Temple

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Becker and husband Larry of Big Spring and Linda Best and husband Alvin of Coahoma; four grandsons, Rodney Krause and wife Jacque of Bettendorf, Iowa, Greg Krause and wife Shanda of Lubbock, John Becker and wife Meredith of Friendswood and Wendell Best and wife Deon of Ames, Iowa; and nine great-grandchildren, Bryan Krause, Samuel Krause, Ben Krause, Mackenzie Becker, Gage Krause, Nicole Best, Brittany Best, Ashley Best and Amber Best.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Robert M. Sr. and Minnie Lowery; one grandson, Matt Kay Stuart Best; two brothers, John Miller and Robert M. Lowery Jr.; and one sister, Helen Louise Pierce.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www. npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Allen E. Sundy



Allen E. Sundy, 85, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 26, 2012, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiat-

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2012, at the funeral home. He was born May 25, 1927, in Flomaton, Ala., and

married Pauline "Polly" Harrell on Sept. 4, 1947, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death April 24,

Allen worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 42 years and then farmed. He loved to garden and was an avid golfer. He was a member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Sundy of Big Springand Mark Sundy and wife Elva of Grainvalley, Mo.; one daughter, Rita Faulkner and husband conviction. Gary of Big Spring; great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Linda Kay Sundy and Sherri Sundy; four brothers, Albert Sundy, Clark Sundy, Jimmy Sundy and Monroe Sundy; and one sister, Idabelle Bankston.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www. npwelch.com

Archie Collins

Archie Collins, 58, died Friday, July 20, 2012. Family visitation will be today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Faith Temple COGIC, with burial following in Fairview Cemetery under the director of Thomas Funeral Home.

David and Marise Collins and married Veronica Sterling in May 2012. He attended schools in Midland and graduated from Midland High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed with Sendero Drilling Co. until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Veronica; three brothers, David Collins Jr. (Toni), and Samuel "Sam" Collins, both of Big Spring, Texas, and Jeffery Collins of Arlington, Texas; two sisters, Annie Samuels (Raymond), and Zelma Dickens (Carl), both of Midland, Texas; four step-children, Latosha Berry (Lamont West Sr.), Nathan Sterling, Antionette Berry and Kristopher Sterling, all of Fort Worth, Texas; six step-grandchildren; and may nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Luke Collins.

Betty June Wofford



Betty June Wofford died Tuesday, July 24, 2012, in Stanton, Texas. Betty was born Oct. 7, 1926, in

Southard, Okla., to John and Eythel Redden. She married Allen Wofford in 1945. She worked as a beautician and was a member of the Eastern Star and Order of the Amaranth. She is preceded in death by her

She is survived by one son, Terry

Wofford and wife Lora of Big Spring, Texas; one granddaughter; and one greatgranddaughter.

July 28, 2012, at Canton Cemetery with the Rev. Kristen Melton officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home of Canton. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday,

Association with the funeral home serving as custodian at P.O. Box 36, Canton, OK 73724.

Paul Deleon

Paul Deleon, 60, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 25, 2012. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- RUDY TREVINO, 49, of Lamesa, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxica-• JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 22, of 1607 S.
- Main St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication. JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA, 31, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 201, was arrested
- Thursday on two warrants from other agencies and warrants for expired registration, expired driver's license and failure to appear (two counts). • ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 50, of 100
- N.W. Third St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties. • CHRISTOPHER LONECHIEF, 45, of Seminole,
- Okla., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency. • MARIO ROBERT OVALLE, 48, of 305 E. 19th St.,
- was arrested Thursday on two warrants from other agencies and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license – when unlicensed. • JOE ROMERO GUERRA, 33, of Lubbock, Texas,
- was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency. ZEON M. HERNANDEZ, 33, of Lubbock, Texas,
- was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.
- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, of 3305 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous
- In the 1200 block of W. Second Street. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail Highway 87. One person was transported to reported having 79 inmates at the time of this

- RUDY TREVINO, 49, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for He was born June 21, 1954, in Lubbock, Texas, to driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - SALLY HAIR, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
 - into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, no liability insurance – subsequent and municipal warrants for displaying expired registration, expired driver's license and failure to appear (two counts).
 - DAVID WAYNE SHAFER, 26, was booked into

the county detention center Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on charges of expired driver's license, violation of a

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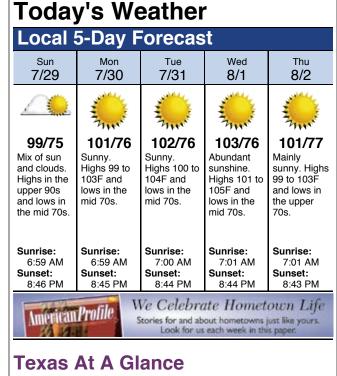
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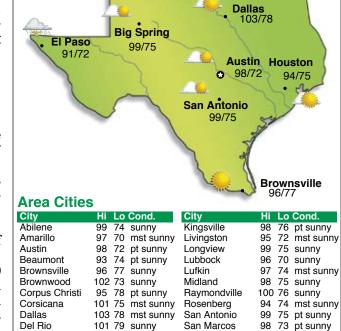
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- ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 50, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering peach officer discharging official duties. CHRISTOPHER CLIFF LONECHIEF, 45, was
- booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a Brazoria County motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated. MARIO ROBERT OVALLE, 48, was booked into
- the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated with child less than 15 years in the vehicle and municipal warrants for possession of livestock within the city limits, no driver's license, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

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

- · MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Colgate. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N.
- SMMC. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area
- of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7400 block of FM 846. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of W.

- Highway 80. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of
- JESSICA MICHELLE CHAVERA, 31, was booked Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

was reported near the intersection of Avondale and Wasson. One person was transported



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San Antonio toddler dies after TV falls on him

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a year-old boy has died after apparently being crushed by a television that fell from a dresser.

Child Protective Services will help investigate the death of John Rice.

Police say the boy apparently was playing at home Wednesday when he tried to climb the furniture.

Authorities believe the boy pulled open and stepped on a bottom drawer, causing the dresser to tip. The 32-inch television atop the dresser fell and crushed the youngster.

Police say the boy died later at a San Antonio hos-

Cruz appears with tea party's U.S. Senate firepower DALLAS (AP) — U.S. Senate candidate Ted Cruz

is ripping the attack ads run by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and says he won't respond with personal

Cruz spoke Friday morning in Dallas, flanked by local tea party leaders and three U.S. senators known for their tea party support.

Cruz again raised a Dewhurst flier sent to his father's home outside Dallas. The mailer has Cruz's likeness in front of a Chinese flag, a reference to Cruz's Houston-based law firm representing a Chinese company in an intellectual property dispute.

Cruz called the mailer "gutter politics" and says it questions his patriotism.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul says he doesn't know Dewhurst, but the attack ads show Dewhurst is unfit for the U.S. Senate.

Dewhurst's campaign didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Bus driver charged in pedestrian death

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A substitute school bus driver in Southeast Texas has been accused in the May death of a pedestrian hit by the vehicle.

The Galveston County Daily News reports police reviewed bus and nearby store video and allege the driver was reading some unidentified papers in her

An affidavit says 50-year-old Gwendolyn Joyce Rivers was unfamiliar with the route.

Police have charged Rivers with criminally negligent homicide. She surrendered Thursday and is free on \$5,000 bond.

Police say 75-year-old George Allen Hackett was struck while crossing a street.

The Galveston Independent School District bus carried more than two dozen students. Nobody on board was hurt. Rivers remains a district employee but hasn't driven a bus since the accident.

No working phone number for Rivers could immediately be located Friday.

San Antonio woman convicted in bovfriend's death SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio woman has

been convicted of the lesser charge of manslaugh ter in the 2009 stabbing death of her boyfriend.

The penalty phase begins Friday for Tiffany

James, who was 17 at the time of the killing and claimed self-defense.

James had been charged with murder over the death of 18-year-old Antwan Wolford. Attorneys for James say she had a history of being battered by the father of her young son.

Jurors on Thursday opted for a manslaughter conviction. James could get probation or up to 20 years in prison.

Felon who burned wife's car gets 40 years

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas felon has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for torching his estranged wife's car. A judge in Fort Worth sentenced Roy Robertson

Mallard Jr. Jurors earlier convicted the Fort Worth man of arson in the September 2010 incident. Prosecutors say Mallard had left threatening

voice mails for his former spouse before her empty vehicle was set on fire. Nobody was hurt. Investigators say Mallard, who was sentenced Wednesday, splashed the car with gasoline before

starting the blaze. Records show Mallard had prior convictions for robbery and drug-related offenses.

Funeral set for Texas-born dad killed in massacre

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A father killed in the massacre at a Colorado theater showing the new Batman movie will be laid to rest in his native Texas. The funeral for Gordon Cowden is scheduled Fri-

day at Riverbend Church in Austin, with burial in Austin Memorial Park. The 51-year-old businessman already has been mourned in Colorado. Cowden had taken two of his children to the mov-

ie last Friday in Aurora, Colo., when shots rang out. The teens weren't injured. Cowden was the oldest of the 12 people killed in

gunfire during "The Dark Knight Rises." James Holmes is accused of the shootings that also wounded 58. His next court appearance is Monday in Colorado. A memorial fund has been established for

Cowden's four children. Contributions can be made at any Chase Bank location.

Tyler vets home renamed in Tuskegee Airmen flap

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas veterans home will no longer be named for a serviceman whose claims of being a Tuskegee Airman have been disproved. The Texas General Land Office board voted

Thursday to remove the name of Samuel M. Garrison Jr. from the Tyler home. Garrison died in May 2011 at age 88. Board mem-

bers last November voted to posthumously honor Garrison, calling the new residence the Watkins-Logan-Garrison Texas State Veterans Home. Media reports surfaced that no records could be found to prove the Tyler man was one of the famed

World War II black pilots. Agency spokesman Jim Suydam says a review determined Garrison served honorably as a cargo checker. The renamed Watkins-Logan Texas State Veter-

ans Home is a salute to Medal of Honor winners

Travis Watkins and James Logan.

2 police dogs die in hot SUV

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two police dogs have died after accidentally being left in a hot SUV in South The Bexar County Sheriff's Office in San Antonio

on Thursday announced Deputy Steve Benoy has been placed on 10 days of administrative leave. The deaths are under investigation. Names of the

two Belgian Malinois law enforcement dogs haven't Officials say Benoy discovered the dead animals Wednesday in their kennels inside a county-owned

SUV at his residence. Authorities believe the deputy drove home and parked that vehicle Tuesday, then went out for the evening. He allegedly forgot to place the dogs in

their regular quarters at his residence. Records show Benoy has been with the sheriff's office for 23 years and has never been disciplined.

Funeral in Dallas for 3 vouths killed in crash

DALLAS (AP) — Relatives of three youths killed in a West Texas car crash have planned a service in Dallas. The funeral was scheduled Friday for siblings

12-year-old Brenda Morales and 11-year-old Demar-

co Morales, plus their 18-year-old cousin Jassmine Alferez. All were from Garland. Investigators say the youngsters were visiting their grandfather last Sunday in the El Paso area when their vehicle was hit by a suspected drunken driver. The grandfather and another adult in the

family's car also died. El Paso County Jail records show Alberto Coronado was held Friday on five counts of intoxicated manslaughter. His bond has been set at \$1.8 mil-

Relatives say the children and other family members had gone to El Paso for a wedding.

Boy dies in hot van

DALLAS (AP) — A daycare center van driver has been arrested in the death of a 3-year-old boy found unconscious in the sweltering van outside the cen-

Erica Hooks was arrested Thursday and charged with injury to a child. She's held without bond in Dallas County jail. No attorney for her is listed in

Police say Hooks drove a group of children from the daycare center to a movie July 20, but the 3-year-old didn't leave the van upon their return. Investigators say the boy may have been in the van for two to 2½ hours be-

fore he was found. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Preliminary autopsy reports show the child died of heatstroke. The National Weather Service reports the high temperature in Dallas Friday was 105 degrees.

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VOTE

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- In the U.S. Senate race, voters will decide between Ted Cruz and David Dewhurst.
- Warren Chisum and Christi Craddick are vying for the GOP nomination for a spot on the state railroad commis-

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couple. Additional dona-

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Barry Smitherman are seeking the Republican nomination to fill an unexpired term on the railroad commission

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open during Tuesday's election — ballots will be cast in the East Room Dorothy Garrett Colisuem on the Howard College campus, Bloom said.

"Because of antici-

pated low turnout ... a lot of smaller counties do their runoff elections that way,"she said about the change. "It's a way to save money and centralize our efforts."

Voting booths will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

People have until 5 p.m. today to cast their ballots early on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

For more information, contact Bloom's office at 264-2273.

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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Salvation Army for continuing a program providing assistance with back to school supplies for community youth as a new school year approaches.
- The more than 200 cyclists who participated in the Cactus and Crude Bike Ride on Saturday in hopes of raising funds and awareness for MS.
- Also to those who volunteered their weekend to ensure the riders were fed and had a place to stay during their journey.
- Cloudbase Foundation for providing \$2,000 donations to Big Spring Independent School District, Howard County Child Welfare Board and Howard Cottage.
- All those involved in helping fight and contain the recent fire on the northeast side of Big Spring, including the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department.
- All pilots who are here in Big Spring for the National Hang Gliding Competition and local support given from businesses and residents in the community.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

In You, Lord, we have the most wonderful, loving friend that we could ever have.

ig disclaimer time: The following column is not ested in their opinions, either. about Big Spring Mayor With all due respect to Dun-Tommy Duncan's plan can, that was exceedingly rude

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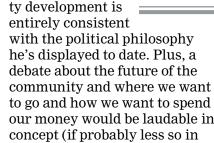
to reshape the Big Spring Economic Development Corp.

I have my own feelings on Duncan's idea, and perhaps I'll share

my insights at a later date, but for now, I don't want to talk about the issue. For starters, his

plans to shift the EDC's focus from economic development to communi-

execution).



However, I found the mayor's behavior during Tuesday's city council meeting disturbing in one major aspect — he seemed incapable of letting people finish their comments.

Several people spoke out against the proposal during Tuesday's meeting and, almost without exception, Duncan interrupted those people's presentations to reiterate (that was a word he used too many times to count) his position.

Time and time again, this happened. Duncan seemed bound and determined to not only dominate the discussion, but monopolize it, as well.

I don't want to give the impression he yelled at or openly mocked the speakers — I've never heard the man raise his voice, to be honest — yet he

On Duncan and the death of civility didn't seem particularly inter-

of the mayor, and it was a poor comment on his leadership abilities.

If, for example, someone from the audience had continually interrupted his comments during the meeting, he would have been well within his rights to declare that person out of order and, if need be, escorted from the building. Yet, the right to fully formulate one's position was apparently a one-way street Tuesday night.

Aside from appearing overly defensive, his conduct was unbecoming of the chief elected official in Big Spring. As an elected representative of the people (us), he should be very interested in what we have to say on matters of interest to the community. To cut short those opinions gave the impression that he couldn't care less what people thought on the subject.

Another point on the matter: Everyone in attendance knew the mayor's position on the subject, so there really was no need for him to keep reiterating (there's that word again) his stance.

You've had your say, Mr. Mayor, now let us have ours.

Granted, the charged atmosphere of Tuesday's meeting was not entirely conducive to the calm, reasoned exchange of ideas, and tempers were evident from both proponents and opponents of Duncan's plan. But Duncan is the mayor of this community and, as such, he should be held to a higher standard of conduct.

But perhaps I'm being too hard on the mayor. After all, civility in public discourse — from

little ol' Big Spring to Austin to Washington and all points in between — is rapidly becoming an endangered species. Remember the good old days, when the free exchange of ideas was not only

accepted, but encouraged? Yeah

me neither.

This will come as no major shock to anyone who has watched Fox News or MSNBC, but political opinions are becoming more polarized and entrenched by the day, it seems. People seem incapable of believing that someone who disagrees with them might be — gasp! right.

Compromise? That's for wimps.

And the really bad thing? This intolerance to other's ideas is not limited to one section of the political spectrum. Democrats, Republicans, liberals, conservative ... you name the party or ideology, and it's been overrun by die-hards.

Many things result from this course of action, but none of them are constructive. And the biggest loser is the public, which watches as its business goes unfinished.

This is intolerable. There are major issues and problems facing us today and we need our leaders to lead, not act like a bunch of spoiled children.

Like I said, none of this is new, and no easy solutions are available, but we elect our representatives to do a job, not score debating points, so perhaps it's time we start demanding more from them.

The alternative does not bear consideration.

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Sally's ride changed the world

ally Ride did not go into space alone in 1983. She carried with her the hopes and dreams of a generation of women who were trying to escape the bounds of tradition in their more earthly professions.

Her triumph did not end when the shuttle landed. Her influence was not limited to the women who watched with awe as she put up with all the stupid questions about how she would go to the bathroom in space — and



SUSAN **Estrich**

always with a smile. My daughter remembers when she came to her high school, inspiring her generation of young women to believe there was nothing they could not do, no limits on their potential, especially in the world of science.

Thanks to her courage, her determination, her genius and spunk, the world changed.

The question is: How much? Last week, with the announcement that Yahoo! chose a preg-

nant 37-year-old as its new CEO, the media and message boards were abuzz with speculation as to how she was going to take that ride. She responded by saying she would take an abbreviated maternity leave and work through it.

I don't recall anyone ever asking a man with a pregnant wife how he would manage to do his

job with a new baby on the way. But that isn't really the answer.

Maternity leave is the easy

part. I have a friend — and I hope no one will be insulted who used to jokingly refer to her newborn as a doorstop. Put the baby in a baby seat, prop the door open, and the door will stay open. Toddlers wander away. Preschoolers cry when you leave. Preteens and teens need your attention whether they want it or not. Many (most) men are content to leave much of the parenting to their wives. Many (most) women want to do it themselves. Doing it while working 70-plus hours a week is, frankly, just about impossible.

Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's dynamic COO, urges women to follow their ambitions and find mates who will help them get there.

Hear, hear. But it won't be easy — for the men. Difficult as it is for women to find balance at work, it's even harder for men, who are expected to work those 70-hour weeks and who are called worse names than women if they don't, which is why no one ever asks about the impact of their pregnant wives on their ability to be a CEO.

I used to believe that the answer was that no one has it all, but that so long as you don't want it all at once, anything is possible. Lately, I'm not so sure. I look at my own life, at the offers and opportunities I turned down in my 30s and 40s, when my children were young, and that haven't come in my 50s, and I know that you pay a price for what you want, whether or not you know it at the time. I don't regret the decisions I made. Men (most anyway) pay their own price when they look back at their lives and realize how much of the stuff that really matters

they missed. I used to think we just needed to make some design changes: a curtain for the shuttle bathroom. a flexible schedule for women, a day care facility on site, parttime partners, real sharing of all responsibilities.

Maybe.

But in a world in which someone is working somewhere every minute of the day and emailing questions, comments and even demands, I'm not so sure. I watch my female students making choices they didn't expect to make, not crashing the ceilings but cuddling their newborns. I watch my male students living lives they didn't expect to live, not being the fathers they thought they would be. And I wonder how much of that design can be changed.

It's hard. It's incredibly hard. But it's not as hard as what Sally Ride did. Ride, Sally Ride. And thank you.

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Amen

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Church News

Christ in the Country Fellowship

Sunday fellowship is at 10:30 a.m. Come early for coffee and doughnuts. Leslie Jones from Covenant Ranch Fellowship will be with us Sunday morning. Christ in the Country Fellowship is located at 5100 E. FM 846 in Luther

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Billy Bates leads the service and Nancy Wagner will do the music in absence of Music Leader Jacque Mauch. No night services during summer months.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will continue their study in Unit Two: Justice Enacted with Dewayne Wagner leading the discussion on Jehoshaphat Makes Judicial Reforms taken from second Chronicles 18:29-19:11.

The fifth Sunday fellowship luncheon will be Sunday following worship service.

Administrative council meeting will follow the luncheon.

Continue to pray for the community of Aurora, Colo. as they adjust to the loss of friends and loved ones and concern for the injured.

Also, continue to thank and pray for our own Howard County volunteer firefighters who did a super job in containing the fire on the northeast side of Big Spring.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241 for church business or use of the food pantry.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

Following worship Sunday, July 29, which will be Tom Koger's last Sunday as pastor, we will have a barbecue lunch and fellowship.

The lectionary is II Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh's message will be "Sitting at the Feet of Our Children" from John 6: 1-21.

Elders will be Erma Dunne, and Joycee Davis. Deacons will be Ken Johnson, Mary Beth Johnson, Mary Terrazas and Wanda Brock. Worship Leader will be Eulaine McIntosh. Communion prep will be Mary Terrazas and Mary Beth Johnson. Greeter will be Joycee Davis and Homebound communion will be Erma Dunne

Sunday we will have are monthly board meeting after services so all board members stay for the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Each week Isaiah 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. We are now working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. until about 11 a.m. sorting and cleaning items from Walmart, so we need volunteers for those days to help.

Samaritan Counseling takes place at our church Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each week.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@@yahoo.com.

First Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday evening at 6, our church will be distributing school supplies at the Mission Center on Lancaster Street.

Our RAs and GAs will be leaving Monday morning at 7 a.m. for their summer camp at the Big Country Baptist Assembly located in Leuders, Texas. They'll return Thursday afternoon.

Do you have any summer clothing to donate to a worthy cause? Bring them to our clothes closet at the mission center. You can bring your donations to the church at 705 W. FM 700.

Our senior adults will be taking a trip to Branson, Mo. in October. There are openings if you'd like to go. Call the church at 267-8223 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, will meet Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Jamie Walker is in charge of this week's "Take Ten."

Members of the congregation are reminded of the annual Back-to-School Supplies Drive. Please bring paper, pens, pencils, crayons, red pens, rulers and spiral notebooks and leave them in the Narthex on Sunday.

The lectionary is II Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21. The youth will tell about their experiences on their mission trip to St. Louis, Mo. The noisy offering will be collected during the worship service.

Following worship, there will be a pot luck lunch in fellowship hall.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website at www.fpcbs.org.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Michael

Willard continues the series entitled "A dynamic fellowship."

Last week, we discussed three points in helping us to keep our "Fellowship with the word" (1) We need to acknowlege the power of the spoken word — See Matt. 8:5-10,13; (2) We need to recognize the power in His Word — See Matt. 8:16-17; (3) We need to know there is a blessing for acting on the word — See Luke 5:1-7.

"Only Jesus can board a rocky ship and deliver a stable message." said Pastor Willard.

This week our title will be "Fellowship with One Another." Acts 2:42 says "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (NKJV)

~ Andrew Murray quoted a great way in explaining that. "Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays."

We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. CCC is located at 706 E. 12 St. For office hours or more information, contact our office at 264-0015 or visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org.

First United Methodist Church

The summer session of our Children's Day Out (CDO) program as well as Kids With A Purpose (KWAP) has come to a close. It was a very successful, fun-filled learning experience for both the youngsters and their teachers. Now we shift gears and get ready for "Sky, Everything is Possible With God". That's the theme for our Vacation Bible School which begins Monday, Aug. 6 going through Thursday, Aug. 9. Children and volunteers will meet in Garrett Hall at 5 p.m. for dinner before going to their respective classes which will end at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, while our pastor Bill Ivins is on vacation, Mr. Murray Murphy will be leading both services of worship. His sermon theme will be "Keep It Simple" with scripture readings from both Malachi and Matthew. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45

o.m. Our thanks to Delores Currie for

See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

Have some compassion instead of condemnation

on was a man who devoted the last years of his life to helping others defeat addiction and depression.

During his seminars, he would tell his students how he began drinking alcohol at the age of 4. After one particular seminar, a woman came up to him and said "where was your mother?" Ron could have easily respond-

ed by condemn-

ing her but instead he did something absolutely wonderful in the eyes of our savior (He had compassion on his mother). Ron would go on to tell this woman how his mother's mother had passed away while she was just a child. Ron's mother's father also abandoned her because he could not handle the situation. On top of that, none of the family wanted her and they would even discuss how she was a burden in front of her. Eventually, her neighbor took her in but that environment was not much better. By the time she had children she was hopelessly

addicted to alcohol.

Ron, when looking at his situation, had the mind of Christ. He could have easily answered the lady's question much different and

his mother but he did not and as a result of that he led his mother to Christ before she passed from time to eternity. Yet being compassionate is an extremely difficult task. One key to being compassionate is our ability to possess humility. According to scrip-

simply condemned

ture, humility is our own ability to put others above ourselves (Philippines 2:1-11) so it is not just something we have in our mind but is an ac-

Jesus showed humility when He was willing to take on our form and die on the cross for our sins (we did not deserve it but He still gave it to us). Gary Washer says when discussing this thought, "May God help us to be humble and compassionate. May God help us to see people as He does. When we see a person struggling in sin, do we see nothing more than a junkie or a drunk? Do we see nothing more than low-life scum and trash, or do we see someone who is carrying a tremendous amount of pain? Do we see the person who really wishes he could stop, if only he were taught how to stop? Do we see a soul in need of salvation? There is always more to a person than the sinful behaviors that we see on the outside."

Kenneth Garcia the gospel preacher for the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. These articles are meant to cover practical topics that will enlighten and encourage each and every one of us in our daily lives. TheLordschild33@yahoo.com is my email address and, if you can put in caps "questions for Kenny" in the subject line, that would be great.

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Scouts to collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House

The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is working with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge Aerie 3188 in Big Spring to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

"The program is a way for people of all ages to support RMHC and make a difference for families and children," said Brian Sweeney, Lone Star District executive.

The fundraiser benefits seriously ill children by helping provide a place for them and their families to stay while they are out of town for medical treatment. Recycling the tabs generates proceeds to donate to an area Ronald McDonald House.

"Pop tabs are small and convenient to collect," said Sweeney. "Hundreds of thousands of pop tabs have been collected to benefit Ronald McDonald Houses. Please save your pop tabs and bring them to the Big Spring Herald during business hours. There will be a conveniently placed drop bin as you walk in the door." The Herald is located at 710 Scurry. For more information about the Scouting program in Big Spring, contact Brian Sweeney

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CHURCH

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filling in at the organ for vacationing Eddie Vandewalker. director of our music ministry.

Wednesday Al's Barbeque will be catering the meal at the Noon Bible study. Serving begins at 11:50 a.m. J.D. Newman, summer intern, will be teaching the study as part of his service to our

church before he leaves for seminary. Congratulations to the McKenzie Family, Scott, Erin, Jacy and Jake, who have been named Big Spring Family of the Year by the Samaritan Counseling Centers of West Texas. The McKenzie's are active members at First Methodist.

Big Spring native Cynthia Fierro Harvey has been elected a Bishop in the United Methodist Church and will head up UMCOR.

"Kick Off Sunday" is Aug. 26 as we get ready for the fall routine. Wear your favorite school T-shirt and be sure to stay for the tail gate dinner in Garrett Hall following the late service. Events and activities coming up in early fall in-

clude the Lord's Acre on Oct. 13 and a Ladies Fall Brunch later that month. For complete schedule information check out our website at www.fumcbs.

First United Methodist Church is located in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry Streets.

Forsan Baptist Church

"Fruit of the Spirit" is coming to a close Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Sunday evening services include a verse-by-verse expository study of the Book of James and will continue through most of August.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities have been suspend-

ed for the summer, but will resume in August. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Coahoma First

United Methodist Church

Coahoma First United Methodist Church is located at 401 N. Main. Our office number is 432-394-4432 or you can contact us by email at coahomaumc@ gmail.com.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading

If you know of anyone who has gone through the loss of a loved one or has gone through a divorce.

Pastor Sammy is offering Christian counseling at no charge, contact the church office for more infor-

Rachel Barbee is coordinating a church prayer team, contact her to participate.

Youth group meets 7 p.m. Wednesday for students in sixth through 12th grade. This is the last Sunday for our children's Sidewalk Sunday school taught by Christin Powell at the park across the street from the church. Refreshments are provided along with a Bible study. All children are invited

We would like to thank Loy Hahn for filling in during Pastor Sammy's absence.

East Side Baptist Church

Celebrate our 24th anniversary as a local New Testament church Sunday.

We will celebrate at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Also, Wednesday, we will present, The Ronnie Warren Family, in concert. Ronnie and his wife sing the gospel of the Lord and will bless your heart with their music. Ronnie plays about 15 different instruments, including the SAW. Worship and praise is Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and

Wednesday at 7 p.m. for a concert.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist welcomed back the mission team from Ukraine on Sunday. We heard all about the week the 26 people from College Baptist spent there. The team also shared about what it was like to stay in the homes there

with families and how they learned about their every day lives and activities.

Today at 7 p.m., the men of College Baptist will meet for fellowship meal and to continue their study in the book, "The Man I Want to Be." On Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m., the Crossroads Associa-

tional Senior Adults will meet at East Fourth Street Baptist Church for an ice cream social. On Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. until noon the first through fifth grade Sunday school department kids will have a pizza party along with games and fun in the activities center gym. Wednesday at 7 p.m. is Bible study and prayer in

the fellowship hall for adults. Wee singers for children ages 3 and 4 years old meet in the children's department where they practice singing and play.

King's Kids meet in the choir room and sing songs or practice plays to put on for the church. These are young people from first through sixth grade.

Our youth group, junior high through high school, meet in the back stage youth room upstairs in the activities building for praise songs and a devotional message from Youth Pastor Josh Mensinger.

Life Church

Every Wednesday leading up to the start of the school year, youth from Life Church will meet in front of Big Spring High School at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call 263-7714.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring Sundays begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

with classes for all ages. Morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Sunday evening at 6, our church will be distributing school supplies at the Mission Center on Lancaster Street. Our RAs and GAs will be leaving Monday at 7 a.m. for their summer camp at the Big Country

Baptist Assembly in Leuders, Texas. They'll return Thursday afternoon. Do have any summer clothing you would like to donate to a worthy cause? — our Clothes Closet at

the mission center. You can your make your donations to the church at 705 W. FM 700. Our senior adults will be taking a trip to Branson

in October. There are openings if you'd like to go. Call the church at 267-8223, for more information.

Alive in Christ **Lutheran Church LCMS**

Pastor is Lannon Martin. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone

number is 264-7818. Our website is http://www. m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net. Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats

following and Sunday school around 10:15 a.m. Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy this

Sunday. The readings for this week reference "Jesus Walks on the Water." Lutheran Night at the Ballpark will be Aug. 5,

with the picnic beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the game starting at 6 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS) St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS), 810 Scurry, in-

vites you to join us for traditional worship, Christian fellowship and Biblical teaching. Our Sunday worship, with Pastor Don Rosen-

treter, begins at 9 a.m., followed by fellowship and Bible study in our fellowship fall. Our Wednesday Bible study is studying Francis

Chen's book, "Crazy Love, Overwhelmed by a Relentless God." We meet for one hour beginning at 11 a.m. in the pastor's office (enter from Scurry We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray

throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, rain and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

Wearing spiritual blinders

"ill admit that I know nothing My first and last attempt to ride

one almost ended in a disaster for me and a totally liberating experience for the horse. In spite of my lack of horse

sense, I have always been a little fascinated by the equine optical apparel known as blinders.

Somehow those fancy, black flaps attached to the bridle of a horse would make a fashion statement even if they didn't serve a purpose.

However, since the year of 1809, those who claim to be experts in horse behavior have used blinders to keep horses focused.

Blinders prevent horses from looking behind them or to the side. Limited vision forces the animals to watch the path ahead instead of becoming distracted by the sights

in their peripheral vision. While blinders work well for horses, the self-designed blinders that humans often don have a negative impact of those who choose to wear them.

Like sunglasses, the invisible blinders that people wear block light. They limit and obstruct our sight and discernment.

Human blinders are designed to keep us focused on our preconceived ideas and narrow our vision. They prevent open mindedness and stifle learning.

They screen out new ideas and distort our perception of the unfamiliar. In the spiritual realm, blinders separate us from truth.

They hinder our spiritual growth. They distract us when we try to pray. They blur our vision when we need to In his gospel, Luke gives an account

of spiritual blindness.

After Jesus had prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for the Father's will to be done, He was betrayed with a kiss by Judas, one of his own disciples. Following his betrayal, Je-

sus was arrested by the chief priest, officers of the temple, and elders who refused to be-BONNIE lieve that He was the Son of WHEAT God.

But while they were arresting Jesus, one of His disciples, acting on impulse, tried to defend Jesus:

"And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, 'Stop! No more of this." (Luke 22: 51 NASB).

In the next verse, Luke records that Jesus touched the ear of the slave and healed him.

In the report written by John, we are told that Peter was the disciple who cut off the slave's ear and the slave's name was Malchus. (John: 18:10)

Because their spiritual blinders were so efficient, the religious leaders who arrested Jesus didn't even question His ability to restore a severed ear with the touch of His hand.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

Wayland Baptist University enters into a new partnership with Kenyan Bible college

KIJABE, KENYA — The location may have changed but the mission hasn't for Wayland Baptist University and its work in Kenya.

That was the m Wayland Executive Vice President/Provost Dr. Bobby Hall brought to the university's partners in the East African country recently.

Hall was in Kenya, along with Dr. Paul Sadler, dean of the School of Religion and Philosophy at Wayland, to announce the university's new partnership with Moffat Bible College in Kijabe, Kenya. The announcement was made by Hall in a brief address during Moffat's ceremony graduation on July 7.

In addressing the students, faculty and administration of the college, which is affiliated with the African Inland Church, Hall pointed out that the two schools hold many things in common, most notably a commitment to Christian education and the training of spiritual leaders. Prior to Hall's re-

marks, Moffat Principal

Dr. Paul Kamunge referred to the partnership as a "new, new day," and the college's chairman of the board, John Apostle Paul's dream of a man calling for help to come to Macedonia. Kingori told the crowd that Wayland's decision to join in the partnership was the answer to a dream.

In a subsequent interview, Hall explained that the move marks a new step in Wayland's work in Kenya, which began 13 years ago when the Baptist Convention of Kenya asked the university to bring its academic program to the country. Wayland spent that time partnered with Kenya Baptist Theological College near Limu-

Hall said the move to Moffat affords the university with great opportunities to continue its work in Kenya, although the decision did not come without much thought, many prayers and extensive discussions with the Baptist Convention of Kenya.

"Throughout journey we have been in close contact and consultation with the Baptist Convention of G. Kingori, compared Kenya. We have met the partnership with the multiple times with their leadership, including moderator Daniel Theuri (Kabangu) and it is with his blessing, and that of Kenya Baptists, that we move into a new location," Hall said.

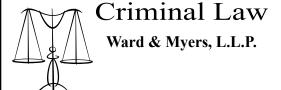
administrator The was quick to point out that while Wayland is changing locations, it is not changing its mission, goals nor programs in Kenya.

"We will continue to look for ways to work with Baptists congregations," Hall explained. "We will continue to look for ways to work with our mission programs with Baptist churches and with other entities across the nation. Our commitment to Kenya has not changed at all.

"The thing I want to be sure we emphasize is we are still in collaboration with Kenyan Baptists. We're not changing anything, we're simply doing it from a different location.

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News in brief

As government reports on growth, few think sluggish U.S.

economy will strengthen soon WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. economy that plod-

ded along in the first three months of the year likely grew even less in the April-June quarter. And most economists no longer think growth will strengthen much in the second half of 2012. Weaker hiring, nervous consumers, sluggish

manufacturing and the overhang of Europe's debt crisis might be pointing toward everyone's big fear: another recession. Against that background, the government on

Friday will issue its first of three estimates of how much the U.S. economy expanded last quarter. The consensus forecast is that growth slowed to an annual rate of 1.5 percent, according to a survey of economists by data firm FactSet. The Commerce Department will issue the estimate at 8:30 a.m.

A quarterly growth rate of 1.5 percent would be the weakest in a year. It would follow a meager 1.9 percent rate in the first three months of 2012.

Much more growth would be needed to fuel stronger hiring. Economists generally say even 2 percent annual growth would add only about 90,000 jobs a month. That's too few to drive down the unemployment rate, which is stuck at 8.2 percent.

Facing an Olympic rift in London, Romney's Salt Lake City experience in 2002 comes into focus

LONDON (AP) — On a trip already marked by misstep, Mitt Romney has an Olympic history that could prove problematic: His stewardship of the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City was not without controversy.

Romney and his wife, Ann, are set to attend the opening ceremony at the Summer Games on Friday, an event that punctuates the first leg of a threenation tour that will take him to Israel and Poland. It's the first international swing for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, who has

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
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the following four hands?
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2. ▼ Jo4 ▼ Q /2 ▼ 1853 3. ♦ 9 ♥ J642 ♦ 8653 ♣ AQ87 4. ♠ KJ87532 ♥ 10 ♦ J4 ♣ 954 * * *

1. Two diamonds. Assume you have this hand and your partner, the dealer, opens the bidding with a spade, a heart or a club. You would presumably drive the hand to at least

a game — even if you were by nature an underbidder. The fact that an opponent opens the bidding should not alter your assessment of a hand after partner

doubles, indicating support for the unbid suits and the values for an opening bid. In this case, you should certainly feel your side has a game, and the only question is how to reach

Rather than try to guess partner's best suit by jumping to game in one of your own suits, it is better to cuebid diamonds and force him to choose a suit. You can then raise to

game in whatever suit he names. **2. Two notrump.** You don't often takeout double, but when you do, you must show them by making a jump-response (or by cuebidding the opponents' suit, as in the previous problem). Here, the most illuminating bid you can make is two notrump, showing a balanced hand of 10 to 12 points with the opponents' suit stopped. Partner can then pass or bid on as he chooses.

3. One heart. Here you're a trifle short for a jump-response, so the only problem is whether to bid one heart or two clubs. One heart is better largely because the doubler is nearly always more interested in hearing about a major suit than a minor suit. This is readily understandable, since it is easier to make a 10-trick game than an 11-trick game.

The heart response will lead to a sound game far more often than a two-club response, despite the great difference in the quality of the two

4. Three spades. This is not a strength-showing bid; it merely says you have great spade length. It is a pre-emptive bid similar to an opening three-bid. Partner can pass with minimum values for his double or carry on to game with a bit extra. Strength-showing responses would be two spades (invitational), four spades or a cuebid of the opponents'

hold 11 points when partner makes a **Tomorrow:** Good to the last drop. ©2012 King Features Syndicate Inc

crafted an itinerary designed to showcase his diplomatic skills and political strengths.

The Olympic appearance carries special significance for Romney. His political career was born out of his leading role at the Salt Lake City Games, which were plagued by scandal before he was tapped to take over. "I can't resist the pull of the beginning of the

Olympics here," Romney told reporters Thursday. "My experience as an Olympic organizer is that there are always a few very small things that end up not going quite right in the first day or so - these get ironed out and then when the games themselves begin and the athletes take over, all the mistakes of the organizing committee — and I made a few — all of those are overwhelmed by the many things that the athletes carry out and by the spirit of the games."

Romney's comments were aimed at downplaying his earlier suggestion that British officials might not be prepared to pull off a successful Olympics. In an interview with NBC News, he called London's problems with games preparation "disconcerting," and the remark sparked sharp responses from Britain's top officials.

Amid campaign of fear, Sudanese activists struggle to ignite uprising against al-Bashir rule CAIRO (AP) — "I think my country Sudan has

really hit rock bottom." Those were the last public words uttered by Usamah Mohamad, a 32-year-old Sudanese web developer-turned-citizen journalist, in a video announcing he would join protests against President Omar al-Bashir. Mohamad, popular under his Twitter handle

"simsimt," was arrested the same day his video was aired. For the next month, his family had no idea where he was. Finally they learned he was in Khartoum's high security prison and were allowed to visit him last week.

He was skinnier and darker, a sign he had been left to bake in the scorching Khartoum sun, people close to his case say. The family itself is saying nothing.

Mohamad and hundreds of others — no less than 2,000, activists say — have been detained the past month in a campaign unleashed by the Sudanese government. The crackdown aims to crush a new attempt to launch a protest movement calling for the ouster of al-Bashir, inspired by the Middle East's uprisings that toppled the leaders of Sudan's neighbors Egypt and Libya as well as Tunisia and

Anti-government activists see al-Bashir's 23-yearold regime as the ripest in the region to fall. He has been weakened by the loss of oil-rich South Sudan, which became independent last year after two decades of Africa's bloodiest civil war. His regime has had to impose painful economic austerity measures to make up for the loss of revenues from the south's oil, sending inflation up to nearly 40 percent this month. The years-old rebellion in the western Darfur region continues to bleed the country. Al-Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged war crimes in that region.rests of a child predator above their legal obligations to protect him," the lawyers said in a news release.

Green acres: Intrepid homeowners weary of lawns browned by drought break out turf paint

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — When this summer's drought turned her prized lawn brown, Terri LoPrimo fought back, but not with sprinklers: She had it painted green, making her suddenly lush-appearing yard the envy of her neighborhood.

The Staten Island, N.Y., resident and her husband, Ronnie, hired a local entrepreneur to spruce up their yard by spraying it with a deep-green organic dye. By Monday, the couple's property was aglow with newly green blades of grass and no watering needed to sustain it.

"It looks just like a spring lawn, the way it looks after a rain. It's really gorgeous," said LoPrimo, a 62-year-old retiree.

With two-thirds of the nation covered by a drought that stretches from coast to coast, residents and businesses in normally well-watered areas are catching on to the lawn-painting practice employed for years in the West and Southwest to give luster

LoPrimo paid \$125 to green up her roughly 830-square-foot lawn. She said it was worth every penny to keep her home of 33 years graced by an

Crisis looms as Israel's military draft reform still up in the air days before deadline JERUSALEM (AP) — With just days left before a

court-imposed deadline to reform Israel's military draft law expires, the nation's political leaders are at loggerheads on how to resolve what has become perhaps the country's most pressing — and divisive — domestic issue. The impasse over whether and how to scrap the

mass exemptions from military service for ultra-Orthodox Jews has already cost Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu his largest coalition partner. With no obvious compromise in sight ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline, the issue has the potential to trigger the government's collapse and lead to snap elections. The debate over the exemptions cuts along the

nation's secular-religious divide. Israel's secular majority, which is required to perform two to three years of compulsory service, widely resents the exemptions, while ultra-Orthodox leaders have been equally adamant in their refusal to compromise, claiming their young men serve the nation through prayer and study.

Earlier this month, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has vowed to find a resolution that will please all sides, dissolved a high-profile committee that recommended largely doing away with the mass exemptions. That prompted his largest coalition partner, the centrist Kadima Party that joined the Cabinet in May with the explicit goal of ending the exemptions for the ultra-Orthodox, to quit the government.

Netanyahu now has presented a watered-down alternative that doesn't appear likely to be implemented either.

Obama and Romney stress different issues to woo suburban women in Colorado and other states

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — If President Barack Obama wins swing-voting Colorado, and a second term as president, voters like Paula Burky will probably be the reason.

Burky, who has decided to vote for Obama, says, in her words, "He understands women."

Both Obama and his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, see women — specifically suburbanites from their 30s to their 50s — as critical to victory in Colorado as well as in other hard-fought places like Virginia and Nevada.

The state of the campaign in the sprawling Denver region illustrates how the fight is playing out across the nation, and how the candidates are seeking to woo these female voters in different ways.

Romney is decrying Obama's handling of the sluggish economy. Obama warns women could lose abortion rights with a Republican president.

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Forsan baseball players receive all-state honors

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Forsan baseball squad had a banner vear.

After going undefeated in District 3-2A play, the Buffaloes received a first round bye in the playoffs before a series of rain delays and a forced, one-game playoff with Floydada ended their season as the Buffs fell to the Whirlwinds 9-3.

accolades

stopped piling up for Forsan athletes, however.

Three Buffaloes — Payton Parker, Sr.: Foster Burchett, Sr. and Trevor Burchett, Jr. — have been recognized with honorable mentions by the Texas Sports Writer Association for its Class 2A All-State baseball team.

"All three of them are very deserving," Forsan Head Baseball Coach Jason Phillips said. "I think we could have had one or two more (Forsan players) in there, but they had great years. Foster had a great career here and (Parker) had a great career here."

Parker earned All-District Pitcher of the Year honors and Foster Burchett received the Overall Player of the Year title. Trevor Burchett got the nod as Offensive Player of the

Parker and Foster Burchett are among the four valuable seniors Phillips will be All-District honors — will replacing next season, along with Bryson Phillips and Patrick Robles.

"They started for us since freshmen years," Phillips said. "They worked really hard and were a big part of our success."

Replacing Parker and Foster Burchett may be difficult, but Trevor Burchett — along with several other Forsan veterans who were recognized with be returning next year to a presumably easier, Class 1A schedule.

"(Trevor Burchett) is going to be our go-to guy," Phillips added. "We expect him to be productive on the mound and he will hit leadoff for us."

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HERALD photos/Brian McCormack

The U.S. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Competition will be wrapping up its annual Big Spring event Saturday. Throughout the week, some of the world's best pilots have flown the Crossroads skies and beyond. The public is welcome to attend.

Pilots continue gliding at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark



Astros drop 23rd in 25 games with loss to Pirates

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston rookie Dallas Keuchel was trying to be more aggressive Thursday

That approach quickly backfired when Pittsburgh's Starling Marte homered on his first major league pitch to give the Pirates an early lead in a 5-3 win over the

"I figured he'd take a strike to see what I got; I never thought he would hit a homer on the first pitch of the game," Keuchel said.

Keuchel's approach played right into Marte's plan.

"I told some players in the dugout before the game that if he threw a fastball down the middle I was going to take a hack at it and that's exactly what I did," Marte said in Spanish through a

A.J. Burnett (12-3) shut out the Astros for seven innings before Chris Johnson and Carlos Corporan connected for solo homers in the eighth to cut the lead to 5-2, bringing Brad Lincoln out of the bullpen with one out.

Johnson hit a two-out RBI single off Joel Hanrahan in the ninth, but Hanrahan struck out Brian Bogusevic for his 30th save.

"They gave us a chance until the end, and we had the tying run at the plate in the end," Johnson said. "We're going to keep battling back. Just because we get in a big deficit, we still have to try

Pirates fans couldn't wait for Marte, who was recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis, to reach the majors and he didn't disappoint, taking rookie Dallas Keuchel's first pitch for a leadoff home run to left-center. Marte was promoted to improve the Pirates' production in left field, where Alex Presley and Drew Sutton have previously manned the position.

Garrett Jones added a two-run

homer later in the first inning. and former Astro Clint Barmes had a two-run shot in the second to extend Pittsburgh's lead to 5-0.

The loss extends Houston's skid to a season-worst 10 games and the Astros, who own the league's worst record, have dropped 23 of their last 25 games.

"It's hard coming in every day and getting beat; guys are getting (ticked) off a little bit, and they want to come out here and get a win," Johnson said. "Tomorrow we are going to have to come out here and do whatever we can to get a win. That is what it has to

Burnett allowed four hits and a walk with five strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings to improve to 11-1 since a loss on May 2.

The 23-year-old Marte's second hit came on a single to left field in the fifth inning. He hit .286 with 12 homers and 61 RBIs in 98

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Former Dallas TE Bennett wants piece of Cowboys

TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. -Former Dallas Cowboys tight end Martellus Bennett wants a piece of his old team when the Super Bowlchampion New York Giants open the season against their NFC East rival Sept. 5.

To be blunt, Bennett wants to show the Cowboys what they're miss-

"That is what it is all about," Bennett said Thursday after arriving at his first Giants training camp. "I mean we are cool, but we ain't that cool, know what I am saying? I kind of got some ill feelings toward them overall. It is a game. I kind of hate everybody, honestly, in

the NFL." Bennett signed with the Giants as a free agent after spending his first four seasons as Jason Witten's backup

in Dallas. With New York, Bennett comes to a team where he will have a chance to start. Jake Ballard and his backup, Travis Beckum, both suffered ACL injuries in the Super Bowl. Ballard was claimed by New England after New

York waived him, and Beckum will open the season on the physically-unable-to-perform

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Manning era begins in Denver with packed camp

ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning says it's going to take him a while to settle into his new digs in Denver after spending 14 years in Indianapolis.

He looked right at home in his new duds Thursday, though. Manning's passes on the first

day of Broncos training camp were as powerful and precise as ever, delighting his coaches, teammates and the 4,371 boisterous fans who crammed into the team's Dove Valley complex for their first glimpse of Manning in orange and blue.

The biggest crowd for a nonstadium practice in team history watched Manning's first practice in front of fans in nearly two

"We had (Tim) Tebow last year and he brings out his own fan base," Champ Bailey said. "Just to see more people out here on the first day than I've seen in

the past, it's great. I think everybody's starting to expect some good things from us."

The Broncos, without a winning season since 2006, welcome those high expectations. "I mean, I've always been con-

fident, but it does help when you have a four-time MVP as your quarterback," Bailey said. The crowd greeted Manning

when he ran onto the field, just as they welcomed Tebow a year ago, with huge cheers and chants. "I'm going to tell you guys a

funny story," defensive tackle and top draft pick Derek Wolfe said. "When we came out here today, I was right in front of Manning and I didn't know it. They made a pretty big fuss, and I was like, 'Why are they yelling so crazy for me?' Then I looked behind me and it was Manning standing there."

Finally.

After starting his first 277 consecutive games, including the playoffs, Manning missed all of last year with a nerve injury that sapped strength from his throwing arm, required four neck operations, led to his teary departure from Indianapolis and spawned the biggest free agent frenzy in NFL history.

The Broncos prevailed, thanks largely to John Elway's pitch and patience. After signing Manning to a five-year, \$96 million deal, the Broncos jettisoned Tebow and the option-oriented offense for a traditional passing approach built around the league's only four-time MVP. All of the offseason practices

were closed to the public, so some fans camped out overnight for the chance to see their new QB Thursday. They were rewarded when Man-

ning put on an absolute clinic during a crisp $2\frac{1}{2}$ -hour practice. "I thought it was a good first

day," Manning said. "You can tell guys have been working. It's

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Bannister leads race to light Olympic flame

LONDON (AP) — With the finish line fast approaching. Roger Bannister has broken away from the pack and is now the bookmakers' clear front runner to light the Olympic cauldron later Friday.

British bookmaker William Hill has closed the market on Bannister after cutting odds from 6-1 to even money after a surge in betting on the first man to run the mile in less than 4 minutes.

"If he does win, an awful lot of punters will be running ... down to their betting shops to pick up their winnings," William Hill spokesman

Thomas said Friday.

The bookmaker said

98 percent of all bets

Richard

have an inkling," said Joe Crilly, another William Hill spokesman.

Hill on Thursday on who will light the flame at the opening ceremony were for Bannister. Steve Redgrave, Da-

placed with William

ley Thompson, Kelly Holmes and former England captain David Beckham are also in the running to light the flame. Until Thursday, it was

Redgrave, a five-time champion, Olympic who had always been the favorite to light the cauldron since the market was opened seven years ago, according to William Hill. Bannister was 33-1

only a few weeks ago. "It suggests people

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The point is that you

The Scorpio moon mixes mischievously with the playful Leo sun and Mercury to remind us of the value of recreation. As the very name suggests, it's a way to "create" yourself over again. Don't listen to those naysayers who say fun and games are just for children out.

nothing is more serious or better for you today than play.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's just as easy create useful

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disorder. You'll make sure that each action you execute produces a reaction that's as productive as it is equal and opposite.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Comfort, power or fame is not necessary because so much of what you do is its own reward. You're not immune to the attraction of comfort, power and fame, and maybe you'd even like it.

don't "need "

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The conversations you have, the ways you burn your energy and spend your time, and the love you give throughout the day will, by sundown, have you absolutely tired

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One might think that happiness was something that once learned you could always recreate. Not Happiness takes different forms, so it can never be created in the exact same way twice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's lucky for the trees that they don't have eyeballs, so they can't discourage themselves with comparisons to the bigger, taller trees in the forest or loom superior to smaller growth. Be like the trees.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The act of kindness vou perform will release a rush of serotonin in your brain. This is one among many reasons that you don't care if the kindness is ever repaid. Giving is getting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). James Bond wasn't born cool. He's a highly trained agent who has mastered strategies to cope in a variety of situations. Think of Bond as you welcome every opportunity to develop your own set of coping

Tomorrow's Horoscope

strategies. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being completely

produces a state of "flow" that dissolves emotion, staves off hunger and delays the need for sleep. "flow" The more experiences you can create for yourself, the

happier you'll be.

engaged in an endeavor

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may hesitate to dive into your joy. Maybe someone near isn't able to do the same, or there's another kind of hold-up delaying your satisfaction. When you finally can do what you want, you'll savor the

experience. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's like you are writing your destiny with an indelible marker. Make a strong commitment, and then back your decision with immediate irreversible action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is an age when many people spend what they don't have to buy what they can't afford to impress who they don't know. Your realistic and modest approach will be a breath of fresh air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've wanted to rid yourself of that personality quirk some time. Have you considered the upside of keeping it, though? This unique part of you has benefits.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 27). You know what you believe in, and you let yourself be guided those principles. Fortune favors you as you stand up for your beliefs without flaunting them. You'll be well paid for your work in August. An attraction builds through the fall. You'll make new commitments

November and reach a goal in December. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 43, 3 and 19.

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Margo)ear

In the Top 10 of Dumb Ideas

Dear Margo: husband and I expecting our first child, which is wonderful, but I am worried that our parenting styles will clash different due to upbringings.

As a teenager, I had a strict curfew, didn't drink until I went to college, couldn't date without my mom approving the guy, etc. Hubby, on the other hand, is a youngest child, and his otherwise smart and nice parents let him run completely staying out all night and going out of town to college frat parties as a high school student.

Starting at age 12, he a ridiculous amount, showed up at school events wasted, drove drunk, smoked pot and did coke.

He agrees that if we have a girl she will be subject to the same restrictions I grew up with.

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But if we have a boy, he thinks we should behave as his parents did. His argument is, "Well, I turned out OK." My take is that a lot of bad things happened, could've including him getting killed or killing someone, and he has friends from that era who now are complete wastoids.

How do I have this without conversation implying that his parents were dumb? — *Expecting*

Dear Ex: Dumb? How about nuts? And did he turn out OK? Just asking. It is interesting that he's decided that the way a child should be raised depends on the gender.

Without calling his parents names, you could suggest that when he was a little boy his parents were super-permissive because maybe they were hippies? (Or maybe he was raising himself because he was youngest?)

Do point out that his sexism goes against all time-tested childrearing advice. All kids need and thrive on fair discipline and boundaries, not just girls. (You might mention his friends, and tell him

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it's a miracle he is not like them.)

Let us hope you have a daughter, but if not, I hope you prevail in not letting your husband relive his wild days through a son. If you need backup, book appointment with a kiddy shrink, and let that person be the neutral (and expert) mediator. Margo, gender-neutrally

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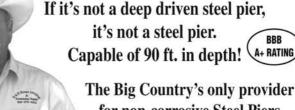
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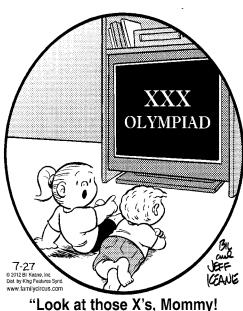
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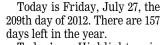
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight History:

On July 27, 1942, during World War II, the First Battle of El Alamein in Egypt ended in a draw as Allied forces stalled the progress of Axis invaders. (The Allies went on to win a clear victory over the Axis in the Second Battle of El Alamein later that year.)

On this date: In 1789, President George

Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State. In 1861, Union Maj. Gen.

George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. In 1866, Cyrus W. Field fin-

ished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 hurned out after only a few weeks' use).

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In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes. In 1921, Canadian researcher

...Working twenty-four HOURS A DAY TRYING TO MAKE HIM SUCCESSFUL!

Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto. In 1942, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra and vocalist

You Do Right" in New York for Columbia Records. In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three

years of fighting.

Peggy Lee recorded "Why Don't

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of $impeachment\, against\, President$ Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a

course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in Watergate case. In 1981, 6-year-old Adam

Walsh was abducted from a

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department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.) In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial

one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.) Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 90. Actor

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Jerry Van Dyke is 81. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 73. © 2012 The Associated Press.

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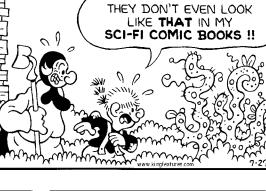
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7-foot Center Asik introduced as a Rocket

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets welcomed their latest acquisition with far less fanfare than the guy who arrived

Omer Asik may turn out to be just as vital to the team as Jer-

The Rockets introduced the 7-foot Asik at the Toyota Center on Thursday, a week after much more crowded news conference for the point guard Lin. Both players signed three-year, \$25 million offer sheets and came to Houston when their teams — the Bulls and Knicks — declined to

While Lin brings some star power to the roster, Asik fills a more critical position for the Rockets, who've missed the playoffs in three consecutive seasons. Houston has needed a big man since Yao Ming's career was derailed by injuries.

The Rockets ranked 18th in scoring defense (97.9 points per game), 23rd in opponents' fieldgoal percentage (45.6 percent) and 20th in blocked shots (4.8 per game), all areas they feel Asik can improve. Asik averaged only 1.03 blocks last season, but played only 14.7 minutes per game.

"Seven-footers like Omer are in short supply," said Sam Hinkie, the Rockets executive vice president of basketball operations. "He's an outstanding help defender, he's a rim protector, he rebounds at both ends of the floor and he's proven this throughout his career." Asik averaged 2.9 points and

4.4 rebounds in two full seasons with Chicago. He was originally drafted by Portland in 2008, then immediately dealt to the Bulls, who signed him in July 2010. He acknowledges that his offensive game needs a lot of work, and he's eager to work with Houston coach Kevin McHale, the power forward on the Boston Celtics' championship teams of the

"I'm very happy that I'm going to be working with Kevin McHale, a legendary post player,' Asik said. "I know the offense is the missing part of my game, but I believe in myself that I can improve that by working hard every day. I'm sure, if I can get more minutes, I can improve that."

The 26-year-old Asik has not missed a regular-season NBA game, though he broke his left fibula in Game 3 of the 2011 Eastern Conference finals against Miami. He'll move into a starting role in Houston, and says he's prepared to take on a heavier load. In Chicago, he backed up Joakim Noah and averaged only 13.2 minutes in two seasons there.

"It will be a little different for me, I didn't start much there," Asik said. "But I think I will be working very hard and try to adapt."

Asik helped Turkey win the silver medal at the 2010 FIBA world championship, averaging 8.9 points and 6.9 rebounds during the tournament. Hinkie says international players generally make slow transitions to the NBA game, but Asik has adjusted faster than most.

"He was outstanding as a rookie, and he took big strides."

Browns owner talking to possible investor

CLEVELAND (AP) Cleveland Browns owner Randy Lerner said Friday he is discussing a possible investment in the team by truck-stop magnate Jimmy Haslam. "In connection with

current rumors and press inquiries, I can report that I've been approached by Mr. Jimmy Haslam, who is interested in making an investment in the Cleveland Browns. We are currently in

negotiations and both sides have agreed to keep that dialogue and its details private," Lerner said in a statement. "Given that any

transaction would require League approval, care has been taken so that this process will not be disruptive to the organization, in particular the football team, as it prepares for the upcoming season. We will share further details or make an announcement if it becomes necessary."

In June, Browns president Mike Holmgren reiterated the Browns were not for sale, responding to a rumor that Lerner had the team on the market. "No, the Browns are

not for sale," he said. "I talk to Randy all the time, and I assume he'd tell me. We have a very open, honest relationship. No, there's no truth to that."

Jimmy Haslam is current president and CEO of Pilot Flying J and brother of Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam.

Lauren Christ, spokeswoman for the company, confirmed that Jimmy Haslam was the prospective Browns investor.

Dallas waives Scott, signs Wesley

IRVING, Texas (AP) – The Dallas Cowboys have waived injured rookie running back Darrell Scott and replaced him by signing former TCU tailback Ed Wesley.

The moves Thursday came a day after Scott sustained a hip injury in a pre-training camp workout for rookies and selected veterans.

Wesley went undrafted in the NFL supplemen-

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tal draft July 12 after deciding to leave TCU for family reasons.

He rushed for 726 yards and six touchdowns while splitting time with two other tailbacks. Wesley and fellow

rookie Lance Dunbar, the leading rusher at North Texas, are trying to unseat Phillip Tanner as the No. 3 back behind DeMarco Murray and Felix Jones.

Mavs re-sign G West

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks reday. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

The 6-foot-3 West originally signed with Dallas as a free agent on Dec. 13. He averaged 9.6 points, 3.2 assists, 2.3 rebounds and 24.1 minutes in 44 games last season. He missed 21 games after fracturing and dislocating his right ring finger on Feb. 15 against Denver.

overall by Boston in 2004, and has averaged 9.7 points, 3.6 assists and 2.9 rebounds in 432 games in eight seasons for Boston, Seattle, Cleveland and Dallas.

signed free-agent guard Delonte West on Thurs-

The former St. Joseph's star was drafted 24th

hot out here. We had a real good

Coach John Fox said Manning's work will be regulated during training camp and into the season, but he likes where his arm strength is and won't put any restrictions on the types of throws Manning makes.

"He didn't take the last five weeks off by any stretch," Fox said. "We're happy he is."

So are these fans.

There weren't No. 15 jerseys dotting the crowd like last year. Nor was there an abundance of errant throws like last summer, when Tebow started out as Kyle Orton's backup before winning the job by default in October and leading Denver into the playoffs despite a 46 percent completion percentage.

There were plenty of No. 18 jerseys this time, many of which Manning signed after practice.

"I look forward to training camp because that means football season is getting closer and I do think this is important work for us," Manning said. "It's certainly important for me, in the two-a-days and getting multiple plays and multiple looks run

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against our defense."

Manning isn't looking back,

"I've kind of gotten past that part, and I haven't gotten too nostalgic about it," Manning said. "I'm glad to be here, glad to be playing with some really good guys and coaches that I enjoy. They really made me feel welcome, which I appreciate." Fox said he has no overriding

concerns about Manning's durability: "No. Well, you worry about all players. Every time you go between those lines you're at risk. In answer to your question, I worry about all of them but not because of any past injury."

Manning, who has "stopped giving percentages" regarding how healthy he is, said he still has more rehabilitation ahead, but his goal remains to participate fully in training camp, preseason and the regular season.

Fox said Manning is a player who "raises all boats," with his work ethic and determination rubbing off on teammates on both sides of the ball. He said he saw that play out even in the off-

"Part of learning a profession, or getting better, or mastering, or improving in a profession, is watching guys who have done it very well or done it great," Fox

Running back Lance Ball said offensive players are driven to please Manning.

"He's a player/coach, so he wants things precise, he wants you to be at a certain point at a certain time, just know your stuff and just work hard," Ball said. "Guys put a little pep in their step. They want to make sure they're on point and right, and pleasing the coaches and also Peyton."

Cornerback Tracy Porter, who played the last four seasons with Drew Brees in New Orleans, said Manning makes Denver's defense better, too: "Because facing him forces you to really practice and lock in and watch film and be on top of your technique," Porter said. "Because you don't want to go out to practice and have these guys seeing you out of position. Because they see things before it happens, those Hall of Fame quarterbacks. And you don't want to get the ball thrown at you that often in practice."

Manning hasn't played in a game since the Colts' wild-card loss to the New York Jets following the 2010 season.

"I have missed it, and I've never taken it for granted to be out there playing," Manning said. "... I've always felt very fortunate to be playing in a game for a living.'

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list.

"I have ill feelings toward everybody," Bennett later clarified. "It is not just Dallas. Pretty much anybody who doesn't play with us, I pretty much don't like them. I don't like a lot of people." Bennett, who caught 85

passes for 846 yards and four touchdowns with the Cowboys, is grateful to Witten, however.

"He is one of the best to ever do it. I learned a lot from him," Bennett said. "Every once in a while, plants can't really

grow when they are outshaded by the tall tree. So, I get a little sunlight for myself now."

Bennett suffered a hamstring injury after signing with New York and missed some work in Organized Team Activities and minicamp. However, he believes he is ready to go.

"For me it was never an issue with playing ability or being able to make plays," said Bennett, 25. "It really is about being happy and being at peace with myself. I am at peace with myself. I am not at peace with everybody else. I have never been this hungry or this enthused about going to camp."

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games this season for Indianapolis.

He said before the game that when his minor league manager called him into the office Wednesday to inform him of his call-up, he tricked him by saying that he didn't run hard enough on a double that day and he wasn't going to play him in the next game. He then quickly ended the joke by telling him he'd be playing for the Pirates instead.

Marte, who stole 21 bases this season in the minors, was caught stealing to end the fifth inning.

Keuchel (1-3) settled down after the first two innings, allowing just one hit and walking one in his last four innings. He gave up five hits and five runs in six innings.

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"There's no doubt he was able to right himself," Houston manager Brad Mills said of Keuchel. "We needed some innings out of our starter. Those five runs happened in a hurry. He was able to right himself and keep it right there until the end. Obviously, we would've liked to either not given those up or kept it right at one. At the same time, he did a good job of keeping it right there and making some adjustments as he

was moving forward." Burnett didn't allow a hit until Corporan singled to left field with one out in the third. He walked Johnson with one out in the fifth, but didn't allow another hit until Scott Moore singled with one out in the

Burnett still faced the minimum in that inning after J.D. Martinez grounded into a double play.

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