

Lightning has been cited as the cause of two fires in Howard County this week. A tank battery was destroyed in an explosion Monday and about 75 acres of grassland was burned

Lightning sets off two fires in county

Swim victim rescued but dies Monday

Police believe death was by accidental drowning

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An Odessa woman died Monday at a Lubbock hospital from injuries sustained in a near-drowning accident at Moss Creek Lake Sunday afternoon.

Wendy Barcomb, 50, of Odessa died Monday from her injuries, said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department.

According to Everett, emergency responders were dispatched to Moss Creek Lake at 3:06 p.m. Sunday after Barcomb became unresponsive in the water.

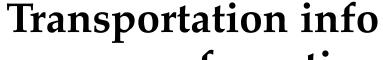
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> -Tony Everett, BSPD information officer

lake with her, she had swam out toward the middle of the lake to retrieve an item," Everett said. "However, at some point during her swim they noticed she stopped moving. At no point did they say they saw her go under the water.

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By STEVE REAGAN

Sunday.

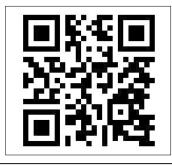
Staff Writer Even when it rains, area

firefighters can't catch a break.

Lightning strikes are being blamed as the causes for a pair of wildfires that kept Howard County volunteer firefighters busy Sunday and Monday.

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at around 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening, when lightning sparked a grass fire along Elbow Creek Road near Lomax.

Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, said nine units — seven from his department and two from See FIRES, Page 3

By THOMAS JENKINS

The local Fraternal Order of

Eagles Aerie 3188 will be hold-

ing a luncheon Saturday to

benefit 5-month-old Kennith

Bruno Callender, who must

undergo a number of costly

surgeries to correct a cleft

According to Eagles mem-

ber and benefit coordinator

Paul Moran, the child has

already undergone some cor-

rective surgeries and faces

Staff Writer

The first incident occurred Glasscock County – battled the blaze for about four hours before it was extinguished.

HERALD file photo

About 75 acres were scorched in the fire, but no injuries or structure damage was reported.

"Early on, there was some

"The medical bills and costs

are really piling up for this

family," Moran said. "The

child is being treated at Uni-

versity Medical Center and

has already had several sur-

geries to correct the cleft pal-

ate, however, it's going to take

several more before it's over.

up and help this family and

let them know they are not

alone in this. Big Spring is a

community that cares about

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"The Eagles wanted to step

Eagles to host

benefit for boy,

five months old

purpose of meeting

Herald Staff Report

State Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo, chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, will address "Transportation Funding — Where Are We?" in a meeting set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Communitv Center.



The public is invited to this event, which is sponsored the Texas Good Roads.

Dora Roberts Community Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive

Howard College set to dedicate coliseum floor

Herald Staff Report

Howard College is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Sonic Floor in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

The event will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the coliseum, located at the intersection of Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane on the college campus.

The new floor, donated by Mike and Sheila Abussab of Abussab Companies, The Jirous Foundation and the Winters Family Foundation, Abussab has an estimated value of \$70,000 and will be iden-

tified as the "Sonic Floor" showcasing the iconic Sonic logo in the four corners of the coliseum floor level.

Following Thursday's ceremony, the college will host its annual professional development day which will include faculty and staff from Howard County school districts.



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Obituaries

Howard Donnelly Johnson



Howard Donnelly Johnson, 77, of Odessa passed away Aug. 10, 2012. He was born June 15, 1935, in Honey Grove, Texas, to Fannie and Edgar Johnson. The family later moved to Ackerly, Texas.

He was a successful businessman in the automobile industry in West Texas for 40 years. He was salesman of the month for thirteen years in a row at a local automobile dealership. His career consisted of par-

ticipation in the automobile industry in Big Spring and culminated in Odessa with Car City/Wholesale Connection. Howard was also a 32nd degree Mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Survivors include three children of Odessa, Shan Johnson (son) and daughter-in law Telene, Kye Johnson (son), daughter-in-law Deborah and Starla King (step-daughter); sister, Lyda Frances Mason of League City and brother of Odessa, Stanton Johnson and wife Ada Mary; grandchildren, Jaide Johnson of Odessa, Tori Lange husband Cody of Springtown and Paul King and wife Amanda King of Odessa; one great-granddaughter, Ainsley Lange; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Swanson, Bob Simpkins, Paul Springer, Gary Porter, Jesse Sanchez and Howard Davis.

The family would like to extend thanks to the staff of Buena Vida for their care and compassion for the last five years and thanks to Home Hospice for their support.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, at Sunset Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012, at Crossroads Fellowship, located at 6901 E. State Highway 191, Odessa, Texas. Internment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, located at 6851 E. Highway 80, Odessa, Texas.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

Paid obituary

Martin R. Cerna



Martin R. Cerna, 62, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, with Bobby Rivera officiating. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rudy Perez officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 21, 1950, to Francisca and Pedro Cerna in San Antonio, Texas. He was a resident of Big Spring for more than 20 years. He was selfemployed as a landscaper and repairman. He married Evangelina Herrera on June 12, 2010. in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Evangelina Herrera

intoxication.

• ALICE RIOS GUZMAN, 39, of 700 Douglas, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication

• AMBER RAY MCCALISTER, 33, of 1907 S. Runnels, was arrested Monday on warrants for theft with two or more previous convictions - \$1,500 or less and theft - all other.

 BRYANT ANTHONY PARRISH, 22, of 805 Creighton, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.

• ALFRED CHARLES JR., 29, of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of W. Sixth Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOSIE RODRIGUEZ, 28, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROY G. CERVANTES, 33, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• AMBER RAY ALEXANDER, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property with two or more previous convictions - \$1,500 or less.

• JESSE MARTINEZ, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on judgment/sentences for burglary of a building (two counts).

 BRYANT ANTHONY PARRISH, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of displaying expired license plate and violation of a promise to appear.

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• ALFRED CHARLES JR., 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of N.E. Third and Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of Highway 350. Service refused.

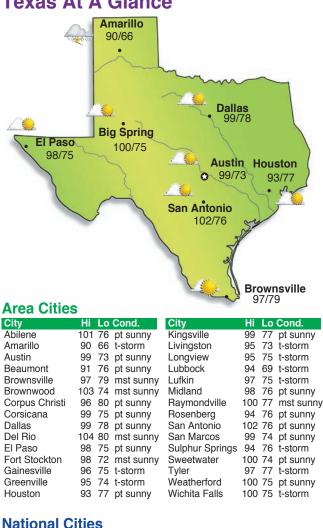
• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Cerna of Big Spring; two sons, Christopher Martin Cerna of Happy and Domingo Martin Cerna and wife Sofia of Lamesa; five daughters, Janet Cerna Escobedo and husband Reynaldo of Alice, Olivia Marie Cerna and husband Manuel Herrada of Dallas, Gloria Cerna of Ft. Worth and Yvette Frances Cerna and April Nicole Cerna, both of Big Spring; two step-daughters, Stacy Vasquez and husband Kelly of Lubbock and Sandra Rodriguez and husband Gene of Big Spring; six grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren; two brothers, Baldemar R. Cerna and wife Gloria of Lamesa and Roberto Cerna of Knott; and three sisters, Elvira Martinez of Knott, Irene Cerna Hernandez of Big Spring and Gloria C. Carrillo of Corpus Christi.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Sotero R. Cerna and Victor R. Cerna.

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

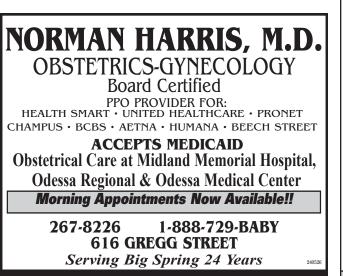
Police blotter

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

• JOEL RAMOS, 27, of 1515 Sycamore Apt. A, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agen-

• JOSIE RODRIGUEZ, 28, of 5010 Wasson Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROY GUERERRO CERVANTES JR., 33, of 1304 Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public



NEXT CLINIC VISIT 8-16-12

 GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. Fire was out on arrival.

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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 Rosenbaumat432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@ 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.

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third



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Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

 Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY

Howard; \$18.33 elsewhere.

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

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News in brief

For a president running against Romney and Congress, Ryan becomes a twofold target

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – In his run for a second term, President Barack Obama had an opponent before he had an opponent: House Republicans. They shellacked him in the midterm elections. blocked much of his legislative agenda and pushed economic views that are wildly different from his. Mitt Romney put a campaign face on all that for

Obama: Paul Ryan.

Now Obama is attacking both the "do-nothing Congress" and Romney at once, two forces united as a target on the Republican presidential ticket. Going after votes in Iowa on Monday, Obama called Ryan the "ideological leader" of House Republicans and singled him out as "one of the leaders of Congress standing in the way" of a bill to help farmers in a time of disastrous drought.

"I've gotten to know Congressman Ryan. He's a good man. He's a family man. He's a very articulate spokesperson for Governor Romney's vision,' Obama said in Boone on the first of a three-day bus tour through Iowa. "The problem is it's the wrong vision for America. It's a vision that I fundamentally disagree with."

Obama also has something with Ryan that he does not with the presumptive Republican nominee a relationship of sorts. Obama has laughed with Ryan, sparred with him and attacked his ideas right in front of him. Even their favorite football teams, Obama's Chicago Bears and Ryan's Green Bay Packers, are rivals.

Visit to Russian underground sect reveals few signs of horrors trumpeted by authorities

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Authorities spoke of a creepy cult living in an "eight-level ant house" dug deep into the ground, where children were kept in unheated cells and starved of daylight. A visit to the compound suggests a more ordinary reality.

A brief visit inside the compound, which provided shocking headlines around the world when police raided it and seized the children, revealed none of the elaborate underground design described by prosecutors. Nor does a police video showing rooms inside. The father of a cult member, who originally disapproved of his daughter joining the group, said he was able to visit freely and has no complaints about how members live or treat their children.

The conflicting portrayals raise questions about whether authorities may have exaggerated the eccentricity of the sect, perhaps in an effort to show they are cracking down on radical Islamic groups. The spokeswoman for Kazan prosecutors did not answer repeated calls to her office and cell phones on Monday.

Police stumbled upon the bizarre sect in early August as they investigated what they described as a terrorist attack that killed a top cleric in oil-rich Tatarstan, a central Russian province where the population is about 60 percent Muslim. Officials blamed the attack on the radical Islamic groups proliferating in the region.

Police seized the 20 children living in the compound and put them in orphanages. Their parents were charged with child abuse, which prosecutors said could deprive them of custody for up to two years. Prosecutors allege that the children, who did not attend public schools, lived in conditions "unfit for humans," in small, dark and unventilated cells dug into the earth. Health officials said the children rarely saw the light of day.

Panetta says plans to set up a 'no-fly zone' not on front burner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Leon Panetta says plans to set up a no-fly zone over parts of Syria are "not on the front burner," despite persistent calls from rebel forces there that they need the added protection from escalating regime airstrikes.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Panetta said he is confident the U.S. could successfully enforce a no-fly zone over Syria, but doing so would require a "major, major policy decision" that has not yet been made.

"We have planned for a number of contingencies that could take place and one of those possible contingencies is developing a no-fly zone. But we've also pointed out difficulties in being able to implement that," Panetta said. "It's not on the front burner as far as I know."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said recently that Washington and Turkey are discussing a range of steps, including a no-fly zone over some parts of Syria. Rebel leaders have expressed frustration that the United States has limited its assistance to non-lethal aid.

The U.S. and its NATO allies successfully enforced a no-fly zone over Libya last year, as rebels there made gains and eventually ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Syria, however, has relatively modern air defenses that are far more plentiful and sophisticated than those in Libya. Syria buys its arms from Russia and is backed in its efforts to tamp down the rebels by Iran.

TransUnion: Late payment rate on U.S. credit cards edges higher in Q2, but near 18-year-low

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Americans are carrying more credit card debt than a year ago, yet the latepayment rate for card holders remains near an 18-year low, an analysis of consumer-credit data shows.

The average credit card debt per borrower in the U.S. grew about 6 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Tuesday.

At the same time, the rate of payments at least 90 days overdue inched higher to 0.63 percent from 0.60 percent in the same period last year, when the rate hit the lowest level in 18 years. Card delinquencies sank to 0.56 percent in the third quarter of 1994, the firm said.

The April-to-June figures reflect how consumers have been managing their credit card use since the start of the last recession toward the end of 2007.

Many borrowers have taken steps to save money and whittle down their debt. Among homeowners with a mortgage, many have made credit card bills a priority over their home loans and other financial obligations.

John Wayne Film Festival returning to Snyder Aug. 31

Herald Staff Report

The John Wayne Film Fest returns to Snyder. Texas, for the second year Labor Day Weekend Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

Held at the town's historic Ritz Theater on the square, this is an to see some of the Duke's most legendary films on the big screen. The weekend will begin on Friday at noon with the classic "Rio Lobo," and include screenings of "True Grit," "Red River," "The Quiet Man" and "The Green Berets," among others.

Created in 2011 by Snyder-based actor/director Barry Tubb to benefit the John Wayne Cancer Foundation, the John Wayne Film Fest was created to embody the strength, courage and true grit personified by cancer survivors. Special guests and celebrities who worked with Wayne, including family members, will be on hand.

Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities are available by emailing the organization at: wrangler@JohnWayneFilmFest.com. Proceeds will benefit the John Wayne Cancer Foundation to continue their fight against cancer.

at a property near the Texas A&M University cam pus. But the recipient opened fire and shots were exchanged, leaving him, the police constable and another man mortally wounded.

The spasm of violence Monday left a College Station neighborhood shaken, a tight-knit law enforcement community in mourning and the family of 35-year-old gunman Thomas Alton Caffall distraught.

Just after noon, College Station police began field ing frantic 911 calls about gunfire in the neighborhood near the university's football stadium. Responding officers found 41-year-old Brazos County Constable Brian Bachmann shot on the lawn of the house

For nearly 30 minutes police exchanged shots with Caffall as a neighbor, a former Army medic, waited with frustration for the all-clear so he could tend to the injured constable.

Bachmann, a police instructor, one-time Officer of the Year and a married father of two, had been mortally wounded. So was Chris Northcliff, 43, of College Station, who was outside and apparently caught up in the gunfire.

Caffall too was shot and later died at a hospital.

Police wouldn't speculate on what sparked the shooting and it wasn't immediately clear who shot whom

"We're trying to make some sense of this," College Station Assistant Police Chief Scott McCollum said.

A neighbor and former medic, Rigo Cisneros, told *The Bryan-College Station Eagle* that by the time he was allowed to approach Bachmann's body, it was too late.

Officer, gunman die in shootout

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – A law enforcement veteran of 19 years was making what was supposed to be a routine house call to serve an eviction notice

WOMAN

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"A family member began to swim out to her when a boat came along and got him and Barcomb out of the water. She was unresponsive."

Everett said Barcomb was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later transferred to an unknown hospital in Lubbock.

An official with University Medical Center in Lubbock reported this morning they have no record of admittance for the

Odessa woman. It's unclear at this time what hospital she was taken to.

According to Everett, there are no signs of foul play and all indications are the drowning was accidental.

"The formal declaration won't be made until the medical examiner's report is issued, but everything points to this being an accidental drowning," Everett said. "We've closed our investigation into the matter."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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concern that the fire might get to some homes and other structures, but our guys did a good job of shutting it down," Sullivan said.

The second fire started about 7 a.m. Monday when lightning struck an oilfield tank battery along E.

Howard Field Road, causing an explosion. Four HCVFD units responded to the fire, which was brought under control in less than an hour, Sullivan said.

The battery was heavily damaged by the lightning strike, but no injuries were reported.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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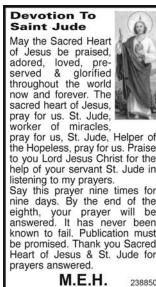
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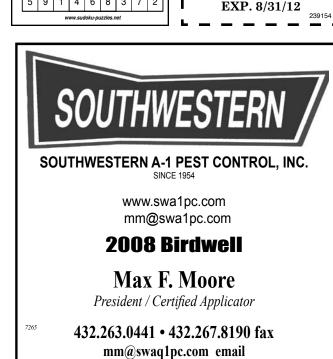
its people, and Kennith's parents Tommy Callender and Jeanette Seaton — need to see that. This fundraiser is an excellent way folks can come out and enjoy some great barbecue

and show their support.' The luncheon is to get under way at noon Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. Third St.

"We'll start serving at noon," Moran said. "Barbecue plates will be \$10 each and include all the trimmings, including potato salad, cole slaw, beans and bread. We'll also have drawings for prizes and live music provided, so it will be a good time for everyone who attends." For more information, contact Moran at 928-345-8014.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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Conservatives outsource moralizing to the Liberals

t's a given in many conservative circles that the rise of single-parent families is the

biggest cause of increasing economic inequality and that liberals are to blame. The first "given" is correct. The second "given" is entirely in conservative

heads — though a means to play politics without doing the heavy lifting.

More than 40 percent of births

in the United States are to single women, mostly poor or workingclass. Their families often suffer a poverty of time and money, for which their children pay the price. By contrast, the great majority of college-educated whites have children within the confines of marriage, conferring an extra set of privileges to their offspring.

Many conservatives want to pin this imbalance on a sexual revolution promoted by their fantasy hippie-baby-boomereveryone-in-the-hot-tub liberals. These "elitist snobs" — author Charles Murray's favorite phrase — push free love to impressionable working-class kids, the story goes, while they themselves insist on marriage before children. Murray and company rarely furnish names. The villains are simply "liberals" or "they."

Conservative writer Jonathan V. Last recently complained in The Weekly Standard that a New York Times article on the widening class divide linked to marital

Romney's line in the sand 'itt Romney has outdone himself in choosing Rep. Paul

Ryan as his running mate. The conservative base is ecstatic, and that will translate into voter intensity and high turnout.

Our country faces an unprecedented debt crisis, primarilv driven by our entitlement

status neglected to provide an underlying cause. "It's a complicated question," he admitted, but it has something to do with sexual freedom in ways that "readers of The New York Times will not like."

Last hinted at what he was talking about in an earlier piece. "The pill created the possibility of a world where sex would have no dire consequences," he wrote. And he quoted former colleague David Frum as follows: "The central dogma of the baby boomers is the belief that sex, so long as it's consensual, ought never be subject to moral scrutiny at all."

Where to start.

First off, the pharmaceutical industry invented the pill, not liberals. Secondly, if baby boomers were libertines not heeding the consequences of sex, how come they didn't have children out of wedlock? Thirdly, isn't it time to stop beating up the '60s for what's happening 50 years later? (Only 30 years separated the licentious 1920s from the puritanical '50s.)

Women giving birth out of wedlock are obviously not taking the pill. The pill prevents pregnancies rather than causes them. That makes conservative attacks on contraception rather inconsistent with their condemnations of single motherhood. Unless this is really about liberals ... er, I mean ... sex.

According to my moral compass, children should be protected from sexuality they can't responsibly handle, but what consenting adults do in their bedroom is no business of mine. If conservatives want to analyze

the morality of such couplings, that's their right. While we may agree that children are best raised in two-parent families, this moralizing about sex has zero to do with the fact that most of these unmarried women are having children on purpose.

As for the politics, it bears reminding that the states reporting the lowest incidences of births out of wedlock, with the exceptions of Utah and Idaho, tend to be liberal. In Washington state, only 34 percent of births are to unmarried women. In Oregon and Massachusetts, it's 35 percent. In conservative Oklahoma, however, 42 percent of births are to single mothers, and in Georgia and Tennessee, it's 45 percent.

Nonetheless, conservative columnist David Brooks writes, "Liberals are going to have to be willing to champion norms that say marriage should come before childrearing and be morally tough about it." Is that an assignment?

Perhaps conservative intellectuals should be making their pitch to conservative America rather than outsourcing the job. The danger, of course, is that the folks they meet might not know one elite from the other.

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and to serve it up on the national stage. He presented a credible, comprehensive and workable plan to structurally reform entitlements.

Ryan earned national attention because he addressed the issues candidly, soberly and with such a command of the facts and attention to detail that Democrats couldn't shame him off the stage. Though he was calm in his presentation, he pulled no punches in warning that in the absence of major reforms, we would sustain a Greek-style financial collapse.

statesmanship. He decided not to underestimate the American people and instead trusted that if properly informed, they would understand the gravity of the situation we face and support the right choices.

By choosing Ryan, Romney has drawn a bold line in the sand, telling the American people that his administration will tackle these problems no matter how much ridicule they receive from Obama and other Democrats.



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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we avoid friction and follow Your lead, Lord.

programs. We have more than \$100 trillion of unfunded liabilities a staggering. incomprehensible number — and we are on a collision course with national bankruptcy. Obama has offered no solutions; his Democratic majority in the Senate has



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failed to produce a budget in 1,200 days; and they have both obstructed the Republicans' proposed remedies. It's as if it's a

game with these people and our crushing national debt is but a trifling matter. Obama is not only obstruct-

ing budget reform; it's almost as if he is trying to make matters worse. He has added a new major entitlement, Obamacare, and has continued to amass annual budget deficits in excess of \$1 trillion, and his latest 10-year budget revealed he would continue to do so. Instead of reducing spending, he has demanded yet more "stimulus" spending and is ushering in the largest tax increase in U.S. history, which is guaranteed to further smother growth and probably worsen our debt problem.

Not too many years ago, both parties acknowledged that our entitlement commitments were a sword hanging over our heads. But when President George W. Bush tried to begin discussions on Social Security reform, Democrats ridiculed and demonized him and told seniors he was after their nest eggs.

But in 2008, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., dared to make the third rail of politics his calling card

Ryan has been the Antiobama; he has provided the main adult leadership in the room, while Obama has been acting like a child in a candy store, spending every federal dollar he can get his hands on.

Ryan hasn't just provided issue papers; his plan was reduced to actual legislation and was passed in the House, only to be flatly rejected in the Democratic Senate and viciously and disingenuously mocked by President Obama.

Obama knows that Ryan has been his financial nemesis; he singled him out for ridicule during his farcical bipartisan health care summit.

He has castigated Ryan during national speeches.

Ryan's inclusion on the GOP ticket guarantees that the financial issues threatening our republic today will remain front and center. As long as Ryan is around and playing a prominent role, Obama simply cannot effectively duck the issue.

Indeed, Romney's selection of Ryan signals his irrevocable commitment to tackling our entitlements problem and solving our financial crisis. It loudly signals that these issues, along with related economic issues, will be the centerpiece of his presidential campaign.

It would have been easy for Romney to have avoided the entitlements issue, and some GOP advisers were urging him to do so, arguing it is a political loser because demagoguery will prevail over fiscal responsibility.

But Romney chose the path of

Romney isn't promising to adopt Ryan's plan entirely, but it is obvious he embraces the underlying principles it contains: entitlement reform, discretionary spending reductions, a responsible national security budget and tax reform, which, when coupled with strong spending reductions, will lead to economic growth.

Obama has yet to present any semblance of a plan to reduce spending, restructure entitlements and bring our short- and long-term budgets into balance. He has offered only class warfare and fear-mongering.

The Ryan selection will force Obama and his party out of the closet and to offer some plan of their own instead of just ripping the Republicans' plans. It won't end the demagoguery, but it will smoke them out - and expose the incoherence of their ideas.

Mitt Romney's best chance of winning this election is to draw the starkest of contrasts between his vision and Barack Obama's record. Choosing Paul Ryan was the best possible way to do that. Kudos to Mr. Romney. Game on.

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After reading today's Kid Scoop page, make a list of the ways school in the 1870s was different and the ways it was the same!

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chools long ago taught the three Rs: Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. What subjects do you study today?

In the 1870s, children usually walked to school Often they walked many miles. The children arrived at school at 8 a.m. The day began with a reading lesson.

There was a flag in the classroom, but no one said the Pledge of

Allegiance. That started about 1890. The national anthem was not sung: none had been chosen.

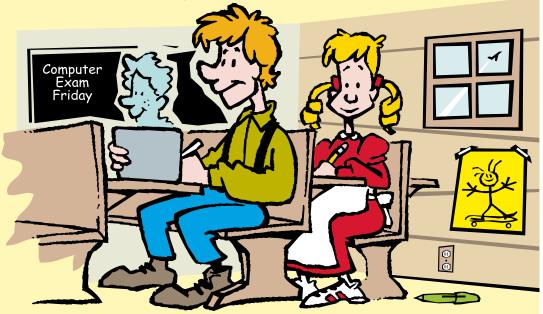
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Students in the 1870s played lots of fun games at recess. They played hopscotch, leapfrog, tag, horseshoes, Fox and Geese and more. Toys included marbles and spinning tops. Boys and girls did not play together.

If nature called, students used an outhouse.



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How many things don't belong in this 1870s classroom?

Standards Link: History: Students compare and contrast everyday life in different times and places and recognize that some aspects of people, places and things change over time while others stay the same.



ARITHMETIC

Use your finger and then a pencil

to go from A to Z on the hornbook.

Books were scarce in the 1870s.

something called a **hornbook**. The lesson was placed on a wooden

paddle and then covered with a thin, transparent (see-through) sheet of

Students often learned their

alphabet and reading skills on



A game kids used to play is one enjoyed by kids today: Leapfrog!

You can play this game with two or more players.

Find an open area to play.

Choose one person to start. All other players form a line, kneeling on the ground and resting their heads on the ground, covered by their hands.

Have the chosen starting player place his or her hands on the back of the person at the back of the line. He or she must press on the person's back and

leap over the person, spreading his or her legs apart and hopping like a frog. The player continues hopping until reaching the front of the line, kneeling and covering his or her head.

There are no winners or losers in this game. The point is to have fun and be silly. And, the game can continue as long as you are having fun, or until the recess bell rings!

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Bird Poop: The yellow-headed blackbird

Her offer to bring it led to my willingly accepting it. As the woman tried to estimate her time of arrival, a harsh, strident voice filled the background.

An hour and a half passed.

Then her vehicle pulled into the driveway.

holes at

As she handed me a rather large

shoebox with factory-made

either end, the woman noted that her husband had big feet. It was a fortunate sharing for the bird.

Jarring, harsh protests were a warning of what was to come. Slowly inching the lid to allow a quick look-see prevented the stranger from escaping.

Accustomed to bodies of water, such as prairie marshes and lakes, this bird and its mate would require a surrounding shoreline to have a well-established growth of cattails and

reeds. Her nod confirmed that such a place existed in our arid terrain when I asked, "country club?"

Although she had told me it couldn't fly, the male, yellow-headed blackbird held his wings evenly. After closing the lid and reapplying a large rubber band, I told her of two possibilities. Either a bruised wing, known as a soft tissue injury. or hairline fracture might have grounded the bird.

drive back to Midland, the woman cautioned us about the heat that was to come. The morning forecast had predicted a typical August day of 105 degrees.

Once inside, our new guest tried to escape the box as I removed the binding. By thrusting his head upward, he knocked the lid on the floor as my hand encircled his body. His wriggling demonstrated his utter disdain at my involvement.

Extending each wing separately confirmed no visible injury. Coursing over its bone structure, my fingers detected no calcified lumps or irreg-

used to talk about the

importance of education

on a regular basis. He

grew up during a time

when education was not

available everywhere in the country and on the

Western frontier many



Courtesy photo

A male, yellow-headed blackbird, wears a vivid yellow and black ensemble. Its diet includes vegetable matter, such as corn, oats and grain. When available, beetles, grubs, caterpillars and grasshoppers are also on its menu.

ular areas.

Inactivity for a few days would be difficult but not impossible for the blackbird. Its restless nature would have to accept confinement eased by a more than

adequate diet.

As we watched the bird devour insects and grains, we appreciated his colorful attire. His bright yellow head, neck, and upper breast were a stark contrast to his coal-black body and wings that were vividly marked with white patches.

In contrast, his mate would be dull brown with a buff neck and a smidgen of yellow on her throat. Her coloration wound blend in with the nest she would have built from dead grass blades floating on the water.

Woven around and through the stalks of aquatic plants, her nest would be above the water, yet protected from above by the height of the stems. It was nature's way of protecting her young, from both above and below, from predators.

At South Plains in Lubbock, Gail Barnes confirmed the bruising of one of the wings.

A quizzical look on her face resembled the ones we had shared about the yellow-headed blackbird.

Normally seen during fall and spring migrations in Texas, the specie would usually be found in the upper mid to western part of our country and Canada during summer. Winters in Mexico and along the western boundary of Texas were common. What was it doing in Midland?

As the scarcity of prairie marshes increased, the blackbirds had to be flexible. Availing themselves of everything from cow pastures to golf courses, they had chosen new locales to suit their needs.

A water hazard, lush with cattails and reeds. would readily signal a golfer to avoid it if possible. To a bird dependent upon a watery environment, it offered a new nesting site during its yearly journey.

News of the elegantly colored bird's release brought smiles to everyone who could imagine the most raucous noise in its departure. Its squealing notes would be anything but musical. In its favor, though, were its positive attitude and a voice that preceded its presence.

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

The importance of an education

Today, the importance of education is greater than at any time in our history, but the attitude toward education seems to be more negative than ever.

I remember when I was a kid my grandpa areas didn't offer it at

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all.

He was able to go through the third grade and was then removed from school as his parents moved across the country. He, however, thought enough about education to pursue his learning through multiple business correspondence courses. He always told me that the uneducated of the future will be those who do not know how to learn and

to learn.

He spoke to me often about his desire that I would continue my education and had it not been for his insistence, I would have probably decided against college and my life would have been completely different.

I know that college is not for everyone, but finishing high school should be the wish of every teenager and the

Somehow we must reestablish that thought and that dream into the generations of today.

We must make our young folks realize the things they learn in school may not always be DARRELL used as they are Ryan

on the old models of type writers, but I soon discovered I would use that skill as much, if not more, than any other skill I ever learned.

We don't know what the future will bring us, but we do know that if we are not prepared that life will leave us behind and success will not be attainable. Today's educational system will not be the model of the future, but it is the system we currently have and billions of dollars are being spent yearly to make it as successful as possible. I would hope we, as adults, would strive to impress on the minds of our kids that getting an education is extremely important and even though they may not understand all the implications of the requirements of education today, these things will certainly assist to open doors for them in the future which hopefully the majority of their lives, at this point, is still in the future. As Horace Mann once said, "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery."



Eager to start the Bebe McCasland



By Steve Becker All's Fair in Love and War

East dealer. East-West vulnerable **NORTH 4** 8 4 3 ♥QJ ♦ K 10.7.2 ♣K Q 10 4 WEST EAST 🕈 Λ 10 🖥 2 🛧 Q J 9 5 ♥K9743 ♥1065 ♦ O 8 6 **∳**J`93 SOUTH 🛡 A 8 2 ♦ A J 9 5 3 The bidding: South ♣A 8 2

West North $1 \mathrm{NT}$ Pass 3 NT Pass Opening lead - four of hearts. Most mistakes in bidding or play occur on the easy hands rather than the difficult ones. This is partly because easy hands occur more often than difficult ones, and partly because players have a tendency to relax on easy-looking hands.

Consider the present case where South was in three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played the king of diamonds followed by a low diamond to the ace. West showed out, and East now had a diamond winner. South really had no better option than to continue the suit, so he led

another diamond. East won with the queen and shifted to the queen of spades, whereupon the defenders scored four spade tricks, and South went down one.

Although South was certainly unlucky to go down on this line of - the diamonds had to break plav badly, and West had to have the ace of spades - he could nevertheless have assured a favorable outcome regardless of how the East-West cards were divided. All he had to do, after cashing the king of diamonds at trick two, was to lead a diamond from dummy and finesse the nine.

If the nine won the trick, South would be sure of scoring at least two hearts, five diamonds and three clubs for a total of 10 tricks. And if the nine lost to the queen, South would finish with at least nine tricks consisting of two hearts, four diamonds and three clubs

Declarer's undoing can be attributed to his misapplication of the rule that it is slightly better to cash the Λ -K than to finesse when the defenders have the Q-x-x-x of a suit. Under the circumstances, this was not a good rule to follow. South could easily have afforded to lose a diamond trick but to West, not East. He should therefore have finessed the nine of diamonds after cashing the king, since even if he lost the battle for the queen, he'd win the war.

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learning it, but it be

will used to assist them in learning how to think, how to work properly, how to make decisions and how to act in different situations, to develop a meaningful outlook on life and to discover lasting values.

When I was in school I doubted the value of geometry and algebra, but in life I have used them both in doing jobs of construction and painting. I doubted the value of studying history, but I have seen that history indeed does repeat itself and knowing the past certainly assists us in seeing what can and most likely will happen in the future.

And since high school, I have developed a love for history and learning of the past. When I was in high school, I questioned why I would want to learn to type, and of course that was

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practice Monday. The Buffaloes went 6-5 last year and will compete in a new 1A district this season.

Sports Editor Forsan Head Football Co

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Forsan Head Football Coach Jason Phillips and his squad are headed into some unchartered territory.

Following the most recent University Interscholastic League district realignment, Forsan went from a 2A to a 1A school, but it doesn't necessarily mean it will be an easy season for the Buffs — who went 6-5 last season before falling to Sanford-Fritch in a bi-district bout.

Playing a tough non-district schedule — including the season opener against Howard County rival Coahoma — is part of Phillips' strategy to position his team for a playoff run.

"Our goal every year is to make the playoffs," Phillips said. "We scheduled tough non-district games, but there is no game on the schedule we don't think we can compete in."

Competing week in and week out is the focus. Phillips doesn't seem concerned with the change in districts or the new UIL rules governing two-adays. For Forsan, it is business as usual.

"We are working on some things," Phillips said. "One is being more physical. We started off the first day of the offseason with an emphasis on playing a more physical game."

With seven starters returning on each side of the ball, confidence among Phillips and the players is high. Last year, peer leadership was distributed between only four seniors. This year, Phillips has 15 to rely on.

"We had great senior leadership last year, but HERALD photo/Brian McCormack this year, we have much more senior leadership," Forsan Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jason Phillips has a word with his team following Phillips said. "The overall depth will be a huge

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Local briefs

Youth Soccer registration underway

Want your child to get involved with the fastest growing sport in America? The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups are under way at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Registration is also open at the mall from 5:30-7 p.m. each night this week. Age groups are 4-U, 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 14-U. The cost per child is \$70. A full uniform is included. Business sponsorships are available for \$200.

Youth Football League signups open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration will close Saturday, Aug. 18. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (8-9 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available but must be paid in full by Aug. 18. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. For more information, contact Manuel Baeza at 517-0225.

Country club to host Over 80 Scramble

A tournament benefitting the Big Spring Shrine Club will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Friday-Saturday. The tourney will be a 2-person scramble format. The combined age of the two players on each team must be 80 or more. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. A shotgun start will kick off each day at 1 p.m. Entry fee includes barbeque on the course Saturday and mulligan. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Jr. high Volleyball tryouts to be held this month

Big Spring Junior High volleyball tryouts are slated for Aug.27-28 from 3:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the junior high gym. Seventh graders are to report to the east gym and eighth grade tryouts will be in the west gym. A physical must be completed to participate in tryouts. For more information, call 213-4407.

Dallas beats Raiders in exhibition opener

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Darren McFadden needed one series to show he's in midseason form for Oakland following a foot injury that cut his last season short.

Most of the rest of the first-team offensive players for the Raiders and Dallas Cowboys need plenty of work to get back to that level.

McFadden picked up where he left off last season by gaining 38 yards on Oakland's first three plays of the exhibition season and the Raiders went on to lose to the Dallas Cowboys 3-0 on Monday night.

"He was able to make some explosive gains," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. "That's what we anticipate out of him. He's an explosive playmaker. We have to find ways to get him the ball and give him an opportunity to be explosive for us."

McFadden, who missed the last nine games of 2011 with a Lisfranc injury to his right foot, opened the game with a 4-yard run, an 18-yard reception and a 16-yard run to delight of the Raiders fans.

But Carson Palmer threw an interception to Gerald Sensabaugh on the next play for Oakland (tied for No. 23 in the AP Pro32) and both the Raiders and Cowboys (No. 15, AP Pro32) struggled to generate much of anything until the reserves took over in the second half.

"We made some mistakes and it cost us," Dallas quarterback Tony Romo said. "There will be some good stuff to evaluate and get better. We have to get better from tonight's game and we will."

Kyle Orton took Dallas 67 yards on the opening drive of the second half to set up Dan Bailey's 33yard field goal and that proved to be the only scoring of the night.

McFadden left after that first series and Palmer couldn't move the Raiders without him. Matt Leinart played the rest of a scoreless first half and completed six passes to undrafted free agent Rod Streater, but couldn't put any points on the board.

Dez Bryant, whose status was in question after leaving practice early Saturday because of hamstring tightness, came up with the only big play for Dallas' firstteam offense when he made a good adjustment

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Swisher's slam powers Yanks past Texas

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Swisher hit a grand slam off Ryan Dempster and drove in five runs, Derek Lowe closed with four shutout innings in his Yankees debut and New York beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 Monday night.

David Phelps, starting in place of injured ace CC Sabathia, picked off two runners and pitched a career-high five innings for the win.

In the opener of a four-game series between the teams with the AL's best records, the Yankees powered their way to a sixth straight victory over Texas in the Bronx.

Swisher's second slam this season was his 200th career homer. Eric Chavez also homered off Dempster (1-1), the Rangers' recent acquisition.

Dempster matched a season high by allowing eight runs. The other time he allowed eight was in his first start for Texas on Aug. 2. In three starts since coming from the Chicago Cubs in a trade-deadline deal, Dempster has allowed 19 runs — 16 earned — in 17 1-3 innings.

Ichiro Suzuki tripled and Derek Jeter followed with a long RBI double in the seventh to end Dempster's third start for Texas.

Swisher added an RBI single in the seventh as New York won for the fifth time in six games.

Phelps (3-3) was being held to a 75-80 pitch limit while making a spot start for Sabathia, who has a sore elbow. Phelps needed 26 pitches in the first without being hit hard. But thanks in part to a nifty pickoff move, he fulfilled his manager's wish to make it through five innings.

Phelps turned over a 5-2 lead to Lowe in the sixth. Designated for assignment by Cleveland on Aug. 2 and released Friday, Lowe signed with New York earlier Monday and made his first appearance since July 31.

Lowe earned his first regularseason save since 2001 while with Boston, shutting down Texas on two hits. He walked none and struck out four.

Lowe went 8-10 with a 5.52 ERA for the Indians this season, and he had an 8.80 ERA in his final 12 starts for Cleveland.

The 39-year-old right-hander,

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Astros look to future as team sinks to new low

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros knew they weren't going to win much this season, so with an eye toward the future they cast off their few pricey veterans before the trade deadline, slashing payroll and restocking their depleted farm system.

It wasn't a blueprint to win now.

Still, new owner Jim Crane didn't think it would be this bad.

The Astros have shed almost \$40 million from their opening day roster and have a payroll of just \$21.3 million as of last week. Nine players on other teams will make more than that by themselves this season, led by Alex Rodriguez (\$30 million).

Francisco Cordero and Jed Lowrie, two of Houston's three highest-paid players, are on the disabled list. That leaves Ben Francisco as the only active player making more than \$750,000.

Houston has had the worst record in baseball for most of the season. But things devolved rapidly since the Astros' rebuilding effort began in earnest when general manager Jeff Luhnow traded Carlos Lee on July 4. Monday night's 7-1 loss at Chicago left them 6-36 since the Lee trade, including a franchise-worst 12game losing skid.

Houston is the first National League team to lose 34 games in a 38-game span since the 1899 Cleveland Spiders, according to STATS LLC, a skid that ended last Friday.

"We made a lot of trades and once we made that decision — Jeff started moving some of the talent — we knew we might slide back a little bit, but we didn't think it would be this bad," Crane said.

After Lee, Houston shed pitchers J.A. Happ, Brandon Lyon, David Carpenter, Brett Myers and Wandy Rodriguez before wrapping up a busy month by sending third baseman Chris Johnson to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Some of them, had they gone beyond the trade deadline, we

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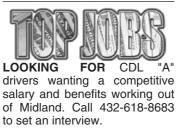


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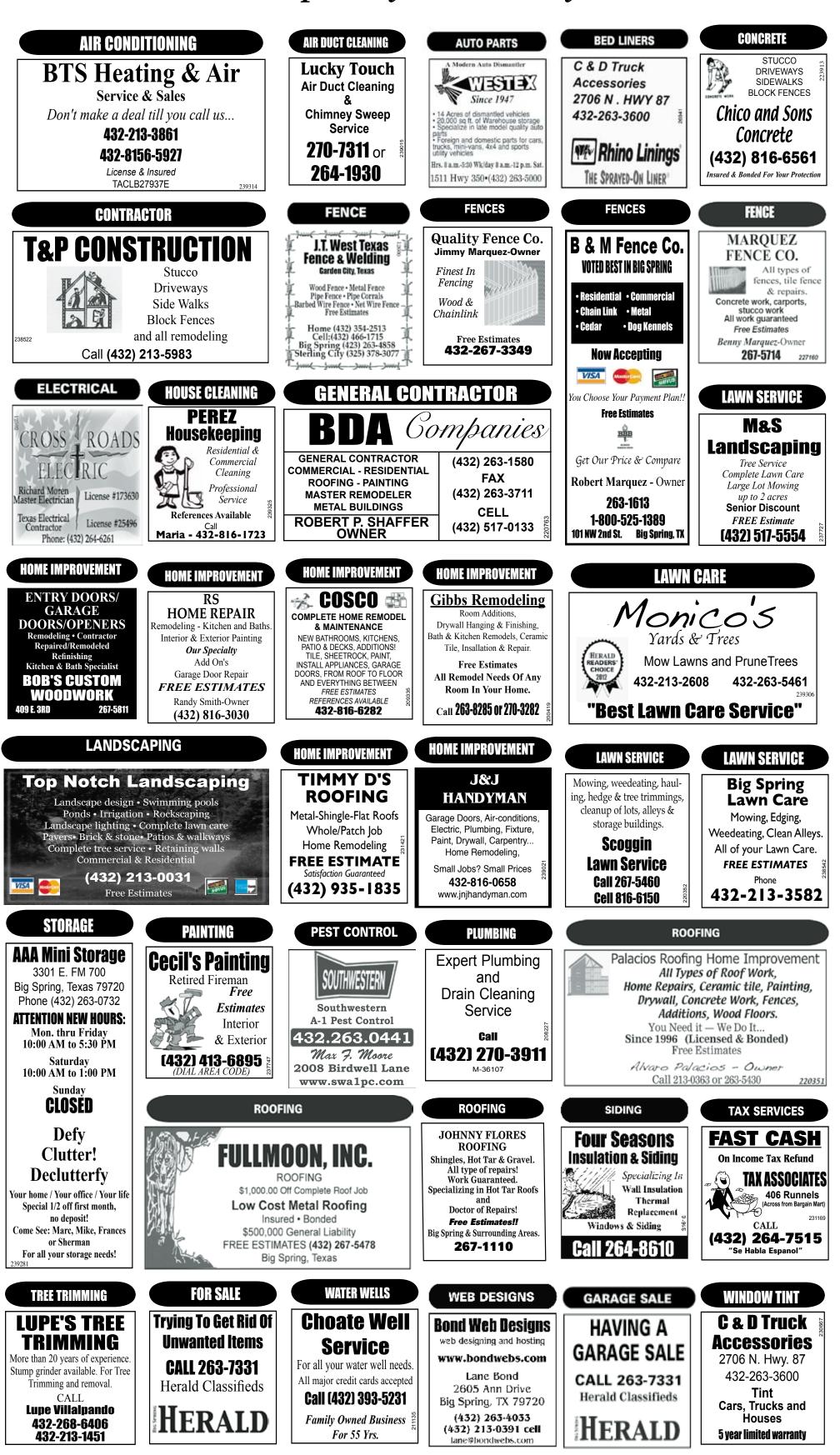




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open mind. ARIES (March 21-

19). April Distance might make the heart grow fonder, but sometimes it also arouses baseless suspicions. Don't let your imagination run away in regards to a faraway relationship. Keep the lines of communication open.

HOLIDAY

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends and family have been down in the mouth lately, and now is the time to chase away a few clouds, spread a little cheer and remind them all how much they mean to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know how infuriating it is to make a call and spend a long time on hold? Be careful that you're not doing the same thing with a very important relationship.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The instinct to protect yourself is a survival mechanism that generally serves you well. However, you may serve yourself best today in an unguarded moment, as that's when someone will connect with you on a deeper level.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today sees you walking around like the cat who swallowed the canary. Everyone wants to know what your sly smile is all about, but keep that happy secret to yourself for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel that you know all there is to know about a certain situation. Is it true? Put yourself to the test. Teach others. If there are holes in your knowledge, you'll see where they are and patch them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. You possess an 23). ability that cannot be learned or taught. It's something innate that one or both of your parents passed on to you. You will now appreciate the value of this gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Domestic harmony depends on certain skills, including the ability to compromise and а tendency to minimize another person's shortcomings and dwell instead on his or her offerings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. You've 21). handled change before, and you'll handle it again and this time even better. It may have taken you a while to get used to what once were the "new rules," but now you'll quickly assimilate some new "new rules."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Halfway up the mountain, you look at the summit and think you can't possibly make it to the top. But remember that you're already so much farther than the person who never makes the attempt at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The song says to

"pick yourself up, dust sense of humor and yourself off, and start all This is over again." easier than sung accomplished. Don't turn up your nose at a helping hand from a verv unexpected source.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your appetite has been whetted, but you're still holding yourself in check. This time, don't vield to temptation so much as simply meet it a public place.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). You're interested in making a point and also in hearing what others have to say, habits that will lead you to money in September. The change in your community will give you a new sense of purpose and drive in October. November brings your chance to share promises and solidify relationships. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 34, 14, 28 and 11.

TIPS FOR TURNING UP YOUR A.Q. Quotient): (Attraction ARIES: Take part in competitions. The winning prospect of brings your best qualities and puts them on display admirers. for new **TAURUS:** Stop pretending you don't know you're magnificent. It's not a sin to appreciate your fine qualities. Look in the mirror in the morning and give up some praise. It will feel corny at first, but you'll be surprised how quickly you get used to lobbing compliments into your own exquisite eyeballs. GEMINI: Crack jokes. Your banter is like "buttah," as you deliver your pointed words with great tenderness. Your

mischief is legendary and more alluring than any physical attribute could be. CANCER: Making music by plucking, strumming, bowling or blowing adds considerable attraction points — and even more so if you become good enough to showcase your talent on a stage. LEO: Be totally unaware of your powers of attraction. for an afternoon coffee in People who have "It" often don't know they have "It," and this enables them to wield "It" mercilessly. Excerpted from Holidav Mathis' "Rock Your Stars, Your Astrological Guide to Getting It All.'

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Steve Martin wins the award for most hyphenated celebrity, and the natal chart of this comedian/actor/musician /art

collector/author/compose r/playwright reinforces his Renaissance man status. His sun and Pluto in Leo are inclined toward theatrics, while Neptune in Libra reveals a strong visual sense. His Mercury and Jupiter are in intellectual, detailoriented Virgo, while Venus and Jupiter in Cancer bring soul.

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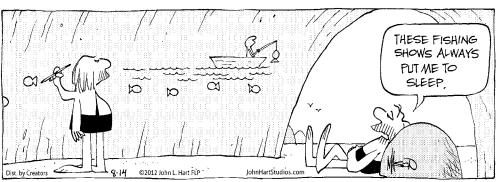
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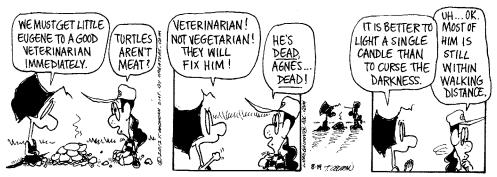
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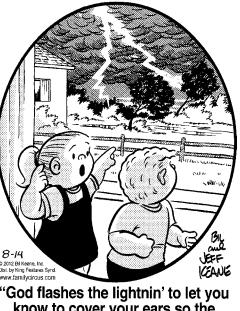
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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 227th day of 2012. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 14, 1962, robbers held up a U.S. mail truck in Plymouth, Mass., making off with more than \$1.5 million; the loot has never been recovered.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory

was created. In 1908, a race riot erupted in Springfield, Ill., as a white mob began setting black-owned homes and businesses on fire; at least two blacks and five whites were killed in the violence.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, a statement of principles that renounced aggression

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1948, the Summer Olympics in London ended; they were the first Olympic games held since 1936.

In 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst, 88, died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1992, the White House announced that the Pentagon would begin emergency airlifts of food to Somalia to alleviate mass deaths by starvation. Federal judge John J. Sirica, who had presided over the Watergate trials, died in Washington at age 88.

In 1997, an unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 88. Pulitzer Prize-

Earl Weaver is 82. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 77. Singer Dash Crofts is 74. Rock singer David Crosby is 71. Country singer Connie Smith is 71. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 67. Actor Antonio Fargas is 66. Singermusician Larry Graham is 66. Actress Susan Saint James is 66. Actor David Schramm is 66. Author Danielle Steel is 65. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 62. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 62. Actor Carl Lumbly is 61. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 60. Film composer James Horner is 59. Actress Jackee Harry is 56. © 2012 The Associated Press.



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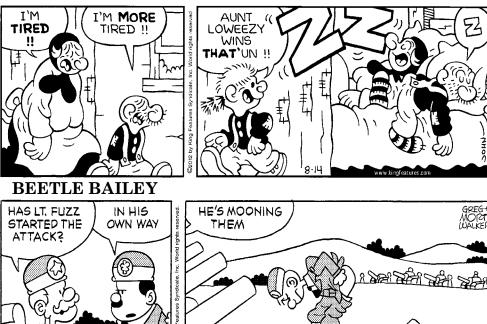


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Sports

VH1 pulls Johnson's new reality show

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — For Chad Johnson, a weekend confrontation with his wife has led to repercussions beyond a misdemeanor charge and NFL unemployment.

VH1 pulled from its schedule the reality series "Ev and Ocho," starring newlyweds Johnson formerly known as Chad Ochocinco — and Evelyn Lozada. The network announced the move Monday, citing "the seriousness of the allegations" against Johnson, and said it had no plans to air the show.

The Dolphins terminated Johnson's contract Sunday night, about 24 hours after he was arrested in a domestic battery case involving Lozada, who is on the reality TV show "Basketball Wives." "Ev and Ocho" was conceived as a spinoff and had been slated to debut Sept. 3.

The Dolphins' decision to release Johnson left coach Joe Philbin with a dearth of experience at receiver and a potential backlash in the locker room. Philbin decided Johnson's knack for outlandish antics were a detriment that outweighed potential contributions from the six-time Pro Bowl receiver.

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wouldn't have gotten much of anything," Crane said. "I think (Luhnow) got as much as he possibly could. (He) traded hard, and we did pick up a lot of great prospects."

Houston received 15 players in the recent trades. It's talent that has improved a minor league system manv believed was among the worst in baseball heading into the season.

"Our objective is to be competitive consistently as soon as possible," Luhnow said. "And being able to infuse as many prospects into our system as we were able to at the A and Double-A level, you don't have an opportunity to do that in the draft. You get a lot of new prospects in

the draft, but they're usually at the rookieball level."

Of course, Houston's focus on the future didn't just begin this season. Stars including Lance Berkman, Roy Oswalt, Hunter Pence and Michael Bourn all have been dealt in the last two seasons. Of Houston's top 20 minor league prospects, 10 are a product of this year's deals along with the Bourn and Pence trades.

Right-hander Jarred Cosart and third baseman Matt Dominguez, both acquired in trades and playing at Triple-A, are considered Houston's second- and fourth-best prospects. Their greatest area of need was pitching and the recent deals brought several new arms.

The moves will also give the Astros some

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in the air for a 24-yard gain from Romo on the first offensive drive for the Cowboys.

That was the only first down in three series with Romo under center.

Only two of Dallas' other 10 plays with Romo in the game went for more than 1 yard and both of those were on third-and-longs when the Cowboys couldn't convert.

But the Dallas defense did the job after the fast start by McFadden.

"We just had to settle down," Sensabaugh said. "Once we got settled down and everybody just kept doing their job, there weren't too many big plays

flexibility to add talent in the offseason.

"Next year with a lot of those salaries gone, we'll have some room to fill in some players when we see what we ended up with," Crane said.

"You'll see some more players coming up at the end of the year, and we will continue to see who can play at the big league level."

Luhnow said he knows it's difficult for fans to get excited about the team as it stands now, but he believes it was the only way for Houston to be successful later.

"Trading our veteran players was the most effective way to (gain talent)," Luhnow said. "While short-term it's certainly a loss in terms of what they were able to do on the field, I think in the medium-

coming after that. (Our) guys were able to make plays."

The play was sloppy all around as Dallas twice committed penalties on punts to prolong drives for Oakland and committed another before a botched snap on a field goal try.

The Raiders were unable to make the Cowboys pay for those mistakes as the first drive aided by two fourthdown penalties ended in a punt and usually reliable Sebastian Janikowski was wide right on a 47-yard field goal attempt after the third infraction.

Oakland had its share of mistakes as Chimdi Chekwa let a punt roll to the goal line instead of downing it at the 1 and receiver Jacoby Ford had a rough day all around.

and long-term it's going to be a real benefit for us. So that was the objective going into it and with every trade, we had that in mind."

Houston's struggles this season, which include the league's worst road mark along with the worst overall record, have been hard on everyone in the organization, perhaps none more manager Brad Mills.

"When we first got here it was kind of a slow transition, now all of the sudden with the new regime changes and things we decided: 'Let's do the whole thing now," said Mills, who is in his third season in Houston. "It definitely puts things in a situation where wins are tougher because you're dealing with a lot of inexperienced individuals."

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a longtime rival of the Yankees while he pitched for the Red Sox, received little notice from the fans when his name was called to start the sixth. After retiring three straight in the seventh, the crowd gave him a loud ovation.

The high-powered Rangers had ample opportunities to break open the game early against Phelps, making his fourth start and first since July 4. They scored a run in the first on a broken-bat single by Nelson Cruz and added another when David Murphy led off the second with a homer.

Phelps hit Ian Kinsler with a pitch with two outs in the second. He then picked him off first base to end the inning with Elvis Andrus at bat. Andrus opened the third with a single and advanced to second on Adrian Beltre's infield single with one out. But Phelps picked off Andrus at second for out No. 2.

Phelps allowed two runs and six hits. He struck out three and walked one.

Making his first start in the Bronx since 2000, Dempster retired his first six hitters then it fell apart in the third, when seven of the first eight batters reached.

Russell Martin led off with an opposite-field single to right and Raul Ibanez followed with a hit that fell just in front of Cruz, the right fielder. Suzuki, batting ninth for the first time in his career, sacrificed. Jeter fell behind 1-2 before walking to load the bases.

Swisher lined a shot into the second deck in right for the sixth slam of his career and a 4-2 lead. Swisher had not homered since July 19 — a drought of 61 at-bats — a day before he injured his hip flexor and missed six games.

New York loaded bases again without making an out, then Curtis Granderson got a rise from the fans by hitting a long drive to center field that was caught just in front of the warning track for a sacrifice flv.

Dempster still has not beaten New York. He is 0-4 in five starts against the Yankees.

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benefit us." for The added depth may come in handy.

The Buffs host new district foe Stamford on Oct. 26. The Bulldogs played for a state title last year and are projected by some to make a repeat trip to Austin.

Other teams in District 4-1A include Winters, Anson and Haskell.

One game guaranteed to stir up local interest will be Forsan's opener against Coahoma, which will take place in Midland on Aug. 30. Last year, the Bulldogs defeated the Buffaloes by a single point — leaving a bad taste in the mouth of some returning players - including senior Copeland Riddell, an All-District

tackle who described the affair as "the toughest loss I have ever had."

another Stanton, cross-county nemesis, will travel to Forsan on Sept. 14.

"It's the location," Phillips said. "Coahoma is our number one rival. Stanton is probably our number two. The guys are going to have to come to play. We have got to keep everyone healthy. Eight-out-of-10 games we are going in as underdogs. We have to use that as motivation."

Forsan will play its first scrimmage Saturday against Miles at home.

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