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Coahoma: Don't text and drive

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Area motorists traveling through this community, put away your smart phones and other electronic messaging devices. The city council has effectively banned texting and driving.



The first Crossroads community to join in what is becoming a statewide effort to stop motorists from texting while they are behind the wheel, the Coahoma City Council passed the measure during its July 26 meeting on a unanimous vote. The ordinance — which went into effect upon its ap-

proval by the council Thursday — prohibits texting or other electronic messaging while operating a motor vehicle and sets a maximum penalty of \$250 for each offense. According to Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace, the issue was brought to the council by several council members and residents who had already had near-miss traffic accidents due to motorists texting while driving.

"I really feel like personal experience among the council members played a very large role in their decision to pass this ordinance."



—Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace

"The traffic in Coahoma has grown exponentially because of the boom in the oilfield," Wallace said. "The idea for this came from residents and council members who were nearly involved in accidents because drivers weren't

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HERALD file photo

Big Spring State Park will be the site of the latest Moonlite Run, beginning at 11:45 p.m. Friday. Registration begins at 10 p.m.

Chance to run under stars slated Friday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Two chances left to run underneath the moonlight. The third in a series of four moonlight runs will be taking place at Scenic Mountain

State Park at 11:55 p.m. Friday. As in the past two runs, this one will also be open to all ages. "The first race actually drew the participation of a fair amount of families," Park Manager Ron Alton said. "We

are hoping that this time around we are able to eclipse the 35 participants from the first race and draw in a few more." Registration is \$20 per

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No surprise, county burn ban in effect

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead Monday morning to put a burn ban into effect, as local fire officials warn wildfire dangers are reaching critical levels with no immediate relief in sight.



Sullivan

Commissioners approved the county-wide ban — which will be in effect for 90 days, at the end of which the court will have the option to reinstate or dismiss the order — at the recommendation of Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan.

According to Sullivan, the fire hazard in Howard County has reached extreme levels despite recent rains. "The 100-plus degree heat takes an incredible toll, even when we've gotten a considerable amount of rain," Sullivan said. "As of Monday morning, the fire danger index was just above the state's extreme level and with more 100-degree days in the fore-

cast and no foreseeable break in the heat, it's likely it will only get worse." While the ban does allow for burning in certain circumstances, Sullivan said he'd much rather see county residents simply not take the chances it represents during what are sure to be dire times. "I understand that some people have to burn for health and sanitation reasons," he said. "However, if the fire gets away from you the fines can get pretty expensive. In the end, it's a lot cheaper just to pay a service to pick up your garbage than to get stuck with a \$500 to \$1,000 fine. And even the money can be small in comparison to the feeling you're left with if someone gets hurt or loses their home. It's just not worth it." Sullivan said county residents are allowed to burn in burn barrels, which have no holes in them and have a tight screen on the top. "They are also required to have a fire extinguisher or water hose, and they have

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Howard College to hike tax levy

However, increase in valuations will make increase lower than current rate

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College officials are going to ask area taxpayers to help make up for a shortfall in state funding. College trustees gave tentative approval of a plan to in-

crease the district's tax levy during a budget workshop Monday morning. The action is necessitated, officials said, by three straight years of cuts in state funding to the college, the latest of which will leave Howard College's new budget be-

tween \$270,000 and \$650,000 in the red. How much the state shortfall is depends on whether all 50 Texas community colleges agree to a "hold harmless" clause that will increase the state's outlay. "Forty-one of the 50 colleges have voted affirmatively on

the hold harmless stipulation," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "We are thinking positively that the clause will go through, so we worked on the budget accordingly."

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Obituaries

Aristeo Hernandez



Aristeo Hernandez, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, July 30, 2012, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 3, 1930, in Big Spring, Texas, to Guerrma and Valente Hernandez. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a custodian at Goliad School and College Baptist Church. He married Ofilia Rodriguez on June 29, 1952, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death May 2, 2003.

He is survived by one son, Raul Hernandez and wife Ruth of Big Spring; three daughters, Anita Ybarra of Loveland, Colo., Nora Torres and husband Joe and Christina Lopez and husband Ramon, all of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jesus Hernandez and wife Viola of Midland and Jabor Hernandez and wife Josie of Midland; three sisters, Alicia Monje of Mansfield, Lucilia Garcia of San Antonio and Olivia Martinez and husband Alfredo of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ofilia Hernandez; a daughter, Gloria Hernandez in 2010; a son, Freddie Hernandez in 1964; three brothers; and two sisters.

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

Donna Franklin

Donna Franklin, 59, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- ANDY DEMOND PIPER, 26, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 37, of 2209 Cecilia St., was arrested Monday on charges of assault causing bodily injury and abandoning/endangering a child – criminal negligence.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 37, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury and abandoning/endangering a child – criminal negligence.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
 • Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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

Take Note

- Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allans Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

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

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

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

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

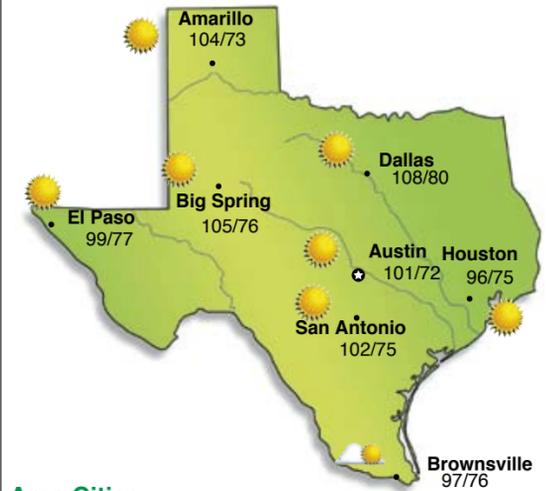
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/2	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6
 105/76 Mainly sunny. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the mid 70s.	 107/77 Mainly sunny. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.	 107/77 Abundant sunshine. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.	 106/77 Abundant sunshine. Highs 104 to 108F and lows in the upper 70s.	 102/76 More sun than clouds. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	106	77	sunny	Kingsville	100	74	sunny
Amarillo	104	73	sunny	Livingston	98	72	sunny
Austin	101	72	sunny	Longview	102	77	sunny
Beaumont	95	75	sunny	Lubbock	102	72	sunny
Brownsville	97	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	100	75	sunny
Brownwood	107	76	sunny	Midland	104	78	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	sunny	Raymondville	100	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	105	76	sunny	Rosenberg	96	75	sunny
Dallas	108	80	sunny	San Antonio	102	75	sunny
Del Rio	105	79	sunny	San Marcos	101	73	sunny
El Paso	99	77	sunny	Sulphur Springs	106	79	sunny
Fort Stockton	102	74	sunny	Sweetwater	105	76	sunny
Gainesville	107	78	sunny	Tyler	103	77	sunny
Greenville	105	77	sunny	Weatherford	108	77	sunny
Houston	96	75	sunny	Wichita Falls	112	80	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	93	74	t-storm
Boston	82	67	pt sunny	New York	83	72	t-storm
Chicago	88	66	sunny	Phoenix	97	79	sunny
Dallas	108	80	sunny	San Francisco	68	55	pt sunny
Denver	92	63	t-storm	Seattle	71	58	pt sunny
Houston	96	75	sunny	St. Louis	101	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	73	t-storm
Miami	90	79	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 8/2	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Young and E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
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TEXTING

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paying attention to the road and were texting. I really feel like personal experience among the council members played a very large role in their decision to pass this ordinance."

The ordinance states a driver may not use a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message or engage other application software while driving.

However, the ordinance does allow drivers to use their smart phones and other devices:

- While the vehicle is stopped
- Strictly to engage in telephone conversations, including dialing or deactivating a call
- As a global positioning or navigation system that is affixed to the vehicle
- For obtaining emergency assistance
- Solely in a voice-activated or other hands-free mode

Warren said he realizes enforcing the new ordinance will be difficult, how-

ever, he hopes it will have a marked effect among local residents, regardless.

"We're getting ready to put up signs and the Howard County Sheriff's Office is prepared to enforce the ordinance, however, we know it's going to be a tough stick," Wallace said. "Most of the people in Coahoma are law-abiding citizens, so I feel like most of them will do the right thing."

"We know this isn't going to fix the problem. The trucks that are coming through Coahoma to and from the oil field, why those drivers may not be texting, we're hoping this ordinance might keep the kids from doing so and putting themselves in a position where they could get into a tragic accident with one of those trucks. When you're texting and driving, you're splitting your attention between at least three different things, so there's just no way you can be safe."

Wallace said you don't have to spend much time on the nearby interstate highway to understand just how dangerous texting — or using your smart phone for any electronic task —

can be.

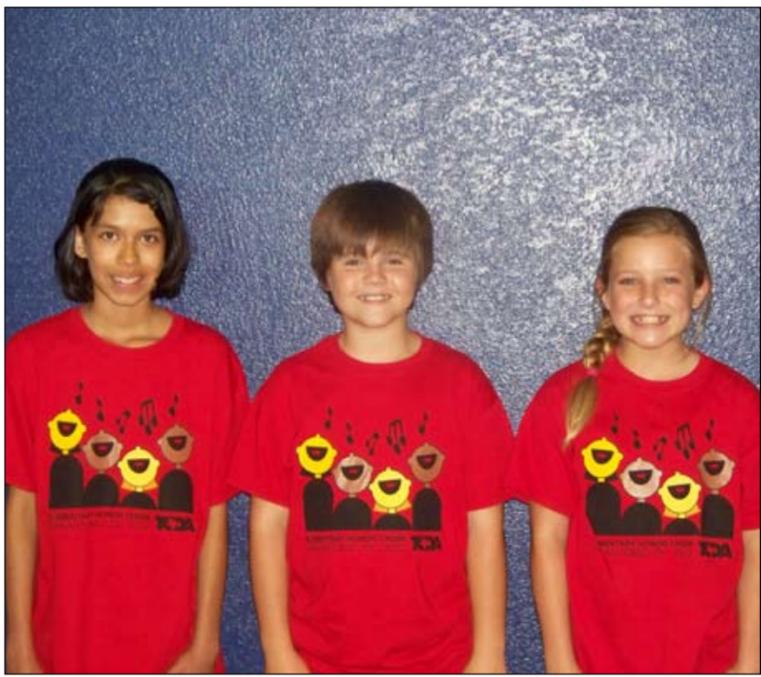
"Years ago, if you got behind one of those people, you would have thought they were drunk," Wallace said. "They swerve all over the road and they are constantly speeding up and slowing down. It doesn't take long to see just how dangerous they are, not only to themselves, but to everyone else on the road."

The city of Odessa rejected a similar ordinance in October 2011, with only one member of its city council supporting the measure following a series of high-profile public hearings.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, 2011 statistics show more than 81,000 Texas crashes involved distraction in a vehicle, driver inattention or cell-phone use. Of these crashes, 361 were fatal. Overall, nearly one in four crashes in Texas involves driver distraction, according to TxDOT studies.

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BEST IN THE STATE



Courtesy photo

These three young singers performed with the 130-voice Texas Choral Directors' Association Elementary Honor Choir at the annual convention in San Antonio on July 25. All three were selected in an audition process involving more than 700 singers who sent in individual CDs last spring from all across the state. They worked with Dallas Conductor Cynthia Nott for two days and then performed a concert for family, friends and the choral director of Texas. The students are Esperanza Perez from Big Spring Junior High and Trey Brumley and Jori Hanlan from Coahoma Elementary. Their teachers are Stacy Barr and Sandy Wallace.

BAN

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to stay with the fire from the time it's started until it's completely out," Sullivan said. "If someone calls in and sees someone is burning, and a deputy or fire department shows up and no one is out there watching it, that's a violation of the burn ban and they could be fined up to \$500."

"Just as important as how the burning is done is what is being burned. The ban only allows for items to be burned that will completely ash. In

other words, no plastic milk jugs, polystyrene egg cartons or any other type of plastic. Again, burning these items is a violation of the burn ban."

The same rules apply to welders, and while a \$500 fine is nothing to scoff at, violation of the ban can get much more expensive, especially if the fire spreads beyond their property, he added.

"If the fire gets away from them they will not only get a fine for failure to adhere to a burn ban, they will also be fined for reckless endangerment, which makes that fine \$1,000," said Sullivan. "Like I've said, \$5 to go to the land-

fill is a lot easier on the wallet than a \$1,000 fine, not to mention a lawsuit if the fire damages someone else's property."

County Judge Mark Barr said area residents considering burning anything outdoors should make sure they have a good reason for doing so.

"This burn ban does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, firefighter training, public utility, gas lines and pipelines or the planting or harvesting of agricultural crops," said Barr. "Also, burns that are directed by prescribed

burn managers are not prohibited by the burn ban. There are some exclusions from the ban. However, if you're going to burn something, you better have a really good reason. And if anyone has any questions, they can call my office or call Tommy."

For more information on the burn ban, contact the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department at 432-268-1165 or the County Judge's Office at 432-264-2202.

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RUN

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person or \$35 for two runs and will take place from 10 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. the night of the race. A \$5 discount will be given to those paying

for each individual race who wear their Moonlight Run shirt.

Participants in the previous races have included not only local residents, but runners from surrounding communities including Midland and Odessa.

One thing to remember, for those wanting to partake. Due to the run taking place at night and for the safety of those participating, there will be no admittance to the park after 11:30 p.m.

"We want to make sure everyone who wants

to participate can, but we want to make sure everyone understands there will be no admittance to the park after 11:30 p.m.," Alton said.

One more race will take place this year, since there is an extra full moon. The final race

will be held Aug. 31.

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COLLEGE

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Even with the additional state money, however, the college will be almost \$300,000 short of balancing its budget, leading trustees to reluctantly agree to the tax levy increase, Sparks said.

The proposed new tax rate — 17.66 cents per \$100 valuation — is actually 6 cents lower than the current rate, but a \$1 billion increase in the

district's certified valuations will result in the college pulling in more local tax money this coming fiscal year.

Sparks was quick to add, however, that college officials will have to go back to the drawing board if the hold harmless clause is not approved by the community colleges.

"If the hold harmless doesn't go through, that'll create a different problem as to how we address the budget," Sparks said. "but we are anticipating it will be

approved and are preparing the budget accordingly."

County taxpayers will have two opportunities to sound off about the new budget and tax rate. Trustees will hold public hearings Aug. 13 and Aug. 17, Sparks said.

Formal adoption of the new budget and tax rate will occur Aug. 27.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

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Battle for Syria's Aleppo extends into 11th day

BEIRUT (AP) — Fighting in Syria's largest city of Aleppo stretched into its 11th day on Tuesday amid growing international condemnation of the Syrian government's crackdown on a tenacious rebellion that has lasted 17 months.

Activists reported renewed bombardments of rebel-held neighborhoods and clashes in many parts of Aleppo as the army pushed on with its offensive to retake this key northern city. The battle for Aleppo, Syria's commercial hub with around 3 million inhabitants, has now lasted longer than the rebel assault on the capital Damascus that regime troops crushed earlier in July.

Despite regime claims of success and repeated forays by tanks and ground forces into rebel-controlled areas in the northeast and southwest of the city, the rebels appear to have held their ground, prompting government forces to resort to more shelling by artillery and mortars. Rebel positions are also being attacked with helicopter gunships.

Even as the fighting raged inside the city, rebel forces reported a number of victories in the surrounding countryside, including the town of al-Bab and a key army checkpoint at Anand. The capture of the checkpoint will ease the movement of fighters and supplies between Aleppo and the Turkish border, 30 miles (50 kilometers) away.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the rebel bastion of Sakhour in the northeast of Aleppo was being shelled and that clashes had broken out between rebels and government forces elsewhere in the city, especially in Salaheddine in the southwest.

House, Senate negotiators push new round of sanctions against Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is pressing ahead with a new package of crippling sanctions on Iran, expanding on financial penalties and targeting Tehran's energy and shipping sectors in the hope that economic pressure undercuts its suspected nu-

clear weapons program.

House and Senate negotiators reached agreement late Monday on legislation that builds on the current penalties directed at financial institutions that do business with Iran's central bank. The new bill would impose sanctions on anyone who mines uranium with Iran; sells, leases or provides oil tankers to Tehran; or provides insurance to the National Iranian Tanker Co., the state-run shipping line.

Lawmakers hope to vote on the bill this week before their monthlong August recess, with a House vote possible Wednesday. The measure has one crucial backer — the powerful American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the pro-Israel lobbying group — and extensive support from Republicans and Democrats.

"This bipartisan, bicameral Iran sanctions legislation strengthens current U.S. law by leaps and bounds," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "It updates and expands U.S. sanctions, and counters Iran's efforts to evade them. The bill sends a clear message to the Iranian regime that the U.S. is committed, through the use of sanctions, to preventing Iran from crossing the nuclear threshold."

The United States and Europe argue that depriving Iran of its oil income thwarts its suspected drive for nuclear weapons. Iran has exported 2.5 million barrels of oil a day to Europe, China, India, Japan and South Korea. U.S. officials say the penalties have reduced Iran oil exports to less than 1.8 million barrels a day, costing Tehran about \$63 million daily.

Fed officials could be moving toward providing more help for economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve appears to be moving toward announcing some new step to try to energize the troubled U.S. economy. The question is whether it will do so after its policy meeting this week.

Probably not, many economists say.

The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of just 1.5 percent from April through June, less than the 2 percent rate in the first quarter. But many analysts say the economy hasn't slowed enough to compel the Fed to announce further help immediately.

Still, Fed officials have signaled their concern about weakening job

growth and consumer spending, which have brought the economy closer to a standstill. Chairman Ben Bernanke has said the Fed is prepared to take further action if unemployment stays high.

What that action might be isn't clear. The Fed has already pursued two rounds of purchases of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities to cut long-term interest rates and encourage borrowing and spending. These programs are called quantitative easing.

In Warsaw, Romney pointing to ties between U.S. and Poland

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Mitt Romney is stressing the United States' long ties with Poland as he caps a weeklong foreign tour intended to prove his leadership on world affairs and highlight his differences with President Barack Obama.

The Republican presidential candidate is prepared to deliver a foreign policy speech Tuesday at the end of a three-nation tour that began last week in Britain and took him to Israel.

Romney has stumbled along the way, inadvertently insulting Brits and angering Palestinians. On Monday in Jerusalem, he told Jewish campaign donors Monday that their culture is part of what has allowed them to be more economically successful than the Palestinians. Outraged Palestinian leaders suggested Romney's comments were racist and out of touch with the realities of the Middle East.

On Tuesday, China's official Xinhua News Agency said Romney's "hawkish remarks" could worsen an already tense Mideast situation, or even re-ignite a war between Palestinians and Israelis. Romney has been highly critical of China on the campaign trail, promising to challenge Beijing's growing influence in East Asia and get tougher with the communist government on its human rights record.

There was some tension between reporters and Romney staffers Tuesday, as the campaign was looking to Poland as a final opportunity to project the image of a leader ready to stand on the world's stage.

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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.

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Campfire Games

Here are some fun games to play while camping or anytime you have a group of friends together.

KNOTS OF FUN

Have a group of friends stand in a close circle. Have each person place one hand in the center. Then have everyone grab someone else's hand at random.

Everyone should work together to slowly untangle and try to create one big circle.

WHAT AM I?

On little pieces of paper, write things like TREE, MOUNTAIN, ROCK and other things that could be found on a camping trip.

Tape one of these on each person's back without letting them see the word. Then they can ask others YES or NO questions to try and figure out what they are.

THAT'S MY TREE

Blindfold a player and take them to a nearby tree. Let them touch the tree, feel the leaves or pine needles, for as long as they wish. Then bring them back to the starting point and remove the blindfold. Can they find their tree again?

AVALANCHE!

Have a group of friends sit in a circle. The more friends the better for this game!

Have everyone start passing a small ball around as fast as they can without throwing it. It must be handed from player to player.

Then add a larger ball (the boulder) and have that passed from player to player in the same direction.

The player that winds up with the large and small ball at the same time has been hit by the avalanche and is OUT.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use locomotor skills as components of games; follow rules for games.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word TEXAS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

		T		X
X		E		
		X		
		A	X	
	X	S		

Write On!

SILLY CAMPFIRE STORY

Combine these three elements and create a silly campfire story: a campfire, a scream and a marshmallow.

Guy Fieri's Cooking with kids

Around the Campfire

Dinner by a campfire is the original family meal. And centuries later, nothing tops it! Today, you can use your own backyard on a warm summer evening!

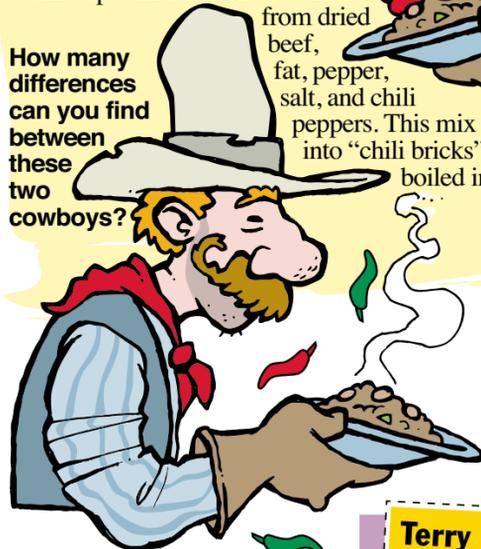
HISTORY OF CHILI

One thing most historians agree on is that chili is not from Mexico (or from Chile!). It was most likely invented in Texas.

Some say the first chili mix was cooked up around 1850 by Texan cowboys traveling to the California gold fields and around Texas.

Needing hot grub, the trail cooks came up with a sort of stew made from dried beef, fat, pepper, salt, and chili peppers. This mix was dried into "chili bricks" that could be boiled in pots along the trail.

How many differences can you find between these two cowboys?



LET'S DO THIS!
Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!

This chili is named after my son, Ryder. It's one of his favorites!

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

RYDER'S TURKEY CHILI

Recipe Courtesy Guy Fieri
Prep Time: 30 min
Cook Time: 1 hr 30 min
Makes: 10 servings



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 10 to 12 dried pasilla chile peppers
- 4 tbs canola oil
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 1/2 jalapeño peppers
- 9 cloves garlic
- 2 small red onions
- 3 lbs. ground turkey
- 1/3 cup tomato paste
- 3 cups tomato sauce
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tbs granulated onion
- 2 tsp granulated garlic
- 3 tbs chili powder
- 2 tbs paprika
- 1 tbs ground cumin
- 2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 2 tbs Kosher salt
- 2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups canned pinto beans with liquid
- 3 cups canned kidney beans with liquid
- 2 cups canned black beans with liquid
- shredded cheddar cheese
- saltine crackers

PERK UP THE PEPPERS

Rehydrate the pasilla peppers in hot water for 20 to 30 minutes, or until softened; drain. Remove the stems and seeds; dice the peppers.

LET'S HEAT THINGS UP

Warm the oil in a large pot over high heat. Add the pasillas, diced bell peppers, minced jalapeños, minced garlic cloves and diced red onions and cook until caramelized, about 8 minutes. Add the turkey and gently stir, trying not to break up the meat too much; cook until the meat is no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

IT'S GETTING CHILI IN HERE!

Add the tomato paste and sauce, stir for 4 minutes, then add the chicken broth. Add the granulated onion and garlic, chili powder, paprika, cumin, cayenne, salt and pepper. Stir in the beans and their liquid, lower the heat and cook, uncovered, for at least 1 hour. Garnish with shredded cheddar and serve with saltines.

Standards Link: History: Students understand historical perspective.

How many chili peppers can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Who is that?

Chris, Lynn, Sam, Sean and Terry are at the campfire. Draw a line from each nametag to its owner.

Terry is not wearing a hat, but is wearing shorts. Sam doesn't like roasting marshmallows. Chris does not have a hat and is next to an uninvited guest. Lynn bought batteries this morning for a music player, not a flashlight. Sean is not sitting down.



Standards Link: Math: Use a variety of strategies, including logic, to problem solve.

Extra! Extra!

Campfire Tales

Look through the newspaper for a picture of a person, a place and a thing. Make up a story about the three pictures. Create a title for your story and then tell it to a friend this evening.

Standards Link: Writing: Use prewriting strategies to plan written work.

Kids: Make a video or take pictures of your family making Ryder's Turkey Chili. You might see it featured on Guy Fieri's very own Cooking With Kids website (cwkfoundation.org)! Send to: kidscook@kidscoop.com

Double Double Word Search

- PASILLA
- PEPPER
- HEAT
- COWBOYS
- PINTO
- GRUB
- RYDER
- SAUCE
- GOLD
- DRIED
- SALT
- BEANS
- CHILI
- MEAL
- STEW

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

C	H	L	I	B	O	T	N	I	P
I	L	I	H	C	A	W	O	G	S
P	E	P	P	E	R	B	R	G	N
K	A	R	H	L	T	U	E	N	A
W	S	S	Y	O	B	W	O	C	E
E	A	A	I	D	R	I	E	D	B
T	L	U	H	L	E	G	R	S	U
S	T	C	L	O	L	R	S	I	L
L	A	E	M	G	J	A	C	W	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic: Have each family member choose 10 words to describe their day. But first, choose a letter that is off limits and may not be used in any of their words.

Why did the camp counselor put 50¢ under his pillow?



Use the code to discover the punch line!
A = 8 | E = 33 | H = 17 | L = 16 | O = 30 | Q = 4 | S = 24 | U = 21
B = 19 | G = 2 | I = 29 | N = 11 | P = 26 | R = 15 | T = 5 | W = 28

5	17	30	24	33	28	33	15	33	17	29	24				
24	16	33	33	26	29	11	2	4	21	8	15	5	33	15	24

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

A tale passed down

I would like to share a story with you that I heard recently about the value of age. See what you think.

A brother and sister had made their usual hurried, obligatory visit to the little farm where their elderly parents lived with a small herd of horses.

The farm was where they had grown up and had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine, which topped the hill behind the farm. Through the years, the tree had become a place of solitude to the old man and his wife and a landmark in the countryside.

The young siblings had fond memories of their childhood here, but city life had called them their way. The old folks no longer showed their horses, for the years had taken their toll, and getting out to

the barn on those frosty mornings was getting harder, but it gave them a reason to get up in the mornings and a reason to live. The horses were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.

Angry, as the young couple prepared to leave, they confronted their parents, "Why do you not at least dispose of The Old One." She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had foals from her. How can this old worn out horse bring you anything but expense and work? Why do you keep her anyway?"

The old man looked down at his worn boots, holes in the toes, scuffed at the barn floor and replied, "Yes, I could use a pair of new boots. His arm slid defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her near with gentle caressing he rubbed her softly behind her ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Nothing else, just love."

Baffled and irritated, the young folks bade

goodbye and headed back toward the city. The old couple shook their heads in sorrow; it had not been a happy visit. How is it that these young folks do not understand the peace and the love that filled their hearts?

As they were pondering the departure of their children they failed to notice the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze. With a cry of horror, the old man shouted to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved horses. But the flames were roaring now and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. His wife, back from calling for help, cradled him in her arms, clinging to each other, they wept at their loss.

By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife, exhausted from their grief, huddled together before the barn. They nodded thanks to the firemen as there was nothing anyone could do now.

The old man turned to his wife, and dried her tears with a frayed old bandana. Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but our home has been spared." Together they climbed the hill to the old pine where they sought comfort in times of despair. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they gasped and fell to their knees in amazement at the incredible sight before them. The old

man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy. There, beneath the tree was the entire herd, safe.

A neighbor smiled as he joined them on the hill. "It was an amazing sight," he proclaimed, "watching that old horse of yours leading the herd to safety. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the horses through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill. The foals were frightened and dashed about. The mares that were in foal with a new year's crop of babies, pressed uneasily against the Old One as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine."

And now, she lay among them and gazed at the faces of the old man and his wife. Her body was brittle with years, tired from the climb, but her golden eyes were filled with devotion. Tears flowed as the old couple looked on with joy realizing together that being old has its difficulties, but it also has its advantages, mainly wisdom.

Author unknown.
I love these stories and I hope I will always keep an open mind to the things around me.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Editor's Note: The above story, sometimes called "Because of Love, a Christmas Story," "The Old One" and by other names, is available on the internet at numerous sites.



Courtesy photo

In defending its nesting territory, an adult Western kingbird will chase and peck in flight, hawks, vultures, grackles and any other birds seen as a threat to its young.

Bird Poop: Things left better alone

"Baby season" brings not only questions. In everything from Kleenex boxes to laundry baskets, unannounced arrivals of nestlings and fledglings are often left on our front porch.

Other days are filled with telephone calls. Desperate for advice, one woman described how a bird in her possession was starting to lose its feathers.

When she delivered it an hour later, a Western kingbird lay huddled in a shoebox. It was a pale rendition of its parents.

Light gray with dark wings, it had the typical, faint yellow belly and black tail bordered with white. What it did not have was the feisty, healthy attitude of a member of the Tyrant Flycatcher family.

Having raised it from a nestling, the woman was horrified when some of its tail feathers fell out. When it was hesitant to stand that morning, she was frightened.

Relating what she had fed it, and how she had kept it in a small cage, signified an insufficient diet and lack of space to exercise. Unaware of federal and state laws that prohibit possession of a wild bird, she had "tried to help it."

Not realizing that in nature the young of both avian and mammal species often become a food source for other species, she had interrupted its development. Not only did the youngster lack behavior necessary for its specie. Its survival skills for existing in the wild had been denied.

Problematic was when, or if, to intervene in nature. After sharing with her some positives and negatives of taking birds from their surroundings, I accepted the challenge of her kingbird.

After placing it in an enclosure that would permit the bird to move about when it was ready, a diet with proper nutrients and vitamins was given. Since it could only stand for a short time, my routine included a frequent inspection of its underside for any accumulations of waste.

Gradually, each day brought improvement in the bird's condition. The morning I discovered it on a low branch was an indication of its growing strength. However, the problem with losing feathers continued.

In captivity, it had never learned to feed itself. That process took several days to accomplish.

Needing a permanent residence in a rehab environment prompted me to contact Midge Erskine at the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland. Her willingness to accept the kingbird as a companion for younger birds meant it would have a proper diet and care during a lengthy molt, and in a captive environment. Already imprinted on humans limited any chance for its release.

Never would it fly in tandem behind a parent or elevate as it followed its upward motion.

On a hot, summer day, the feast of a cicada shared between its siblings and parent could never be experienced. Self-sufficiency, and the ability to catch insects in flight or grab them from the ground, would have come only through an association with other kingbirds.

To understand the processes of nature is to live within its dictates. Only through education, one bird at a time, can we bring an awareness of the most awesome entity on our planet.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



BEBE McCASLAND

sudoku

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

4	7		1				3	5
9	5		3		2	1		
		2			4			9
5						3	7	
1			7		9			4
	2	4						8
8			4			6		
		5	9		3		1	7
6	9				7		5	3

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Battle for Trump Control

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ Dble Pass 4♥
Opening lead king of clubs.

Many deals develop into a battle for trump control, with the outcome hinging on which side ultimately gains control of the trump suit. This is one of the main reasons that the defenders so often adopt the strategy of leading a suit that forces declarer to ruff.

Thus, West's method of attack at the start of play in this deal was routine. He led his three top clubs, forcing South to ruff the third one. Declarer then decided not to bother with a trump finesse, cashing the ace of hearts and continuing with the jack.

As a result, West suddenly found himself in the driver's seat. He ducked the jack of hearts, and, when East showed out, South realized he could no longer make the contract.

If he continued with the nine of hearts, West would take his king and play a fourth round of clubs. Whether dummy ruffed this club or the next one, South would eventually go down two, losing two hearts and three clubs. If instead he abandoned trumps and simply led his spade and diamond winners, he would go down one.

Had declarer played more carefully, however, he would have made the contract. After ruffing the club at trick three, South should have taken steps to guard against a possible 4-1 trump division.

He could have done this by playing the jack of hearts, not the ace, at trick four. If West takes his king, there is nothing he can do to stop the contract. If West refuses to take the king, South continues with the nine. Again West is helpless, whether or not he takes the king.

If West elects to duck the nine also, South cashes the ace of trumps and begins to play his spade and diamond winners. West scores his king of hearts, but nothing else. Proper handling of the trump suit does the job regardless of how West elects to defend.

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3	1	2	6	5	4	7	8	9
5	8	9	2	4	6	3	7	1
1	6	3	7	8	9	5	2	4
7	2	4	5	3	1	9	6	8
8	3	7	4	1	5	6	9	2
2	4	5	9	6	3	8	1	7
6	9	1	8	2	7	4	5	3

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CGA hands out 16 scholarships

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

The tradition of giving back to the youth in the community continued Sunday for the Chicano Golf Association as the organization presented 16 scholarships to recent graduating seniors.

In the 40 years that the association has been active in the Howard County community, it has presented more than \$100,000 in scholarships and thousands more in other community donations.

"We made a donation of \$7,000 to help rebuild Kid Zone after it was burned and we have made annual donations to other organizations in the community, including \$3,000 last year to Holy Trinity Catholic Church," said Bobby Cordova, CGA president.

Students from Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring, as well as one from Bushland, were recipients of the \$500 scholarships handed out Sunday evening.

There were two students from Forsan High School receiving scholarships, Courtney Blair and Patrick Robles. Also honored were



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Sixteen recent high school graduates received scholarships from the Chicano Golf Association Sunday. Those students included Courtney Blair, Patrick Robles, Judson Chevalier, Itzel Gomez, Arron Gonzales, Joanne Gonzales, Silvia Gonzales, Minnie Goodblanket, Briane Hilario and Miranda Rodriguez, Ashten Galan, Kasandra Gross, Valerie Ross, Selene Sosa, Juanita Tino and Alex Rael.

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AP photo

Missy Franklin celebrates after winning the gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London Monday.

'Missile Missy' tearing up Olympic pool

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Life just keeps on getting bigger and better for Missy Franklin, the teenage swimming sensation whose fame is quickly spreading beyond the Olympic pool.

Even Bieber's a believer.

The 17-year-old girl with the can't-miss smile and catchy "Missile Missy" nickname is cheerily living up to the outsized expectations that were heaped on her going into her first Olympics.

Franklin won a gold medal — even before Michael Phelps — in the 100-meter backstroke Monday after having opened her games with a relay bronze.

And a certain teen idol took notice.

"Heard (at)FranklinMissy is a fan of mine," singer Justin Bieber tweeted Tuesday. "Now I'm a fan of hers too! CONGRATS on winning GOLD! (Hashtag)muchlove."

"I just died," Franklin tweeted in response. "Thank you!"

She's still got five more events to go, giving her plenty of chances to leave London as America's big star with Phelps heading into retirement. His underwhelming performances so far and Ryan Lochte's failure in his last two events have swung the spotlight squarely on

Franklin.

She has a shot at another medal in the 200 freestyle on Tuesday night. She claimed the last spot in the eight-woman final just 14 minutes before she won the first gold medal of what promises to be a stellar career.

"What kind of high school kid can do that?" marveled teammate Breeja Larson.

Franklin finished the semis of the 200 free on Monday night, then raced to the diving well for a quick warmdown. There was no time to make it to the practice pool before her bigger race.

"That was fantastic. She did it exactly right," said Bob Bowman, Phelps' coach.

No less an authority on doubling up than Phelps was amazed at her stamina. He estimated his tightest time between races at a major meet was about 30 minutes.

"She's a racer and she knows what to do," he said, having long ago paid Franklin the ultimate compliment to a swimmer: "She's a stud."

At 6-foot-1, with big hands and size 13 feet, Franklin cuts an imposing figure on the starting blocks. And — Bieber take note — her size is no impediment to her dancing skills.

She shows them off in the U.S.

swimming team's recent video spoof to "Call Me Maybe." Franklin boogies down the aisle of a plane and whips her long brown hair around while lip-synching to the Carly Rae Jepsen tune that has inspired countless viral videos.

Franklin has cracked up her teammates since last summer, when she won three gold medals in her first world championships in China and set two American records in the process. They were amused by her excited approach to swimming the mundane morning prelims and her bubbly personality.

She's been even more enthusiastic — if that's possible — at the Olympics. She loves her apartment in the athletes village and was thrilled at the prospect of taking home the comforter on her bed. "They're so cute," she gushed.

"She is always smiling, always positive," Larson said. "You will never hear a negative thing out of her mouth."

Franklin showed up for the medalists' news conference with the gold medal stuffed in the pocket of her gray warmup jacket. When someone asked where it was, she quickly pulled it out and slipped the purple ribbon it hangs from around her neck.

"Isn't it pretty?" she said.

Tannehill impresses at camp

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — On his first training camp snap, Big Spring native Ryan Tannehill rolled to his right and fired a strike to wide receiver Roberto Wallace along the sideline.

It was the start of an impressive practice for the Miami Dolphins' first-round pick, who missed the first two days of camp because he remained unsigned.

"I thought he'd be a little bit rusty today, but I thought he was pretty much on task on just about everything he did," said Dolphins offensive coordinator Mike Sherman, Tannehill's college coach at Texas A&M. "He didn't seem to miss a beat."

Tannehill joined his teammates for the 8 a.m. practice about nine hours after he arrived at the team's training facility to sign his contract.

Tannehill had spent the past few days, including his 24th birthday Friday, in Bradenton working out at the IMG Madden Football Academy.

"I was hoping I could get it done on my birthday," Tannehill said. "That would have been a great birthday present. Unfortunately, it had to happen one day later. At the end of the day, this is a business and now I've got the business aspect out of it for the next few years and I'm ready to go out and play football."

Tannehill's first practice included two interceptions, but both happened on passes that went off the hands of receivers. Most of his throws were on target, including a deep sideline pass to running back Lamar Miller in a one-on-one drill.

"I didn't think it was too bad," Tannehill said. "I definitely have some things to work on, being better with my feet, stepping up in the pocket, a little faster on my drops."

"But I thought it was a good starting point," he added.

The first quarterback drafted in the first round by the Dolphins since Dan Marino in 1983, Tannehill is expected to vie for the starting job.

His competition is returning starter Matt Moore and veteran offseason acquisition David Garrard.

Moore and Garrard split repetitions with the first-team offense in the first three days of training camp, while Tannehill worked with the second group Sunday.

"He got more reps than anybody," Sherman said.

"Eventually we're going to work him in with the first group, once he gets caught up to snuff, which I think will be sooner rather than later because he seems like he's right on task right now."

Tannehill's familiarity with Sherman will give the rookie an edge in knowing the offense.

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At the time this man was dying, his two younger brothers were also out getting high.

Their older brother had told them how much fun it was to inhale nitrous oxide. As if the parents don't have enough grief in their lives. Please tell your readers to

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Relationships will be the focus. Lady Venus wants to know Saturn's intentions, and you might be wondering the same thing about your love or potential love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you don't control very much about your life today, but you



HOLIDAY MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today, it will feel as though someone pushed you off of the easy chair of life. Whether or not that person is a friend, consider the action a favor. It's just what you need to get on your feet and into the mix.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll act as a kind of field reporter, gathering real-life experience and detailing what you've learned to someone who needs the information but isn't in a position to get it himself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it's appropriate to flip on the autopilot and let the plane fly itself. Right now it doesn't benefit you to do this, because there are parts of your environment that require an assessment and a reaction that's personal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You remain the architect of your future, and yet today it feels as though you are given limited materials with which to build it. If you make the most of the resources you have, you will be handed more of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even the smallest of people

Tomorrow's Horoscope

still have the power to choose from many available options. If it doesn't turn out right, just choose again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the same way that some people enjoy shopping more than buying, you will enjoy getting to know people as long as those people don't try to attach themselves to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trying to read people's minds is a good exercise for psychics, but it's not practical for everyday life. Things get complicated when you assume you know what someone is thinking. Communicate instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're very polite, and yet you don't feel the need to form friendships with everyone around you, preferring instead to spend your time and energy nurturing the relationships of your inner circle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Staying healthy, organized and on purpose takes daily vigilance. Practical solutions will keep you on track, and your actions will reflect your desire to be your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people get more complicated as they get

older. You're on the opposite mission, though. You want to simplify your life, especially your relationships and priorities. You'll succeed in this today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you believe it's possible to have something big, then you increase your chances of getting something big. If you make "believe big to get big" your mantra, by the end of the day you will be astounded by your luck.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). You'll pioneer a new path this year. You'll be praised for solving a difficult problem in August. Someone will pull strings behind the scenes to help you accomplish a seemingly impossible task. Friendships get romantic in October. November offers the chance to work hard and earn enough for a prize in the new year. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 14 and 28.

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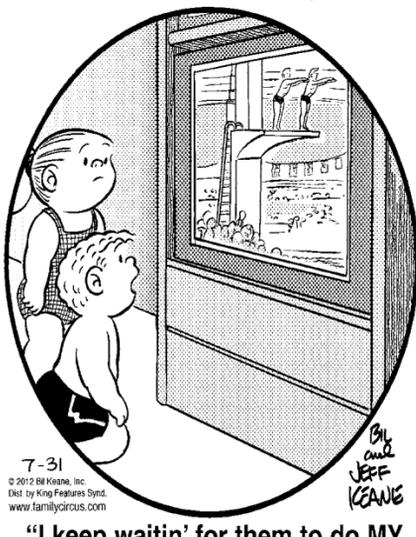
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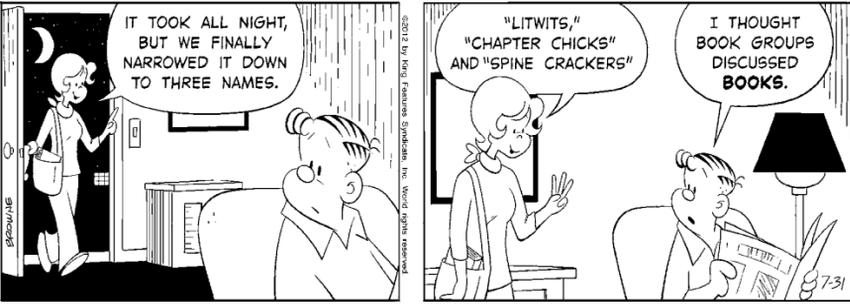
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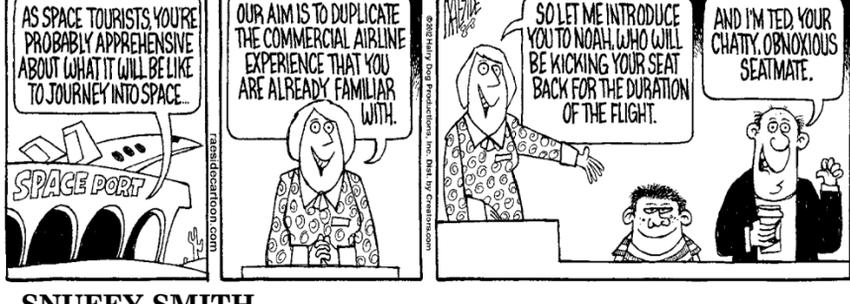
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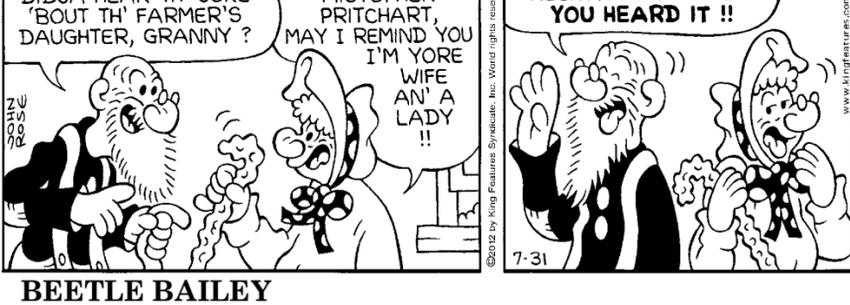
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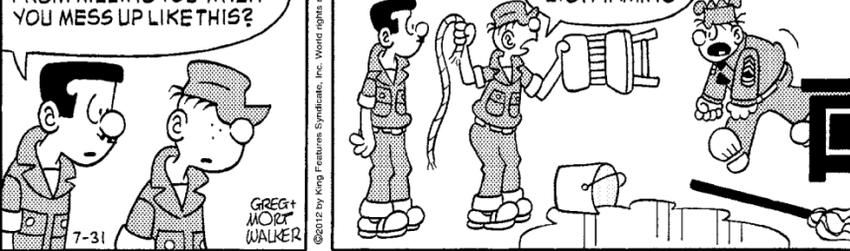
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 31, the 213th day of 2012. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 31, 1942, Oxfam International had its beginnings as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief in England.

On this date:

In 1776, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1912, Nobel Prize-winning American economist Milton Friedman was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar (VY'-mahr) Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1930, the radio character "The Shadow" made his debut

as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio.

In 1957, the Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations designed to detect Soviet bombers approaching North America, went into operation.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before crashing onto the lunar surface.

In 1971, Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

In 1992, the former Soviet

republic of Georgia was admitted to the United Nations as its 179th member. Thai Airways Flight 311, an Airbus A310, crashed while approaching Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal; all 113 people aboard died.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 83. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 81. Actor Geoffrey Lewis is 77. Actress France Nuyen is 73. Actress Susan Flannery is 73. Singer Lobo is 69. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 68. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 68. Actor Richard Griffiths is 65. Actor Lane Davies is 62. International Tennis Hall of Famer Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 61.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Geyser output
 - 6 Fake
 - 10 Great in area
 - 14 Weighty
 - 15 Like a take-out order
 - 16 Cry of dismay
 - 17 Caravan stops
 - 18 In ___ (lined up)
 - 19 Low in fat
 - 20 Olympics event held on a mat
 - 22 Sound loudly
 - 23 Puts on TV
 - 24 Started, as a lawn
 - 25 Lengths of service
 - 29 Rock gently
 - 30 Fairway golf clubs
 - 31 Two-wheeler for pavement riding
 - 35 Not prerecorded
 - 36 Glide downhill
 - 38 High poker cards
 - 39 Omit
 - 41 Censor audibly
 - 42 At any time
 - 43 Sophisticated
 - 45 Made repairs
 - 48 "And here it is!"
 - 49 Biting comments
 - 50 Olympics leaping event
 - 55 Meat stamp letters
 - 56 Knock down some pins
- DOWN**
- 1 Stage offering
 - 2 Rip
 - 3 Slacken off
 - 4 City rds.
 - 5 "Good heavens!"
 - 6 Elevator alternative
 - 7 Brass instruments
 - 8 Wide-eyed
 - 9 Trim the lawn
 - 10 Olympics event played with a net
 - 11 In the lead
 - 12 Catch in a trap
 - 13 ___ down (softened)
 - 21 Big fib
 - 22 Necklace piece
 - 24 Go after a fly
 - 25 Cash drawer
 - 26 A Great Lake
 - 27 ___ Scotia, Canada
 - 28 Olympics gymnastic event
 - 29 Distress call
 - 31 Lab maze runner
 - 32 On the rocks, in a bar
 - 33 Ship stabilizer
 - 34 Catch a glimpse of
 - 36 For boys and girls
 - 37 Your and my
 - 40 Nights before holidays
 - 41 Most valiant
 - 43 Billfold
 - 44 Poem of praise
 - 45 Mistreatment
 - 46 Stun gun
 - 47 Alphabetize
 - 48 Drying cloth
 - 50 Model's stance
 - 51 Prefix for freeze
 - 52 ___-friendly software
 - 53 Draw in
 - 54 Look after
 - 56 Highchair attire

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Amid roster questions, fans rally for PSU

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — After sweating through an early-morning workout outdoors, Penn State fullback Michael Zordich and his teammates gestured to excited fans to join their end-of-session huddle.

“One, two, three. Family!” they exclaimed in unison.

Amid uncertainty over who will stay with Penn State’s football program a week after the NCAA imposed stiff sanctions for the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, at least 2,500 fans, alumni and local business owners rallied outside the football building Tuesday for Nittany Lion players.

“It was so cool. I couldn’t believe how loud it was,” Zordich said. “This just goes to show why we’re still here and why we’re going to fight this thing through.”

Most of the team appeared to be in attendance for the offseason workouts, which aren’t mandatory. A player noticeably missing was star tailback Silas Redd, one of a handful of Nittany Lions considering an immediate transfer after the NCAA allowed current players — because

of the penalties — to look at other schools immediately rather than sit out a year.

Among the sanctions were a significant decline in scholarships and a four-year post-season ban.

Now Penn State is trying to make the best of it.

A pep band played while backers wearing blue-and-white attire lined the sidewalks to slap high-fives and shake hands with Nittany Lions as they snaked their way to their workouts. The scene resembled the team entrance to home games at Beaver Stadium on fall Saturdays.

Inspirational quotes from Winston Churchill, Thomas Paine and Vince Lombardi were posted in the windows of the building. “It isn’t whether you get knocked down. It’s whether you get back up,” read one quote attributed to Lombardi, the Hall of Fame NFL coach.

Players have been stuck in the middle of the ugly scandal that has engulfed Penn state since November, when Sandusky was arrested.

The retired defensive coordinator is in jail awaiting sentencing after being con-

victed in June of 45 criminal counts of sexually abusing young boys. Some of the assaults took place in the football building.

Former FBI director Louis Freeh on July 12 released results of his investigation for Penn State and said that the late coach Joe Paterno and three school officials concealed allegations against Sandusky, conclusions that Paterno’s family and the officials have vehemently denied.

The coach’s widow, Sue Paterno, was seen inside the football building during the rally, but she did not speak to fans or media.

Penn State gave Freeh’s findings to the NCAA, which levied the landmark sanctions on July 23 that have some players at least considering a transfer.

The only NCAA restriction is that players considering a transfer cannot practice or play with Penn State this year and still play for another school this season, meaning the Penn State roster should finally be set once training camp starts in a week. But the process has set up a college

version of NFL free agency, in which other schools have been busy trying to cherry-pick Nittany Lions.

Redd could be new coach Bill O’Brien’s most valuable player — if he stays. The tailback had seven rushing touchdowns last season, and averaged 95.5 yards per game on the ground as Penn State finished 9-4.

The junior with the dazzling open-field spin move visited Southern California over the weekend. Another good season could have Redd thinking about leaving for the NFL a year early.

A person familiar with Redd’s decision said the running back was returning from California on Monday and could make his decision as early as Tuesday. The person requested anonymity because no one was authorized to speak for Redd.

Most players in attendance said they hoped Redd and other teammates considering leaving would stay, but that they would honor their choices either way.

Redd’s “a man and he’s going to make the right decision,” said Zordich, who

opens up running lanes for the tailback.

Tight end Garry Gilliam acknowledged guys such as Redd and linebacker Khairi Fortt, another player considering a transfer, had tough decisions.

“Each player came here for different reasons and with different objectives,” Gilliam said. “When it comes down to it, I’d like them to stay, but if they don’t I’ll respect their decisions.”

Two players have already departed.

On Monday, backup safety Tim Buckley, a former walk-on, became the first player to transfer, returning to his native North Carolina to play for North Carolina State. Penn State also confirmed Monday that former starting quarterback Rob Bolden had left the team, though the demoted signal-caller was given the OK to consider other schools before the NCAA meted out its punishments.

Still, the majority of O’Brien’s core players appear to be sticking with Penn State, determined to weather out what could be a stormy season for the program.

CGA

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eight students from Coahoma — Judson Chevalier, Itzel Gomez,

Arron Gonzales, Joanne Gonzales, Silvia Gonzales, Minnie Goodblanket, Briane Hilario and Miranda Rodriguez — and five students from Big Spring High School,

Ashten Galan, Kasandra Gross, Valerie Ross, Selene Sosa and Juanita Tino. Alex Rael from Bushland also received a scholarship.

“Education is the secret to success, it’s the

great equalizer and can help get you to where you want to go,” guest speaker Santos Lujan said during the presentations.

Lujan, a native of Big Spring and retired

school superintendent, spoke to the students about his educational journey and career. After graduating from Big Spring High School in 1967, he went on to pursue not one but eventually two master’s degrees in education.

He first received his masters in music education from West Texas State University — now West Texas A&M University — in Canyon and later obtained his master’s in education administration. He has served in several teaching and superintendent positions around the state.

“It doesn’t matter where you are from. It is about what you have in here,” Lujan said as he pointed to his heart. “Life starts with a little grain, a little bitty dream and it doesn’t matter what it is — teacher, doctor, lawyer — as long as you have a dream about doing it.”

Education is something you will have all your life, Lujan told the

students. “Education is a beautiful field if you are thinking about going into it. You can help and inspire so many people,” Lujan said.

The most important piece of advice he offered the students was to never let the mistakes get the best of them.

“There will be mistakes along the way, but the great thing about mistakes is if you learn from them, then you will be great,” Lujan said.

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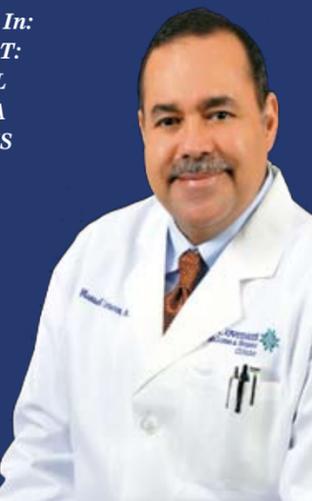
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