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Voters to determine EDC status

By THOMAS JENKINS

Big Spring voters will decide the future of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, the city council assured Tuesday.

The Big Spring City Council gave final approval to a measure calling for an election to be held in November, giving voters the opportunity to nix the existing Type A economic



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development corporation and replace it with a Type B cor-The sales tax for an eco-

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nomic development corporation was adopted by Big Spring voters May 5, 1990, and designated solely for use on Type A projects, which is restricted mainly to attracting employers and businesses to the Crossroads area and retaining jobs with existing employ-

However, a Type B corporation has much looser restrictions placed on its spending, allowing for several other project types, including quality of life improvements such as professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, related street, water and sewer facilities and affordable housing.

According to Texas law, however, Type A corporations can still approve Type B projects, however, they are required to get the voters approval to do so. With a Type B corporation, no such vote is required.

The council approved first reading of the ordinance calling for the election during its July 24 meeting on a unanimous vote, with District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 5

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Love Our Lake event in need of volunteers Our Lake is one of the biggest ef-

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

The yearly cleanup of Comanche Trail Lake is approaching.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful has partnered with H.E.B. for the 2012 Love Our Lake cleanup. Members of KBSB and volunteers will meet at Dora Roberts Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. The effort is part of preparation for the upcoming Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

"This is a project every year, even without the triathlon," KBSB President Jan Hansen said.

In addition to cleaning up the

lake for the influx of people who come out for the triathlon, Love forts of KBSB in its goal to beautify Big Spring. "Not only does this help with pre-

paring for the triathlon, but it helps beautify our hometown lake," Hansen said.

For those wanting to take part, a table will be set up to greet volunteers at 8:30 a.m. on the 25th. Cleanup will continue throughout the morning and is expected to wrap up around 11:30 a.m.

To find out more information, call Hansen at 432-263-2616.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com



Milton Carr, left, and John Burkhardt, right, present Mike Tarpley with the Patriot of the Year award in Austin.

Tarpley honored with Patriot of the Year award

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

Mike Tarpley, local veteran, was recently recognized as the 2012-13 Patriot of the Year.

The award was presented to Tarpley by the Military Order of the Purple Heart on Aug. 11 in Austin. "At first, when I received this award,

it was something I couldn't tell anyone about, I was too emotional about it," Tarpley said. "This is a pretty big honor to me, for the state of Texas to recognize what I do."

Tarpley received this honor in recognition of the several different committees and community service projects he is involved in. These include working at the VA domiciliary and serving as a committee member there, as well as being active in the community. He is heavily involved in the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month program, the 9-11 ceremony at the Big Spring Mall — which he founded and playing of Taps at funerals and patriotic ceremonies.

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Little Joe to headline upcoming fundraiser By AMANDA DUFORAT ey to provide three \$2,000 scholar-

Staff Writer

Amigos del Barrio (Friends of the Neighborhood) continue a long tra-Saturday, Aug. 25, the Amigos

will be hosting Little Joe — fivetime grammy award winner — and La Familia, not only celebrating the "old days" but with the hopes of raising money for scholarships. Little Joe will be performing at the Howard County Fairbarn from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

"We need to help more kids. It's time to step up and send more kids to school," Bonefocio Salazar said. The goal is to raise enough mon-

ships to area high school students. The organization is aiming at doing something different in order to help the younger generation. To further help with the event and

reaching the goal, corporate sponsorships are available. Gold level is \$1,000 and includes two tables with 15 tickets; silver level is \$500 and includes one table and 10 tickets; and bronze level is \$250 and includes one table with five tickets. Any size donation will be noted as an angel sponsor. "There have been very generous

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"The law enforcement cenny scheduled for 11 a.m. in new center, which is about 90 By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Dignitaries ily members will be on hand

Thursday when the combined law enforcement center is renamed to honor fallen Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue. Hogue's parents and daughter, along with U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, will

and

front of the center, located at 3611 W. Highway 80. Hogue, a long-time Big Spring resident, was shot to

death following a traffic stop in 1994. The new center will house both the Howard County

Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department, a move officials say will result

in more efficient operations

from both departments.

ter will be impressive and accommodate our needs now and into the future," BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith and Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker said in a joint statement. "Both departments will be able to provide better services to our community, provide a more adequate work environment for employees and do so with a savings to taxpayers." Smith and Parker said the

percent complete, will not be available for tours until construction is finished. An open house will be held at a later date, they noted. Also during the ceremo-

ny, the public will have the chance to view the DPS' newest interceptor patrol boat, named after Hogue. It will be used for interdiction and river patrol duties near the U.S.-Mexico border.



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Obituaries

Joe Molina Ledesma

Joe Molina Ledesma, 50, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Evelyn Maxine Johnson

Evelyn Maxine Johnson, 88, of Duncanville, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012, in a Duncanville nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- STEVE ALLEN CRIM, 61, of San Angelo, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxi-• MICHELLE REYES GRANADO, 20, of 1611
- Donley, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for violation of school rules (two counts) and juvenile curfew violation.
- DORA CARRION ALVARADO, 41, of Lamesa, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft (shoplifting) – more than \$50 and less than \$500. • CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, 29, of 3605 Dixon,
- was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to appear and two warrants from other agencies. • ALFRED CHARLES JR., 29, of San Antonio,
- Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication. • FORGERY was reported in the 3600 block of W.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of
- Wasson Road. • THEFT was reported:
- In the 1000 block of N. Main Street. In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this

- MICHELLE REYES GRANADO, 20, was booked BSPD on municipal capias warrants for violation of school rules (two counts) and curfew violation.
- STEVE ALLAN CRIM, 61, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ENRIQUE JOSE PESINA, 25, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on Brownwood Police warrant for possession of a controlled sub-
- CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, 29, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of expired driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.
- DORA CARRION ALVARADO, 41, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to
- Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- · MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 12000 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Manor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of McGregor Road and Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

Jury cancelled

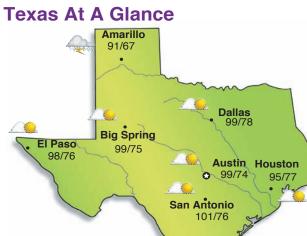
The Howard County Court under Judge Mark J. Barr is canceling the Jury Panel called for Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 at 9 a.m. Anyone receiving a jury summons from the county court for this date and time can disregard it.

Take Note

- The Howard County Democratic Club will meet Thursday at Crispy's restaurant at noon. All Democrats interested in participating in the Howard Democratic Club should join us for lunch on your own. In addition to fellowship, we enjoy in-depth topical discussions, visiting candidates and sometimes speakers who provoke a deeper understanding of current issues. If you have questions or would like to speak to a member of the club, call Walter L. Shipman at 432-264-6660
- · A ceremony renaming the Howard County Detention Center in honor of fallen Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in front of the detention center on West Highway 80.
- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.
- Northside Community Center will be offering into the county detention center Tuesday by the after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.
 - The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.
- · 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. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. 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.
 - Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to

An account has been established at Big Spring

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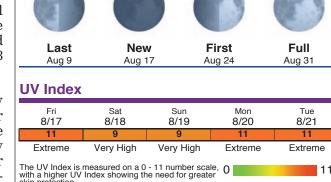
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Denver	75	56	mst sunny	Seattle	87	65	sunny					
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help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- 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 of at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-
- 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-



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COUNCIL

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Councilman Olson absent.

Prior to voting on the matter Tuesday, the council heard from local businessman and former Big Spring EDC board president Larry McLellan, who pointed out the push to send the matter to the voters is a double-edged sword and could effectively cut them out of the approval process. "What I heard was that

the council really wants the voters to have a voice in this," McLellan said. "If we convert from a 4A to a 4B (corporation), you really inhibit the ability of our citizens to vote. Think about it. Once we vote from a 4A to a 4B, the citizens are left out. They're not going to vote. You're no longer required to have a vote. And I heard this time and time again, 'Don't you want to give the citizens a chance to vote?' I really want you to think about this. Once you go to a 4B, the citizens aren't going to vote on a new pool, lowincome housing, a new auditorium or whatever is classified as 4B today. So, you are really going against what you've

"The other thing I've heard is 4B is so much better than 4A because 4B can do everything 4A does and more. In reality, however, 4A can do

everything 4B does, and the good thing about staying with 4A is the voters get a chance to vote on those 4B (projects). You will not have one single items that will be classified as 4B without giving the voters an opportunity to vote. I think that is very important for this council to consider. That's why I'm urging you tonight to postpone this vote."

Local resident Aubrey Weaver Jr. also spoke, supporting the mayor's push to have the existing EDC dissolved and replaced with a Type B corporation.

Although the measure was approved on a unanimous vote, such harmony certainly wasn't reflected in the discussion between District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald and Mayor Tommy Duncan, who first brought the measure to the council and has championed it from the beginning.

"Let me ask you something, Mr. Mayor, if this motion and the way it read out — if two little things were changed would you have voted for it?" McDonald asked. "If Type A and Type B were reversed, would you have voted for it?" "If it was changing

from a Type B to a Type A? Probably not," Duncan replied.

"I was forced to do that," McDonald said firmly. "I'm in favor of a Type A EDC, but I want to public to vote.

Whoever arranged this arranged it where there was no choice. The way it reads out, to do away with one and accept the other and there's nothing else to it."

Tensions reached a high during the meeting when McDonald asked the mayor if the proposed switch from 4A to 4B was his idea.

"Did you decide this?" McDonald asked.

"I was highly involved in this, yes," Duncan re-McDonald, whose

frustration over the issue was obvious, made a motion to accept the arrangement with two stipulations — first, that no city council members sit on the EDC board, regardless of its type, and second, that the existing members of the Type A board have their terms transferred over to the Type B board, if approved by the voters only to have it die for a lack of a second. McDonald said it was

obvious what the mayor and council were trying to accomplish with Tuesday night's vote, effectively stacking the deck — in this case, the EDC board of directors — with members who would go along with plans for Type B proj-

"I can see what's coming forth in the good old boy club," McDonald said. "What will happen after the Type A (EDC corporation) is gone, four members of the city council will be on there (the EDC board of directors) instead of someone who searches everyday and it is his disposition to go out and search for businesses. I can't see council members doing that. We have all we can do now just to make judgments." City Attorney Linda

Sjogren said although the council would be within its legal rights to place four council members on the EDC board assuming the November election is approved by voters — she recommend against it, since having four council members on any board would equate to a quorum of the city council, forcing the administration to post meeting notices and other measures called for by the state's Open Meetings

Duncan said he would be open to considering the existing Type A board members to serve on the Type B board if it passes, however, the matter would ultimately be up to the city coun-"I'd like to leave the

board members completely open to selection by the council and I think if council members are selected to serve on that (EDC) board, as are those selected to serve on the CVB board (of directors), if they accepted that position would serve honorably ... and I don't think you or any other council member would not do everything in your power to serve honorably,"

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BENEFIT

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sponsors and this event wouldn't have been as easy to put together without their help," Salazar said. In addition to the tables and tickets, sponsors will

be recognized the evening of the dance. In continuing with tradition, recognition will also be given to the service clubs that have helped and supported the community, such as the Road Knights, Alma Latinas, Samaritans and others. "We are very excited about being able to host Lit-

tle Joe and are looking forward to providing these scholarships to area youth," Salazar said. "We are very fortunate to get him and we are hoping lots of people will come out and enjoy the evening. Tickets for the dance will be \$25 and can be purchased by calling 432-816-1675. The evening will be-

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gin at 8 p.m. with Little Joe set to take the stage at

ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

AWARD

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He also has created numerous framing projects which can be found around town at veterans organizations, including the VA Medical Center and DAV headquarters. There are 49 framed pieces at the VA, 14 in the domiciliary, 27 at the DAV and 76 have been given to various veterans. He has also created 145 yellow memorial ribbons for veterans.

According to Tarpley, he is the first resident outside of Austin to receive the state award.

Each year, the recipient is chosen through nominations made by each of the 30 chapters throughout Texas. Tarpley received the Patriot of the Year award at a local level in 2010 through Chapter 1919.

"This is what my life has become since leaving the oilfield, serving veterans," Tarpley said.

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J&J removing harsh chemicals from products by 2015

LINDA A. JOHNSON

AP Business Writer

TRENTON, N.J. Johnson & Johnson plans to remove potentially cancer-causing and other dangerous chemicals from nearly all its adult toiletries and cosmetic products worldwide within 3 1/2 vears.

The health care giant late last year pledged to remove "chemicals of concern" from its baby products sold around the world after being pressed to do so for more than three years by a large coalition of health and environmental groups.

The company told The Associated Press in an interview exclusive Tuesday that it remains on track to have baby including products, its Johnson's No More Tears baby shampoo, reformulated with safer ingredients by the end of 2013. Adult products will be reformulated by the end of 2015.

"We want people to have complete peace of mind when they use our products," said Susan Nettesheim, vice president of product stewardship and toxicology for J&J's consumer health brands.

Those include John-

son's baby lotion and bath products and Desitin for diaper rash, as well as adult skin care brands including Aveeno, Neutrogena, RoC, Clean & Clear and Lubriderm. J&J, based in New Brunswick, N.J., also makes prescription drugs and medical devices.

The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics began pushing J&J in May 2009 to remove harshand toxic chemicals from its brands to protect consumers and workers. The coalition includes more than 175 nonprofit groups representing about 1.7 million members, from the Environmental Working Group and Friends of the Earth to the American Nurses Association and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

"This is a good step in the right direction," said Lisa Archer, the campaign's national director. "In terms of the cosmetic giants, Johnson & Johnson is going the furthest of any of them in removing chemicals of concern.'

Johnson & Johnson is set to launch a website Wednesday morning, www.safetyandcarecommitment.com, telling consumers what it does to ensure its ingredients are safe and of high quality. That includes detailed questioning of manufacturers and suppliers covering everything from the composition of ingredients and any trace chemicals in them to their environmental health and safety prac-

"We've heard from consumers that they want to understand more about our plans" for improving products, Nettesheim said. "They want more transparency."

Research by the Environmental Working Group found most cosmetic and personal care products — other than those from small companies in the fast-growing natural products niche contain potentially dangerous chemicals.

The key ones in question are 1,4 dioxane and the preservative formal-

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dehyde, which is slowly released by a chemical called quaternium-15 to kill bacteria. Both 1,4 dioxane and formaldehyde are probable human carcinogens; formaldehyde also is a skin, eye and respiratory ir-

By 2015 Johnson & Johnson will phase out those two chemicals and others of concern, including triclosan, phthalates and parabens, as well as fragrance ingredients, which aren't disclosed on product labels. However, it will allow chemicals that release formaldehyde when no safe alternative will work and is reducing levels of 1,4 dioxane to below 10 parts per mil-

"Many of our products

Devotion To Saint Jude May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us, St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the

help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered.

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will be ahead of this Nettesheim timing," said, noting its products already met or exceeded regulatory limits.

However, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't regulate cosmetic products. Nettesheim said the

effort is taking several years for a few reasons. The company has many different formulas for products sold in different countries around the world — including some safer formulas in products long sold outside the U.S. Each ingredient replacing an objectionable one must go through quality testing and be evaluated by volunteer consumers. And many must be registered with government agencies.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Martin R. Cerna, 62, died Saturday. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Joe Molina Ledesma, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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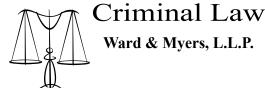
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Your Views

Community involvement

hether youwant to learn about your community or you want to give back to the community, there is an event for that.

Saturday is the Boots and Bling Kick-Off for the upcoming 2013 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County campaign.

For the evening, the Big Spring Country Club will be the scene of great entertainment by the Freeride band, heavy hors devours and a silent

The 16 supported agencies will be recognized and the big announcement regarding the goal for 2013 will be made. Several local businesses and individuals have contributed to this year's silent auction. Tickets to the event are still available and can be purchased for \$25 a person from the United Way office, located at 215 W.

For more information, call the United Way office at 267-5201.

Tuesday, those wanting to learn more about the community — specifially the medical community — can do so at the State of the Community Series Part 3: Medical Update.

The medical update will be given over a breakfast made by Great Western Dining at Howard

The serving line is set to open at 7:30 a.m. and the speakers will take the podium at 7:50 a.m. The speeches are projected to conclude in time for those attending to be back at work by 9 a.m. Updates will be given by representatives of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, West Texas VA Health Care Systems and Howard County Community Health Center.

Tickets for the State of the Community Series are \$12 and can be purchased until Thursday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

For more information, call the chamber at 263-

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Any time is the right time to enact Your plan for our life, Lord.

Bumper sticker impressions and lasting effects they have

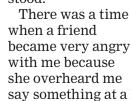
ne of my all-time favorite bumper stickers said, "Oh no, not another learning experience." Even though generally undesired, life-lessons are very valuable. They are almost never enjoyable but they are usually beneficial.

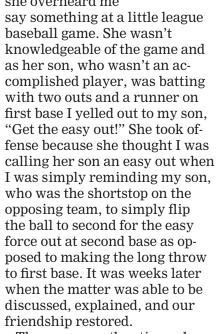
One of the most painful of all lessons is to endure being misunderstood. Chuck Swindoll says he doesn't like to be quoted and dislikes being

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misquoted even more. It's arduous to say something and your words end up being misinterpreted, misspoken or just simply misunderstood.





There was another time when we thought our toddler son had swallowed a large amount of Extra Strength Tylenol and the Poison Center hotline said I needed to get him to the hospital in a big hurry. As I was driving very fast toward the hospital someone in another car thought he would show me I couldn't drive that way and he proceeded to do everything possible to keep me from passing him. After I was

finally successful in getting past him, I stopped at a red light long enough to point my finger in his direction and tell him in easily understood words how lucky he was that I was a Christian and that I was rushing my young child to the hospital. From that day to this, when someone wants to pass me in a big hurry, I cheerfully let them because for all I know they are dealing with an emergency. Anyone who talks to another

human being has great potential for being misunderstood and I don't think anyone really likes the experience. But like so many of the lessons we learn by sharing the planet with other earthlings, great emotional maturity can actually be realized by surviving the hurt and pain of our speech or actions being misaligned. Here are a few things to consider when you hear or observe one of your fellow humans in a situation that tempts you to jump to a conclusion.

First, consider that you may be seeing or hearing only a small part of the big picture. There is always the strong possibility that there is more to any matter than what is readily accessible to your eyes, ears and mind. You may have heard only a portion of the conversation or possibly even misunderstood the intent or context of what you did hear.

Secondly, remember that not everyone has the ability to articulate their feelings or opinions with great accuracy. They may mean something entirely different than what they actually say but lack the communication skills or vocabulary necessary to effectively and accurately convey their meaning.

Then, sometimes people may be terribly upset or afraid and their thoughts aren't clear and their words may be a reflection of that inner turmoil. Many years ago I was placed in a dangerous situation in a hotel elevator in downtown Detroit and everything that came out of my mouth during that experience was terribly wrong because my ability to think clearly was paralyzed by a fear that I was about to die at the hands of some young thugs.

Perhaps the most important thing we need to remember is that we cannot see inside anyone's soul. No matter how well you know someone you can't read their thoughts and you can't know for sure what may be going on in their life at any given moment. They may say or do something that could easily be misunderstood if we have the mistaken idea that we know what they are going through. Don't presume to know the heart of someone or even their thoughts. That privilege belongs only to God and we aren't Him.

I am certain we all face things that are unknown to others, regardless of how close they are. Husbands and wives can struggle to understand one another even after sharing years of experiences. Business partners can deal with doubts about each other even when they have been working together for a long time. Friends can express an opinion or an idea in a way that isn't well received. It's one of the risks we deal with as people and it carries the potential to radical ly change your life for the better

or the worse. The woman whose son struck out on that infamous afternoon, as well as the other members of her family, became much dearer friends after the misunderstand ing was cleared up. Maybe you need to reevaluate an opinion you have of someone, considering the fact that you may have been the one doing the misunderstanding. It might even be time to make a call. Everybody has plenty of minutes on their cell phones you know.

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

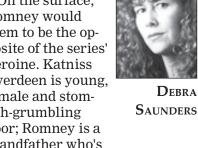
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GOP's and their version of the 'Hunger Games'

a sci-fi buff. He not only took his grandkids to see "The Hunger Games" when the movie came out, but also read the Suzanne Collins trilogy. I wonder whether he was thinking about the books when he

picked Paul Ryan to be his running

mate. On the surface, Romney would seem to be the opposite of the series' heroine. Katniss Everdeen is young, female and stomach-grumbling poor; Romney is a grandfather who's brought-up-to-it rich. But the two have this much



in common: Both are highly

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skilled individuals except in the personality department. In a dystopian world that forces lottery-selected teens to hunt and kill one another in an annual contest, Katniss knows how to set snares, which plants to grub in the wild and how to shoot a squirrel in the eye with

a bow and arrow. She is a highly skilled teenager. But Everdeen has a handicap.

She must attract sponsors who can help her in an emergency. Her coach tells her: "You've got the top training score. People are intrigued, but no one knows who you are."

Sound familiar?

For his part, Romney ran a private equity firm that yielded a stunning average rate of

itt Romney is a bit of return of 88 percent; he won a governor's race as a Republican in a very blue state; he passed a sweeping health care plan; and he put together a 2012 campaign team that shredded primary challengers in short order. He is a highly skilled candidate and a wildly successful problem-solver, but voters aren't sure who he is and what his core beliefs are.

This is where Ryan comes in. Everyone in Washington recognizes the need to reform entitlement spending, but neither the Obama administration nor Romney has laid out a plan to fix the mess with enough detail and directness to anger any valued constituency.

As House Budget Committee chairman, however, Ryan has incurred the wrath of the senior lobby by presenting a plan to recast Medicare.

Under his plan, starting in 2023, seniors would be able to enroll in traditional fee-for-service Medicare or private health care plans; Washington would cap premiums.

White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer called it a plan to "end Medicare as we know it." But Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who worked with Ryan on the outline, rightly countered that unless Washington acts to curb costs, Medicare won't be recognizable in the future.

Last year, Newt Gingrich dismissed the Ryan plan as "right-wing social engineering" and then took back his words. Romney said he was "on the same page" as Ryan from the start. That's not exactly a profile

in courage, but in this weakkneed political climate, it passes for fiscal responsibility.

Vice President Joe Biden described the Ryan pick as giving "definition to the vague commitments that Romney has made." I think he's right.

We know how Romney won the GOP primary game. He was disciplined. He was skilled. He was better than bumbling opponents. He wooed the base with his mantra of tax cuts, tax cuts and more tax cuts.

The general election is a tougher contest. President Barack Obama and Biden are pros at promising something for nothing. They've convinced their base that the federal government can keep growing — and in a fiscally responsible way — if only Republicans would let them tax the top 2 percent of income earners just a little bit more.

Romney can't beat the Democratic ticket at that game, but he can beat them by being the adult in the room.

In picking the spending-cutminded Ryan as his running mate, Romney has become more credible.

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Why not check this out? At the library

f you recall from last week's column, I told you that I would match up the singers with their songs. I had a lot of fun checking them out on

YouTube and found a lot of songs for Freddie Mercury and Queen. I had never listened to Amy Winehouse and

if I had an



iPod, I would certainly

put some of her songs

was good. And, James

Brown makes me want

to dance, even though

I was behind the door

passed out in heaven.

Here are the match-

ups: Freddie Mercury,

lead vocalist for Queen

—"We Will Rock You;"

James Brown sang "I

Feel Good;" "Rehab"

is one of Amy Wine-

house's songs; most of

Selena's were in Span-

Love" was on the pop

charts (Jennifer Lopez

covered it, also); Jimi

Hendrix sang "Manic

Depression;" and, of

course, how can you

forget Loretta Lynn's

"Honky Tonk Gal: My

Life in Lyrics" (B LYN

L) by Loretta Lynn is

"Fist City?"

ish, but "I Could Fall in

when rhythm was

on my playlist. She

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has meant to her, even though he drank too much, didn't take good care of himself and maybe even ran around on her. There are girlfriend songs and songs about looking out her back window and traveling on her bus from show to show. It really is an interesting book to sit and read through. More biographies that we have: "Along the

where her husband Doo

is dying — she writes

about how much he

Way: The Journey of a Father and Son" (B SHE M) by Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez; Sissy Spacek has written "My Extraordinary Ordinary Life" (B SPA S); here is one about New York Yankee pitcher Jim Abbot "Imperfect: An Improbable Life" (B ABB J); and a mystery that won't go away, from the father of JonBenet Ramsay, "The Other Side of Suffering: The Story of His Journey from Grief to Grace" (B RAM J) by John Ramsay.

This is a neat book; part history, part guide book. "Our Mark on This Land: A Guide to the Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corp in America's Parks" (338.78 DAV R) from Ren and Helen Davis. It describes and provides information to more than 300 parks across the United States which display the best remaining examples of the

lawyer who is happy to be flying under the radar at a large firm. It's not that he isn't smart. He is. It's just that hard work, not to mention the whole legal thing, isn't exactly his passion. Underachiever? A little. Content? Right up until the firm puts him on a case that turns his whole world upside

Sheryl Harrison has served four years of a 30-year murder sentence for killing her husband, who she claims was abusive. The case is settled — there shouldn't be anything for Jamie to do — except Sheryl's 14-year-old daughter, Karen, is sick. She has a congenital heart defect and will die without a transplant. Her blood type is rare, making their chances of finding a matching donor remote at best. Shervl wants to be that donor for her daughter, and Jamie is in way over his head. Suicide, no matter the motive, is illegal. So with Sheryl on suicide watch, Jamie's only shot at helping her and saving Karen is to reopen the murder case, prove Sheryl's innocence and

get her freed. In the library large print collection, we have Luanne Rice's "Little Night" (LP F RIC L). Clare Burke's life took a devastating The verdict largely hinged on Anne's defense of her spouse - all lies — and the sisters have been estranged ever since.

Nearly 20 years later, Clare is living a quiet life in Manhattan as an urban birder and nature blogger, when her niece, Grit, turns up on her doorstep. The two long for a relationship with each other, but they'll have to dig

deep into their family's difficult past in order to build one. Together they face the wounds inflicted by Anne and find in their new connection a place of healing.

When Clare begins to suspect her sister might

be in New York, she and her niece hold out hope for a long-awaited reunion with her. But there is a surprise twist at the end, that kind of caught me by surprise.

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News in brief

Obama campaign to expand Ryan budget opposition beyond Medicare in key battleground states

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's campaign is launching state-specific efforts to target elements of Paul Ryan's austere budget proposals, expanding beyond its opposition to the Republican vice presidential candidate's Medi-

The Democratic campaign is mobilizing its vast network of staffers and volunteers in key states to highlight Ryan's proposals to cut funding for veterans care, clean energy and education — and link presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney directly to them. Democrats say those cuts would be just as damaging as Ryan's proposed overhaul of Medicare, the popular federal health care program that

serves tens of millions of seniors.

The Obama strategy comes as Romney and Ryan make clear they plan to campaign aggressively on Medicare, not run away from it. In person and in a television ad, the Republicans argued Tuesday that Obama is the one who cut spending for Medicare to put money toward his divisive health care over-

In states with large military and veteran populations — Florida, Ohio and Virginia among them the Obama campaign plans to attack Ryan's proposed cuts for veterans' benefits and care, a campaign official said. The official was not authorized to discuss the campaign strategy publicly and requested anonymity.

In Colorado, Ohio and Iowa, the campaign sees opportunities to capitalize on Ryan's proposed cuts to clean energy industries that are taking hold in

those states. The Obama team will argue that cutting those investments would essentially cede new energy technologies — and the jobs that could come with them — to countries like China, the official

Explosion hits near hotel used by UN observers in Syrian capital; 3 wounded, state TV says

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A bomb attached to a fuel truck exploded Wednesday outside a Damascus hotel where U.N. observers are staying in the Syrian capital, wounding at least three people, Syria's state TV reported.

toured the area of the blast and said none of the U.N. staff was hurt. The explosion occurred as U.N. humanitarian chief Valerie Amos was in the Syrian capital but her team is believed to be staying at a different hotel.

The blast was the latest in a series of explosions that have hit Damascus in the past months as clashes between government troops and rebels reached the Syrian capital, which had been relatively quiet since an uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime erupted in March last year.

300 meters (yards) away, the state TV said.

But according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene, the blast went off inside a different parking lot, one belonging to a military compound and not the military command. The lot is near the Dama Rose Hotel, popular with the U.N. observers in Syria and where many of the mission staff are staying.

Oversight panel's ex-chairman excluded House members' loans in

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic committee chairman overrode his own subpoena three years ago in an investigation of former subprime mortgage lender Countrywide to exclude records showing that he, other House members and congressional aides got VIP discounted loans from the

to give discounts to favored borrowers.

The effort at secrecy was reversed when Towns' Republican successor as chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, California Rep. Darrell Issa, issued a second subpoena. It yielded Countrywide records identifying four current House members, a former member and five staff aides whose loans went through the

Most of the names had dribbled out to the media by the time Issa issued the committee's final report last month on Countrywide's use of loan discounts to buy influence with government officials. But there was no official confirmation until Issa made

Towns' effort to keep the loans secret was at odds with statements by Republicans and Democrats alike that full disclosure of lawmakers' financial dealings was the best means for keeping the public aware of congressional perks, unethical conduct and fundraising.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad

Wednesday's explosion took place near a parking lot used by the army command in Damascus, about

subpoena for VIP mortgage files

company, documents show. The procedure to keep the names secret was devised by Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y. In 2003, the 15-term congressman had two loans processed by Countrywide's VIP section, which was established

VIP unit. Towns was on the list.

his report public.

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DHS launches new immigration policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Obama administration on Tuesday directed young illegal immigrants to fill out new forms and pay \$465 if they want to apply under a new program that would let them avoid deportation and obtain a U.S. work permit.

The government renewed warnings that the process wouldn't lead to citizenship or give them permission to travel internationally. It will begin accepting immigrants' applications Wednesday.

The paperwork for the program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, can be downloaded from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website, said the agency's director. Alejandro Mayorkas, Applicants must pay a \$465 fee and provide proof of identity and eligibility.

Under guidelines that the administration announced Tuesday, the agency said proof of identity and eligibility under the program could include a passport or birth certificate, school transcripts,

medical and financial records and military service records.

DHS said that in some instances, multiple sworn affidavits, signed by a third party under penalty of perjury, could also be used.

With the start of the program nearing, immigrants have been working on getting their paperwork in order. Tuesday morning, 23-year-old Evelyn Medina, from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was in line at that country's consulate in Washington about 6:30 a.m. to secure a passport.

With her passport in hand, Medina was all smiles as she walked out of the building just before 2 p.m., saying "finally" as she clutched the document.

Medina said she has been in the United States for about 10 years and is currently a student at a Maryland college, hoping to eventually earn a master's degree and become a social worker.

She wasn't alone. Leonardo Irias Navas, head of the consular section at the Embassy of Honduras, said the number of people applying for passports has more than doubled

To be eligible, immigrants must prove they arrived in the United States before they turned 16, are 30 or younger, have been living here at least five years, and are in school or graduated or served in the military.

in the last week.

A decision on each application could take several months, and immigrants have been warned not to leave the country while their application is pending. If they are allowed to stay in the United States and want to travel internationally, they will need to apply for permission to come back into the country, a request that would cost \$360 more.

administration an-The nounced the plan in June to stop deporting many illegal

immigrants brought to the U.S. as children. To be eligible, immigrants must prove they arrived in the United States before they turned 16, are 30 or younger, have been living here at least five years, and are in school or graduated or served in the military. They also cannot have been convicted of certain crimes or otherwise pose a safety threat. Mayorkas said being ap-

proved to avoid deportation "does not provide lawful status or a path to citizenship." The announcement came

just months before what is shaping up to be a tight contest for the White House. President Barack Obama has come under fire by Hispanic voters and others who have say he hasn't fulfilled a previous campaign promise to reform the nation's immigration laws. The policy change could stop deportations for more than a million young illegal immigrants who would have qualified for the failed DREAM Act, which Obama has supported in the past.

Critics of the program, including House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, have called the policy backdoor amnesty and say they worry about fraud.

"While potentially millions of illegal immigrants will be permitted to compete with American workers for scarce jobs, there seems to be little if any mechanism in place for vetting fraudulent applications and documentation submitted by illegal immigrants," Smith said Tuesday.

DHS said anyone found to have committed fraud will be referred to federal immigration agents.

The Migration Policy Institute estimated last week that as many as 1.7 million people could be eligible to stay in the U.S. and legally work under the new policy.

DHS officials have repeatedly said the department doesn't have an estimate on how many people may apply. In an internal document outlining the program's implementation officials estimated about 1.04 million people would apply in the first year, and about 890,000 would be eligible.

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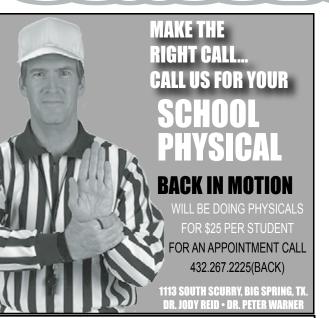


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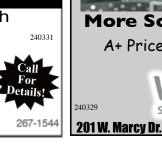
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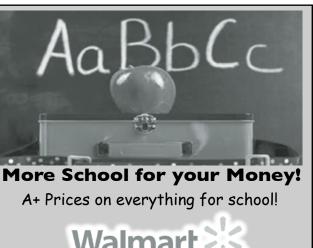
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Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Football

- Jim Ned at Coahoma (Scrimmage), 10
- Tahoka at Stanton (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

- Big Spring at Lubbock High (Scrimmage),
- Crane at Garden City (Scrimmage), 6 p.m.
- Grady vs. Chillicothe (At Patton Springs) (Scrimmage), 11 a.m.

Volleyball

- Big Spring at Bev Ball Classic Tournament in Abilene, (Varsity), TBA.
- Big Spring at Sweetwater Tournament (Freshmen & J.V.), TBA.

SATURDAY

Forsan at Miles (Scrimmage), TBA.

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BSHS loses, but plays Abilene teams tough in volleyball openers

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Lady Steers fell to an 0-2 record on the season, but they played Abilene High and Abilene-Cooper tough on the road.

Big Spring fell to Cooper in the first set of its match 12-25, but charged back to win the second set 25-21. The Lady Steers would lose the final two sets by scores of 23-25 and 22-25, but not before forcing the Lady Cougars to battle back from deficits both times.

The second match against Abilene High was also hard-fought, but Big Spring dropped three straight sets; 16-25, 23-25 and 21-25 as the lady Eagles got the win.

Individual efforts included (vs. Cooper): Setters - Kinsey Wash: 12 assists; Julianna

Rodriguez: 11 assists, 1 kill, 4 digs and 1 block. Offense — Clara Benevides: 8 kills, 7 digs; Ebony Zavala: 6 kills and 7 digs.

Defense - Carson Reibe: 13 digs, 2 kills and 2 aces; Morgan Seaton: 5 blocks and 4 kills; Tulsi Patel: 4 blocks and 5 kills.

(vs. Abilene High)

Setters — Kinsey Wash: 7 assists, 1 kill and 3 digs; Julianna Rodriguez: 13 assists, 2 kills, 1 block and 1 dig; Morgan Seaton: 7 assists, 3 kills, 1 block and 1

Offense - Ebony Zavala: 5 kills, 3 blocks and 8 digs; Erin Pollard: 5 kills and 6 blocks.

Defense — Carson Reibe: 7 digs; Juliette Alvarez: 9 digs and 1 kill; Clara Benvides: 13 digs, 2 kills, 3 blocks and 1 ace.

The Lady Steers will travel to Abilene again Friday to compete in the Bev Ball Classic Tournament. Times will be announced.

PSU threatened with loss of accreditation

PHILADELPHIA on Education president (AP) — An accreditation warning issued to Penn State is serious and necessary given the issues raised by a recent child sex-abuse scandal, but the school is unlikely to lose the all-important designation, experts said Tuesday.

They also expect the university to comply quickly with demands to show that its governance, finances and integrity meet standards set by its accreditation agency, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

"This is an entirely appropriate and anticipated action by Middle States given the strategic importance of voluntary peer review," said American Council

Molly Corbett Broad. "It's really the basis on which public accountability is achieved in American higher education." Philadelphia-The

based Middle States Commission issued the warning last week based on the school's handling of molestation allegations against Jerry Sandusky, a former assistant football coach convicted in June of sexually abusing 10 boys.

Concerns include whether Penn State trustees provide sufficient oversight of the administration, strength of the university's ethical standards and the school's compliance with government policies.

Rangers blanked on two hits in 3-0 loss to Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Two harmless singles. Four balls out of the infield. One runner who reached second base. Josh Hamilton and the Texas

Rangers looked uncharacteristically feeble against Yankees starter Hiroki Kuroda. Kuroda pitched a two-hitter

against the top offensive team in baseball and New York got consecutive homers from Nick Swisher and Mark Teixeira in a 3-0 victory Tuesday night. "He was tough," Hamilton said.

expand the zone a lot, but he expanded it just enough to get us swinging. So he did a good job."

Kuroda held Texas hitless until Elvis Andrus' infield single leading off the seventh, outpitching

All-Star lefty Matt Harrison in a crisp duel at Yankee Stadium. The right-hander walked two and struck out five in his fourth career shutout and second this season. He threw 74 of 109 pitches for

"I was doing everything I could to match him and stay in the game as long as I could," Harrison said. "Kuroda was on top of his game tonight and it was definitely fun to be a part of."

Derek Jeter singled off Harrison (13-7) with one out in the sev-"Anybody is going to be tough if enth to start the New York rally. they don't really have to throw Alexi Ogando came in to face strikes to get you out. He didn't Swisher, who cracked a go-ahead grand slam off Ryan Dempster in the series opener Monday night.

This time, Swisher fought his way back from an 0-2 count and drove a payoff pitch to the back of the Yankees' bullpen in rightcenter for his 16th home run.

"I was hitting on sound at that point. I mean, he's throwing 100 mph," Swisher said. "That 3-2 count, I was just hoping he would throw another fastball." The bubbly switch-hitter round-

ed the bases with a big grin, and New York was on its way to a seventh straight regular-season victory over the Rangers at home. "I wanted to put velocity on

Swisher and he didn't beat him with it," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Teixeira then lined a shot into the right-field stands for his 23rd home run.

The surging Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games. They've taken the first two in a four-game set between the AL's

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Cowboys have a lot of work to do before opener

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys have to get a lot better in a hurry.

The Cowboys' 3-0 victory over Oakland in the preseason opener made one thing very clear: There is a lot of work to do in the three weeks before they play the NFL's regular-season kickoff game at the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

"We've just got to execute more offensively. That's what we've got to focus on," tight end Jason Witten said. "We've got all the other stuff: playing hard, communication. We've got to execute."

The Cowboys (No. 15 in AP Pro32) had only one first down in the three series Romo played Monday night, gaining 22 yards on 11 plays. That first down came on a leaping 24-yard catch by Dez Bryant on their second offensive snap, which means they had minus-2 yards in Romo's other 10 plays. That included a sack and three incompletions.

"We wanted more. We made some mistakes and it cost us. There will be some good stuff to evaluate and get better," Romo said. "I think we made a couple of mental errors. When you get behind the chains, it's very difficult to overcome that situation. Sacks and penalties just put you behind. You can't have two or three of those in a two- to three-drive span." Dallas was back at its California training camp

complex with a day off Tuesday. Practice resumes Wednesday, and the next game is Saturday night at San Diego (No. 16). David Arkin had never snapped in a game before

being forced into the starting role against the Raiders. The back stiffness that forced expected starting center Phil Costa to miss the preseason opener isn't considered serious and he could be back at practice

Sure, Rob Ryan's defense didn't allow any points. It was a good start, but with a scaled-down scheme

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QB Tebow balancing faith, fame and football in N.Y.

CORTLAND, N.Y. (AP) — The most important call of Tim Tebow's day comes far away from the huddle.

It's usually sometime at night, when football is the furthest thing on the New York Jets backup quarterback's mind.

That's a rare moment these days for Tebow, particularly during training camp. But one of his closest friends — an "accountability partner," as he describes him — is always a phone call away to keep his priorities in order.

For No. 15, that means God is No. 1.

Family comes sec-

Football is a distant third.

"He's someone I pray with," Tebow said in a recent sit-down with The Associated Press, preferring to keep his friend's identity private. "He'll ask me: 'Hey, did you get in the Word today? Were you praying today?' I have him because I need someone who is always

investing in me, you "You don't ever want to become complacent.

because life gets in the way." Especially when you're one of the most

That's very easy to do

popular people on the Tebow's every move

on the field is scrutinized, from how he throws to how he runs — or, as was the case early in camp, how he jogs shirtless through the rain after practice. Off the field, he's easily recognized by even the most casual of football fans. Being on the cover of GQ magazine's latest issue that hit Tuesday newsstands the quarterback's

25th birthday — with a photo of a bare-chested Tebow in a Jesus-like pose from a few years ago accompanying the story helps. It all makes things predictably tough when you're just trying to be normal.

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may seem. The day is rife with aspects influencing our

domestic realm and our relationships. For many, it may feel like there's even more than that on the line. A gentle rocking of belief systems and selfesteem may also be in store. What happens will grow our awareness of ourselves, others and our place in the universe. Trust that

it's all for the best. **ARIES** (March 21-19). April

It's time to tell that certain person who keeps trying to put you into specific box



MATHIS

that no one defines who you are but you — and that you're done defining yourself yet, if ever.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your allies and your adversaries are both strong, and you wouldn't want it any other way. You need both in order to stay strong yourself. A worthy opponent is a blessing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your schedule will be intense. You will either fill your hours wisely or be pushed by them to do what's expected of you. Tonight the relaxation you find is well deserved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in perpetual service to a project until you wrap it up and move on. Tonight's extra effort to listen understand your loved ones will bring you closer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone has been tiptoeing on eggshells around a certain person, but the time has come to sit down and say what needs to be said in a loving and caring but very firm way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are fickle. Everything you put into building good will can be undone with one strange comment or a minor event. So be sure that when you do things for others, you're really doing it for the enjoyment contribution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new friend or suddenly colleague reminds you that your presence and your smile really light up a room. You'll be inspired to light up more rooms more often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Logic dictates that each step forward advance your interests, but it doesn't work that way. Progress isn't always a straight line. But if you're moving, you're learning

— and that's what counts. hot. LIBRA: Make your CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Accept only the tasks that you're likely to finish in a matter of hours. If it might drag on forever, or if it requires a long-term commitment,

say no for now. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may be that a friend hasn't helped you quite as much as you would have liked. Adjusting your expectations is better than confronting your friend. There are factors you're not aware of that play into circumstance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to let go of what you have to add something new, but you might choose to do so anyway in the name of living simpler and feeling lighter.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Aug. 15). You commit to your life and believe in it more than anybody else. You'll work with passion and net a stellar result in September. You'll give loved ones more than what they want in November October. brings love your way; people are attracted to how you think. Your positive mindset makes a May adventure possible. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 22, 39 and 18.

TIPS FOR TURNING **YOUR** \mathbf{UP} (Attraction Quotient): VIRGO: Embrace your inner prude. There's no need to worry about coming across as prudish if something doesn't feel right to you. No one will think any less of you if you stick to your values even when the cool kids are smoking in the bathroom — or whatever the grownup version of that may be. Your integrity makes you more than cool; it makes you

environment lovely to behold in your own eyes. This includes environment of your body, your clothes, your home, your car, and so on. When your physical world is the way you like it, you begin to feel inner peace, and vice versa. In the end, it's that sense of peace (and not the physical trappings you've perfected) that potential can't SCORPIO: Get spiritual. A magical, mystical power emanates from you when you are feeling connected to that which cannot be seen but can be nonetheless profoundly experienced. Therefore, meditation, prayer and reflection are important to your appeal as exercise, diet, fashion and anything else in the physical realm. Excerpted from Holiday Mathis's "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting It All."

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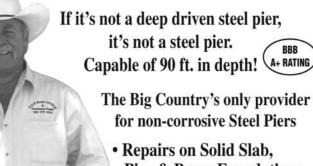
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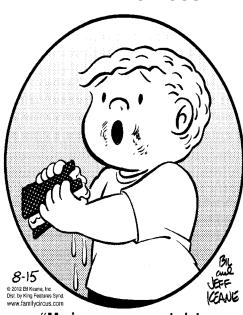
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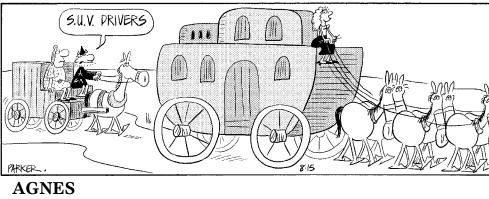
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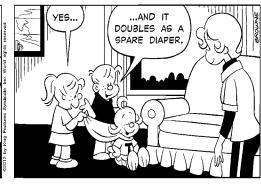




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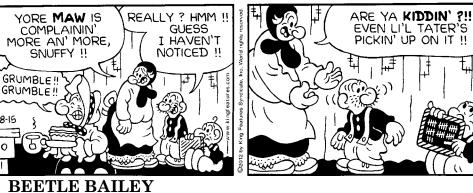








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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2012. There are 138 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Aug. 15, 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by

Pope Sixtus IV. On this date: In 1057, Macbeth, King of

Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte

was born on the island of Corsica. In 1812, the Battle of Fort

Dearborn took place as Potawatomi warriors attacked a U.S. military garrison of about 100 people. (Most of the garrison was killed, while the remainder were taken prison-In 1914, the Panama Canal

opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers

and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airnlane the Alaska Territory. In 1945, in a radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito

announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II. In 1947, India became inde-

In 1961, as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate

Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. Bahrain declared its independence from Britain. In 1974, a gunman attempted

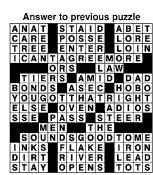
to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh (OH'-mah), Northern Ireland; a splinter

group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 89. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 88. Actor Mike Connors is 87. Game show host Jim Lange is 80. Actress Lori Nelson is 79. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 77. Actor Jim Dale is 77. Actress Pat Priest is 76. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 74. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is 74. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 70. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 68. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 66. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 64. Actress Phyllis Smith (TV: "The Office") is 63. Britain's

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Houston downs Chicago 10-1, hands Volstad 23rd straight loss

Chris Volstad is not thinking about his winless skid. He's just trying to make better pitches.

Volstad gave up a three-run homer to Brett Wallace and remained winless in 23 starts, the Chicago Cubs' 10-1 loss to the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Harrell (10-8) scattered six hits and struck out six, helping the Astros win for only the third time in their last 28 road games. Harrell has allowed two runs or fewer in all seven of his starts since the All-Star break.

"Harrell came right after us," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "Looked like he threw probably 90 percent

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against a Raiders offense also

not being too complex in the

first preseason game — a Monday

night game for all to see on

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fastballs. We didn't but still sees some posicapitalize on his aggressiveness at all."

Volstad (0-9) lasted just five innings, allowing eight hits and four runs in his latest bid for his first big league win since July 10, 2011. He is approaching the major league record of 28 held by Cliff Curtis, Matt Keough and Jo-Jo Reves.

"There was nothing real crisp going on," Sveum said. "The command, getting the ball up. The off-speed stuff, that's what was getting hit hard."

In Volstad's first two outings since being recalled from Triple-A Iowa on Aug. 1, he allowed just five runs in 13 innings. He wasn't as sharp on Tuesday,

"I had a really good changeup," Volstad said. "Sinker had some good action on that. Fastball was down for the most part. Probably one or two that were elevated a little bit. I would say as far as consistency, that's getting better." Volstad fell to 0-14

has been dotted with quality outings here and there. Scott Moore added a solo shot and double twice for a career-high three extra-base hits.

with a 5.51 ERA during

his winless skid, which

Houston's 13 hits. Darwin Barnev drove in the Cub's run with a

Jose Altuve doubled

twice and had three of

fielder's choice in the seventh. The Cubs have lost

12 of 14 and matched their season high by falling 25 games under .500, their worst record since finishing the 2006 season 30 games below break-even.

Harrell retired the first eight Cubs before Volstad singled with two outs in the third. his first hit of the season. Harrell induced two double plays and nearly got a third when Barney just beat Tyler Greene's relay in the seventh, allowing Starlin Castro to score.

Harrell got plenty of support in Houston's biggest offensive outburst since scoring 11 runs in Chicago on June 10.

in Oxnard after a walkthrough Fridav. They will stay in San Di-

"It was good to get back out there. It's been a long offseason thinking about the way it ended last year," Witten said after the preseason opener. "This kind of kicks it off. Training camp is good, but this kind of kicks off the start of us. We've got a long way to go."

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top two teams.

"Man, these games are a lot of fun to play in," Swisher said. Slowed by a lack of run

support lately, Kuroda (11-8) won for the first time in four starts and lowered his ERA to 3.06. He gave up a clean single in the eighth to Michael Young, who was immediately erased on David Murphy's double-play grounder. Kuroda then worked

a 1-2-3 ninth to finish a gem that took 2 hours, 35 minutes. "We were swinging at

everything," Hamilton said. Kuroda has six score-

less outings of at least

seven innings, most in the majors. He became the first Yankees pitcher with two shutouts in a season

since Mike Mussina in 2005. In his first season with New York, the 37-yearold Kuroda gave a depleted rotation yet another boost with ace CC

abled list. "This is a very good lineup that he just shut down," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "Probably our best pitching performance of

Sabathia and veteran

Andy Pettitte on the dis-

the year."

Featuring a sharp slider, Kuroda worked around two walks in the first three innings and handcuffed the hard-hitting Rangers, who began the night leading the majors in batting average (.278) and runs (580). They were shut out for only the third time all

A no-hit buzz began to build in the sixth, when second baseman Robinson Cano made a backhand play on Mitch Moreland's oneout grounder. Kuroda then struck out Ian Kinsler and had retired 10 straight heading into the seventh.

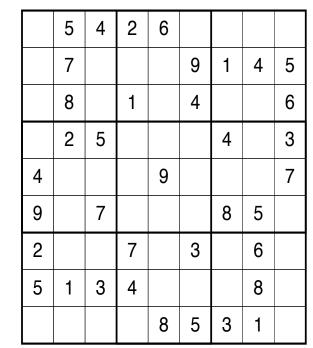
Andrus led off with a grounder toward the middle, forcing shortstop Jayson Nix to make a diving stop near the edge of the outfield grass. With little chance to get the speedy runner, Nix struggled to get the ball out of his glove and tried a desperation throw that was late and wide.

Base hit, no question, and Kuroda received a warm round of applause from the crowd of 44,533. Andrus was stranded at third when Nelson Cruz grounded out.

"When you've got a great lineup like that," Kuroda said through a translator, "you can't lose your focus until the end."

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The New Year's Day loss in New York, in the NFL's final game of the last regular season, left Dallas 8-8 and out of the playoffs. The division rival Giants went In their 52-year history, the

Cowboys had never won a 3-0 game before Monday night. The drive of the second half. The Cowboys will break camp

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Deep down, he understands that he's anything but.

That's why Tebow, a devout Christian, leans on his faith constantly, even during the dog days of training camp when prayers and playbooks could get muddled in his mind.

"There's football, wanting to get in an extra workout, wanting to go to an extra meeting," said Tebow, who is expected to be used in a variety of ways by the Jets this season. "That's when your priorities get jumbled, maybe for an hour, maybe for a day, maybe for a week or maybe for a year. I don't want that to happen to me. It's a constant battle. It's non-stop. That's

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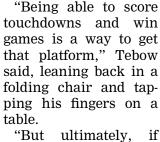
why it's always good to have people around you who hold you account-

"My friend doesn't tell me what I want to hear. He tells me what I need to hear, and that's important."

Tebow works hard at maintaining his image as the guy he has always been, whether he's talking about his role on the Jets (No. 17 in the AP Pro32) or speaking to a crowd of 15,000 — as he did on Easter Sunday at a church in Georgetown, Texas.

He has a warm, infectious smile, looks you in the eye when he speaks and has morals that would make any parent proud.

There's also his extensive charitable efforts with the Tim Tebow Foundation, which helps needy children all over the world.



that's what you do in your life and that's what your life is based on, I don't know, I feel like that's a little bit of a meaningless life. But if you can take that and do something with it like a lot of athletes do, then you're having a life of success, a life of meaning. It's not about the games that you can win. It's about the lives you can touch."

He has a rock-star type of following, as evidenced by the countless fans who have shown up to training camp with signs dedicated to their favorite player. The chants of "Tee-boww!" are constant on some days, with wide-eyed fans just hoping the quarterback will glance in their direction.

Even people who don't follow sports know all about "Tebowing," the pose the quarterback made popular by praying on one knee on the sideline during big moments in games. The fact that many do it for laughs doesn't offend Tebow. At least, he says, prayer is being talked about.

"Maybe beyond any-

thing else in my life, I want to be a great role model," Tebow said. "I don't want someone to say they regret what they did because they followed me. If anything, I want them to say that I was someone who led them in the right direction, was a good role model and because they knew me or watched me, their life was better. That's my goal."

That approach is a big reason so many people love Tebow.

It's also why there are plenty who dislike him. There are skeptics who say he's too good to be true and his image merely a well-designed public relations touch-

"You just want them to meet those kids we help, you know?" Tebow said, his tone turning seri-

"And vou want to see how it makes them feel. Honestly, I can't let people like that affect me or worry about them. Those are few and far between, and honestly. they should be more worried about something else other than why they're mad at me for trying to help someone."

There are constant questions and rumors about his sex life and who he's dating, and people trying to play matchmaker.

Going out in public is

also a challenge, where having a quiet meal is preceded by scouting missions to find a restaurant with seating that's more private than most.

He doesn't complain about it. He accepts who he is, and what everyone expects him to be.

"It definitely can be tough, but at the same time, I don't want to let the media or the world affect how I live," he

"I really feel like it hasn't to this point, and I don't want to let it start."

Wide receiver Chaz Schilens drew the assignment of being Tebow's dorm partner during training camp. For nearly three weeks, Schilens has gotten to see what being Tim Tebow entails.

"It amazes me," Schilens said. "I asked him one day if he just ever stops and wants to get away, and he says, 'Nah.' He's in a fortunate position in his life and I think he's able to see beyond it, and see how what he does can help other people. I think he embraces it, and I don't think it's as much of a burden as it might seem to be to a lot of other people."

That's how Tebow approaches his faith, and he doesn't proactively seek out teammates to push what he believes on them.

Instead, he goes about

his business and lets his teammates see what he's all about.

"He's a great guy and really just what you expect," said defensive lineman Mike DeVito, also a devout Christian. "I have a lot of respect for him. I've gotten to know him and he definitely walks the walk."

There are some who have their doubts about whether Tebow can maintain his lifestyle while playing in New York, a tantalizing city with bright lights and huge distractions. He laughs at that suggestion because, sure, New York is bigger than other cities he has lived and played in.

But temptations are everywhere, he says, and his faith is strong enough to withstand every test that comes his way.

"When I became a Jet," Tebow said, "I looked at it like, besides the fact I'm going to a great team with coaches that I like and players that I respect, I'm going to a city where I'm going to have a platform to hopefully do a lot of great things and maybe change a lot of people's lives and put smiles on kids' faces and brighten

"When it comes down to it, that's what it's all about."

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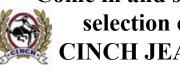
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