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CISD approves \$7.79 million budget

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 COAHOMA — Some Coahoma Independent School District residents will see an increase in their tax bill this coming fiscal year. During their Tuesday night meeting, CISD trustees approved a budget and tax rate for the 2012-2013 fiscal year

that will result in an increase in local revenue for the school district. The tax rate will remain the same at \$1.27 per \$100 property valuation. Of that figure, \$1.04 will be devoted to maintenance and



Jacobs operating

costs, while the remainder is targeted for debt service. This will result in more local revenue for the district because of an increase in almost \$80 million in CISD's tax rolls, Superintendent Amy Jacobs said. However, that increase will be counteracted by a decrease in the state's allotment to

CISD, so Jacobs said the district will not see much of an increase in overall revenue. In fact, the district forecasts a budget deficit of about \$75,000 for the coming 12 months. "As far as the bottom line goes, this increase (in local tax revenue) won't affect us much," Jacobs said. Total expenditures for the

coming fiscal year have been set at \$7.79 million, she added. A major feature in the new budget is pay raises for teachers. In addition to state-mandated "step" raises, teachers will receive an additional \$7,350 above the state See **CISD**, Page 3

118th jury to hear final arguments

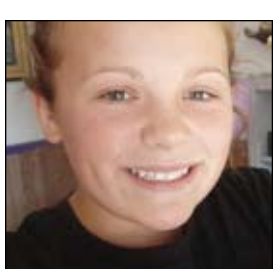
By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Testimony in the trial of a 27-year-old Big Spring man facing multiple charges — including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon — is set to continue in 118th District Court this morning, as proceedings enter the second day. Brian Christopher Lewis, 27, currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center, was indicted Feb. 3 on charges of deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. According to officials with the local district attorney's office, the prosecution in the case — led by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson — wrapped up its case Monday afternoon. The defense — under the direction of Sweetwater attorney Trey Keith — began presenting testimony Tuesday afternoon. According to court officials, closing statements in the case are expected to be



Area residents gather for a candlelight vigil to remember Hailey Dunn, a teen who went missing in Colorado City almost 20 months ago. Saturday, another vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at 1804 Chestnut in the small community.

Dunn vigil set Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor
 COLORADO CITY — Hailey Darlene Dunn was 13 years old when she went missing from her home. On Saturday, the public is invited to attend a vigil marking the teen's 15th birthday. "If this were your daughter, you'd want people there, if only for a few minutes of hope and prayer," said Stacie Campbell, a Hope for Hailey volunteer. The vigil will begin at 7 p.m. at 1804 Chestnut in Colorado City, Dunn's residence, which has been moved across the street and is now known as Hope for Hailey. Dunn was reported missing Dec. 28, 2010, by her mother, Billie Dunn. A series of searches — including the communities of Colorado City, Dunn, Snyder, See **DUNN**, Page 3



Hailey Dunn

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School registration in full swing

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Area school districts are revving up for the start of the new school year Monday. In preparation for the new school year, area educators announced the following events:

- Big Spring Independent School District — Big Spring High School seniors and juniors picked up their schedules today. Sophomores can obtain their schedules from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, while freshmen orientation and schedule pick-up will be

from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium. Orientation for Big Spring Junior High will be held Thursday in the main gymnasium. Sixth grade orientation will be at 5 p.m., followed by seventh graders at 6 p.m. and

eighth graders at 7 p.m. Big Spring's elementary campuses will all have open house events prior to the start of the new school year. Those times and dates include:
 • Moss Elementary — See **BSISD**, Page 3

Dedication Thursday at Boys & Girls Club

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Staff Writer
 The building is complete and the children are putting it to use; now the community can come in and see it. The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, located at 811 W. Fifth, will be host-

ing a dedication event at noon Thursday. Construction on the 17,000 square foot facility began in February of last year and was completed in time for the summer program at the club. The new building includes a multi-purpose gym, game room, art room and music room.

During the school year, the Boys and Girls Club offers an after-school program and during the summer operates a day program for school-aged children. This year, according to Greg Pridemore, more than 80 youth were signed up See **CLUB**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Manuel De Los Rios

Manuel De Los Rios, 79, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Dale Dupree II

William Dale Dupree II, 37, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- JOHN FLORES JR., 48, of 1517 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest or detention and failure to identify – giving false information.
- JOEY SHANE PEREZ, 38, of 1309 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.
- ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 22, of 2000 E. 11th Place, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- CARLETTA MCKINNEY, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a Midland County warrant for theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- JOEY SHANE PEREZ, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft – more than \$20 and less than \$500 and theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 22, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family or household member – two or more convictions within a 12 month period and a Travis County warrant for parole violation.
- JERRY LIN WHITE, 43, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of weedy lot – first offense.
- CARL WAYNE BLACK, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of family violence.
- RAY ALVARADO, 35, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• The Howard County Texas Tech Alumni Association will host a barbecue and social get-together at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hampton Inn, 805 W. Interstate 20. The event is open to all current and prospective association members. For more information, contact Craig Ferguson at 213-3837.

• 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 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. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

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

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

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

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

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's

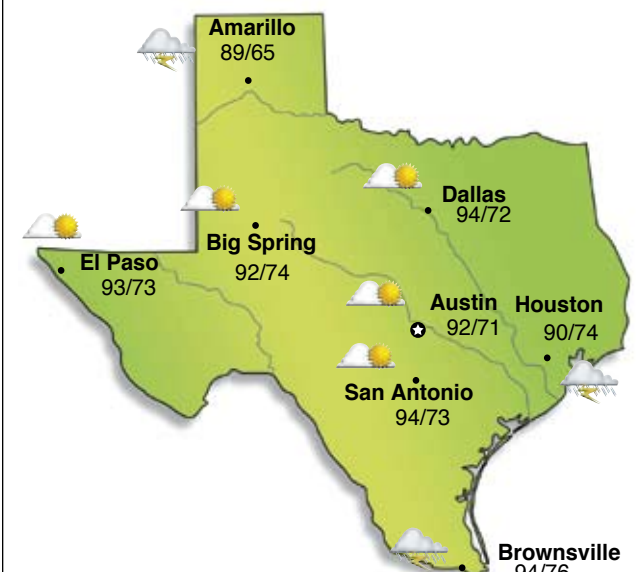
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 8/24	Sat 8/25	Sun 8/26	Mon 8/27	Tue 8/28
92/74 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	91/75 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	95/73 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/73 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/72 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	94	72	pt sunny	Kingsville	95	75	t-storm
Amarillo	89	65	t-storm	Livingston	92	70	mst sunny
Austin	92	71	pt sunny	Longview	92	70	mst sunny
Beaumont	90	73	t-storm	Lubbock	90	70	t-storm
Brownsville	94	76	t-storm	Lufkin	96	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	95	71	mst sunny	Midland	92	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	78	t-storm	Raymondville	96	75	t-storm
Corsicana	93	70	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	73	t-storm
Dallas	94	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	78	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	72	pt sunny
El Paso	93	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	71	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	92	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	92	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	70	pt sunny	Tyler	94	71	mst sunny
Greenville	92	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	70	pt sunny
Houston	90	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	94	69	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	65	pt sunny	Minneapolis	86	72	pt sunny
Boston	83	64	pt sunny	New York	87	70	pt sunny
Chicago	89	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	92	78	t-storm
Dallas	94	72	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	53	pt sunny
Denver	83	60	t-storm	Seattle	65	54	pt sunny
Houston	90	74	t-storm	St. Louis	94	71	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	63	sunny	Washington, DC	90	71	pt sunny
Miami	88	79	t-storm				

a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

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

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

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

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► Odds & Ends

Woman cited nonexistent twin in theft

BIG BEAVER, Pa. (AP) — Police say a western Pennsylvania woman blamed her nonexistent twin sister for stealing items from a hotel room.

The Beaver County Times (<http://bit.ly/Sm5XDv>) reports Wednesday that police charged 31-year-old Jennifer Brown, of Rochester, with false reports and theft.

State police say Brown took some bed clothes, an alarm clock, coffee pot, basket and a hair dryer — worth a total of \$206 — from the Holiday Inn in Big Beaver on Aug. 5. Police say they found Brown in another hotel nearby and she claimed her twin sister had taken the items.

When police found no record of a sister, they say Brown claimed her sister had just returned the items, which police found in the other hotel room.

Brown doesn't have an attorney. Police say relatives confirmed she doesn't have a twin.

Stolen car suspect found in western Pa. jail

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — Police say they've found a stolen car suspect in the last place they expected: in a southwestern Pa. jail, using another name.

Canonsburg police tell the Observer-Reporter of Washington, Pa. (<http://bit.ly/NXAB3k>) they found 18-year-old Christopher Thomas on Monday after an anonymous tipster told them he'd already been arrested in a pizza delivery robbery in another town.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Thomas who remained in the Washington County Jail on Tuesday. He's been there since Aug. 15 on charges of robbing the delivery driver in Washington, Pa.

But police in Canonsburg didn't know that because Thomas identified himself as Tayshawn Wilson when he was first arrested.

Canonsburg police have now charged him with driving the stolen car and almost hitting three people with it when police chased him Aug. 11.

Austria's hills alive — with sound of yodeling

VIENNA (AP) — In one part of Austria, the hills are again alive with a particular sound of music — yodeling.

The Alpine country has inaugurated a new hiker's path where

participants are invited to let loose with an occasional melodic mountain yell.

Organizers say it's push-button easy: at rest stops along the way, hikers press a knob and hear a recorded yodel in two-part harmony. They can also listen to each part separately and decide which one to try.

Local yodeler and hotel owner Christian Eder came up with the idea. He told state broadcaster ORF Monday that it is an attempt "to get people to loosen up a bit with a simple yodel."

NY brothers promote toilet-paper ads

RYE BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — Two brothers from a New York City suburb have an advertising concept that's on a roll — a roll of toilet paper.

Bryan and Jordan Silverman are creators of toilet tissue printed with ads, and sometimes with coupon codes that can be read by cellphones. The Journal-News (<http://tinyurl.com/ccveoyb>) says in a story Sunday that the brothers expect their product to appear this fall in the Port Chester-Rye Brook Public Library.

Twenty-two-year-old Jordan Silverman came up with the idea for Star Toilet Paper in 2010. His 18-year-old brother tells the newspaper that he was initially skeptical but came to see it as advertising to "a really captive audience."

The brothers from Rye Brook have entered their concept in a contest run by Entrepreneur magazine.

Guns, pot left behind at old police station

DEL RIO — When city workers arrived at the abandoned city police station on Broadway earlier this month to salvage equipment in preparation for the building being demolished, they made two interesting discoveries.

First, the back door, marked "Administration Office," was not secure, allowing anyone easy access to the entire building.

More importantly, they found in the darkness odds and ends of old evidence, including three or four guns, other weapons and small amounts of marijuana that were left behind when the police moved out in early 2010.

"We don't know if anything is missing or how long that door was open," said City Manager Robert Eads, who quickly hired an outside investigator to find out how the evidence, some still marked with tags, was left behind.

LEWIS

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presented sometime this afternoon and the case handed over to the jury for deliberation.

Lewis faces a number of charges, including burglary of a habitation with intent to commit aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (en-

hanced first-degree felony), aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced first-degree felony) and two separate charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (both enhanced second-degree felonies).

Lewis was apprehended Dec. 14, 2011, at a residence in the 500 block of Young Street during a drug sweep carried out through Big Spring

by local, state and federal law enforcement officers and arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the Aug. 22, 2011, altercation began when Lewis and another individual began chasing 32-year-old Lonnie Ray Gray Jr. during a do-

mestic dispute.

"Officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of State in reference to a report of shots fired," Everett said. "On arrival, officers found a family had been inside their home when Gray banged on the door and then forced his way inside, begging the family to hide him from Lewis and the other male subject.

"As Gray ran through the house, Lewis and the second male subject came through the door chasing him. Lewis was armed with a handgun and fired two shots at Gray. Lewis and the second subject then fled the scene in a vehicle. No one was hit by the gunfire and Gray fled the scene down an alleyway."

If convicted of a first-

degree felony, Lewis could face 5 to 99 years to life in prison for each count, as well as a fine for each not to exceed \$10,000.

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

DUNN

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Coahoma, Loraine and Big Spring — failed to turn up evidence of the young cheerleader.

Dunn's story was national news at the time of her disappearance. Early in the case, Shawn Adkins, Billie Dunn's then live-in boyfriend, was named a "person of interest,"

but no arrests have ever been made.

While the searches for Dunn have slowed to a halt, hope that she will be found has not diminished.

"I have a teenage daughter and I know how I would feel if my daughter were missing," said Campbell, who lives in Coahoma, about 30 miles west of Colorado City. "Coahoma and Colorado City are a lot alike. We're the same down-to-

earth, caring people."

Dunn's actual 15th birthday is Aug. 28, but organizers believe it will be easier on the public to hold the vigil on Saturday instead of a Tuesday.

Campbell said the vigil will include a speaker and prayer, and will probably last no more than an hour.

Meanwhile, family, friends and law enforcement personnel are still hopeful Dunn will be discovered. She is described

as having light brown hair, green eyes, is 5 feet tall and weighs approximately 115 pounds. According to information provided by Hope for Hailley, the girl has a scar on the right side of her forehead and the right side of her lip.

Anyone with information concerning Dunn's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161.

BSISD

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5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. tonight. A hot dog supper will be served; cost is \$3 per plate.

- Washington Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Marcy Elementary — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. tonight.
- Goliad Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

• Kentwood Pre-K Center — 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Officials stressed that parents of elementary and secondary students need to bring proof of residency (a utility bill, for example) to their respective campuses before the start of the school year.

Parents of students new to Big Spring ISD may register their children at the Student Records and Registration office at the old Goliad Intermediate

campus, 2000 S. Goliad, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. Parents of these students will need to provide the child's Social Security number, immunization record, proof of residency and a copy of the parent's driver's license.

Coahoma Elementary will hold a "meet the teacher" event from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, officials said.

Parents of students new to

Coahoma ISD may register their children prior to the start of the school year through next Friday at their respective campuses.

Orientation and schedule pick-up for incoming Forsan Junior High School sixth graders will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, while Elbow Elementary will hold a "new year" party for parents and students at 6 p.m. Thursday.

CLUB

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for the summer program, but the facility has the capacity for 200.

At this point, the club is able to be open and be functional but is still in need of funds. All equipment from the previous building was transferred to the new facility, but more is needed.

All residents are invited to attend the ribbon

cutting and dedication, which will take place at the Boys and Girls facility.

To find out more, call 267-8239.

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

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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 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. 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 Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Rodney "Ronnie" Garza, 56, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Julie Ann Hallford Mince, 39, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Manuel De Los Rios, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

If things don't turn out the way we hoped, Lord, may we come to You in prayer asking to see the good in all things.

Amen

Enjoying summer Olympics

Like most of you I was able to enjoy some of the recent XXX Olympic Games in London via the flat screen, although I was never sure if I was seeing something hours after it actually happened or if it was live. Nevertheless, what I did get to watch was enjoyable.

There are some amazing athletes from countries all around the world and the Olympic Games is the showcase for the best of the best. The patriotism that is displayed so beautifully by each country is inspiring to me. I am very thankful to be an American but watching the athletes and their families and fans from any other country is a stark reminder that national pride is inherent to most of humanity. I know that political, moral, religious, philosophical and social differences will keep it from ever happening, but it makes me wish we could really somehow just all get along.

In the colorful history of Olympics, there have been heroes who have made history and who have embodied legends and there is one I find particularly inspiring. There have been so many different glorious personalities that it is hard to choose who is the most legendary or remarkable of them all, but when I think of a great hero who struggled against circumstances and made a big splash, the name Jim Thorpe comes to mind.

Among those familiar with Olympic history Jim Thorpe will always be remembered because his story is remarkable and reminds us that fame and glory in the field of athleticism can arise from any town or community in America.

Jim Thorpe was born near the town of Prague, Okla. on May 28, 1887. His brother, Charlie, whom he had loved and gone to school with, died of pneumonia when he was only eight years old.

That devastated Thorpe and it was about that time when he began to run away from school on a regular basis and when his father sent him to what today is Haskell Indian Nations University located in Lawrence, Kan. However, this stint at education did not last too long, because when his mother died two years later, Thorpe decided to run away from school in order to work at a horse ranch.

By 1904, Thorpe was reconciled with his father and went to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pa. And while studying there, he met Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner. This man was one of the greatest coaches in early American football. Meeting Pop Warner would change Thorpe's life forever and make him a legend in his own right. However, later that year the young Thorpe met with yet another blow when his father died.

He again ran away and spent time on a farm doing hard labor. After a few years however, he returned once again to Carlisle and from then on, his training to become one of the greatest athletes began.

By 1912 he was ready to take on the world at the Olympics. He had proven his worth time and time again on the field and now was his time to shine. In the 1912 Olympics, two new multi-events were introduced. They were the pentathlon and the decathlon. Thorpe was ready for both these events. He had been dynamic, active and talented at all of Carlisle's track meets, so he took part in the U.S. Olympic trials. He easily won and was placed on the national team. Coincidentally, that team included the future president of the International Olympics committee, Avery Brundage.

Everything was now ready and the team set off for Stockholm where the games were to be held. While Thorpe's teammates struggled and worked hard, legend tells us that Jim Thorpe went to sleep and was often seen lounging and relaxing. He knew how to keep things cool and calm and it worked for him. That might just be what brought him such great success.

After arrival at the Olympics, the first event scheduled was the pentathlon. Thorpe was the best on the field and he won four events with style and elegance. After winning the Pentathlon, Thorpe qualified for the high-jump final. In that final, he placed fourth and then went on to take seventh place in the long jump.

The final event was the decathlon. Here, Thorpe had to face Hugo Wieslander, a local hero and favorite. Whatever may have been the reputation of Wieslander, he was no match for Thorpe. Finishing some 700 points behind him, he was completely outclassed and out-matched.

In the end Jim Thorpe received two gold medals and two Challenger Prizes. One of these prizes came from King Gustav V and the other from King Nicholas II of Russia. And if those honors were not enough the King of Sweden himself praised Thorpe by saying, "You sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."

Not long after all of this, in 1913 he was stripped of his hard won Olympic gold medals. It turned out that he had played minor league baseball. Even though he got paid very little for this baseball stint he lost his medals and he never got them back in his lifetime. It was not until 1982 that his family was able to fight to get the medals back successfully. Now that they have won their fight, we can once again count Jim Thorpe as one of the greatest gold medal Olympians of all time.

While the names Jesse Owens, Bonnie Blair, Carl Lewis, Mark Spitz, Michael Phelps and many others will always be embraced as legends, I think Jim Thorpe deserves a big round of applause for the way he represented the U.S. in Stockholm in 1912.

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

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Todd Akin — When dumb talk seems to be the inevitable

There are two sides within the anti-abortion movement.

On one side, stand men and women who care deeply about human life and fear that abortion devalues society by creating a caste of disposable people.

On the other side, lurk crabbed adults who think women should be punished for having extra-marital sex and that pregnancy is fit punishment that (luck of the draw) spares men and falls instead on women and girls.

I think we all know which corner hosts Rep. Todd Akin. When TV reporter Charles Jaco asked Akin whether abortion should be illegal if it is the result of rape, the Republican Party Missouri Senate candidate gave this inglorious answer:

"From what I understand from doctors, that's really rare.

"If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down. But let's assume that maybe that didn't work or something: You know, I think there should be some punishment, but the punishment ought to be of the rapist and not attacking the child."

Akin later tried to run from his

freely chosen words.

He issued a statement in which he lamented that the quote broadcast nonstop on MSNBC "does not reflect the deep empathy I hold for the thousands of women who are raped and abused every year."

Too late. I think voters know exactly what Akin thinks about rape victims: If they get pregnant, they wanted it."

Monday morning, Mitt Romney called Akin's remarks "offensive" and "insulting, inexcusable and frankly wrong." President Obama, too, found Akin's views "offensive. Rape is rape."

Democrats are working overtime trying to tie Romney running mate Paul Ryan to Akin, as Ryan has opposed abortion, except to save the life of the mother.

(The Romney campaign says the ticket does not oppose abortion in cases of rape.)

This is the Democratic National Committee playbook: Delegitimize a respectable position — that abortion is the taking of innocent life — not by refusing it but by assessing guilt by association.

Sen. Barbara Boxer released a statement in which she claimed Akin's comments represented another chapter in the GOP's "war on women."

Well, another page in that chapter stars Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who spent nearly \$2 million portraying Akin as a true conservative so that he

would win the GOP primary and she would face the weakest candidate in November.

The so-called Republican "war on women" is a crock — a cynical ploy to gin up the Dems' distaff base.

The Obama White House sounded a trumpet in this phony war when it announced earlier this year that church-based institutions would have to provide "free" birth control (no co-payment) for workers on health care plans, even if doing so violated their deeply held religious tenets. Pro-choice now means no choice — for religious folk.

As for women, they stand on both sides of the abortion divide. A Gallup poll in May found that 49 percent of Americans considered themselves "pro-choice," while 45 percent considered themselves "pro-life."

And the poll also found: "Men and women are nearly identical in their views about the legality and morality of abortion."

The view that women are united in support of abortion rights is about as fact-based as Akin's view on "legitimate rape."

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News in brief

Court: Texas can cut off

Planned Parenthood funds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas officials are vowing to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood after a federal court sided with the state in a challenge over a new law that bans clinics affiliated with abortion providers from getting money through a health program for low-income women.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans late Tuesday reversed a federal judge's temporary injunction that was allowing the funding to continue pending an October trial on Planned Parenthood's challenge to the law.

State officials are seeking to halt money to Planned Parenthood clinics that provide family planning and health services as part of the state's Women's Health Program because the Republican-led Texas Legislature passed a law banning funds to organizations linked to abortion providers.

Planned Parenthood provides services like cancer screenings — but not abortions — to about half of the 130,000 low-income Texas women enrolled in the program, which is designed to provide services to women who might not otherwise qualify for Medicaid.

The appeals court's decision means Texas is now free to impose the ban.

"We appreciate the court's ruling and will move to enforce state law banning abortion providers and affiliates from the Women's Health Program as quickly as possible," Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for the state Health and Human Services Commission, said in a statement.

Texan imprisoned for killing wife seeks new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man serving 99 years for killing his estranged wife wants a new trial because a court reporter died and some documents are missing.

The Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday that lawyers for Raymond Leal say some trial records can't be located. Attorney Lester Blizzard says about half of the trial transcripts are missing.

Leal in December pleaded guilty to murder in the 2009 shooting of Leida Prudencio. Leal was imprisoned Wednesday in the Bill Clements Unit.

Court reporter Brenda Burleigh died in an April traffic accident before transcribing portions of Leal's trial. Other court reporters searched her records but could not find complete backup recordings.

Prosecutor Alan Curry says Leal's guilty plea should stand.

Judge Denise Collins says backups were located for other pending appeals in her court.

Dallas-area lake searched for missing triathlete

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Searchers are trying to locate a North Texas triathlete who disappeared while training in a Dallas-area lake.

Grand Prairie police say the search resumed Wednesday at Joe Pool Lake for 45-year-old Ed Thompson of Mansfield.

Police say the search began after Thompson's wife contacted authorities when he failed to return home Monday night. Police say the triathlete apparently went swimming late Monday afternoon.

Thompson's car was found near the lake's swim beach. Police say Thompson's cellphone and wallet

were inside the locked vehicle.

UT presidents, executives could get more pay

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — University of Texas System regents will consider whether presidents of all 15 schools should get bonuses if graduation rates improve.

The Austin American-Statesman reports regents meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Austin are scheduled to review the incentive proposal.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has recommended approval. An aide says Gov. Rick Perry strongly supports incentive pay.

The bonuses would apply to school presidents and some other system executives. The higher pay would be based on leaders increasing donations and meeting other higher education goals.

Critics have raised ethical questions about financial rewards for meeting philanthropic goals. Other concerns have been raised about whether academic standards would be intentionally weakened so that students pass courses.

Deputy clerk in Brazos County charged with theft

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A deputy clerk in a Central Texas county has been charged with pocketing about \$18,000 in marriage license fees.

Brazos county Clerk Karen McQueen says all marriage licenses issued by Jaime Hines are valid.

Hines was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft by a public servant. She's free on \$5,000 bond.

The \$72 license must be paid in cash. An audit began after another employee noticed Hines allegedly issued a license but no receipt.

McQueen says Hines was put on administrative leave Aug. 11 but will now be fired. McQueen told WTAU radio that Hines told her she took the money for three years and "once she started, she just couldn't stop."

Texas inmate set to die for killing 3 teens

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former auto mechanic who shot and killed three former housemates as they slept 14 years ago in Amarillo asks the U.S. Supreme Court to spare him from the Texas death chamber.

Convicted killer John Balentine is set to die Wednesday evening in Huntsville.

A reprieve for the 43-year-old ex-con from Arkansas would be his third in as many years. Last year, he came within an hour of lethal injection before justices stopped the punishment.

Fort Hood suspect's beard still causing case delay

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The government has a Wednesday deadline to tell an appeals court why an Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage should be clean-shaven during his murder trial.

Last week the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces delayed Maj. Nidal Hasan's court-martial while it considers his objection to being forcibly shaved.

Hasan has grown a beard in violation of Army regulations, saying it's an expression of his Muslim faith. The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, has banned

Hasan from courtroom hearings but said he will be forcibly shaved before the trial if he does not shave the beard himself.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the attack on the Texas Army post.

Man's body found in former brewery's smokestack

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The body of a man has been found at the bottom of a smokestack at San Antonio's former Pearl brewery after construction workers redeveloping the iconic complex reported a foul odor.

San Antonio police Sgt. Javier Salazar says the man apparently had been dead for several days and is believed to have been a construction worker.

Salazar tells the San Antonio Express-News that his family hadn't seen the man for several days. He says the man apparently had been working on a construction project in a building adjoining the smokestack and appeared to have been inside a covered walkway connected to the smokestack when he fell about 20 feet.

The brewery's old boiler house is being renovated to become the Boiler House Texas Grill and Wine Garden.

Rare white buffalo died from infection

DALLAS (AP) — A rare white buffalo found dead in Texas died from a bacterial infection and wasn't killed and mutilated, as its owner suspected, authorities said Tuesday.

Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks said a veterinarian made the determination and that photographs indicate the calf wasn't skinned. He said the investigation is closed unless new evidence surfaces.

The calf, named Lightning Medicine Cloud, died in May on the Lakota Ranch near Greenville, about 50 miles northeast of Dallas.

Ranch owner Arby Little Soldier reported finding the calf skinned and believed it had been killed as part of a hate crime. He didn't return a message seeking comment Tuesday. Meeks said Little Soldier had not been notified about the results of the investigation as of Tuesday afternoon.

As a non-albino white buffalo, the calf was revered by Native Americans. According to Lakota Sioux lore, the goddess of peace once appeared in the form of a white buffalo calf.

The buffalo's death sparked international attention, Little Soldier has said, and one Oregon organization planned to donate a white buffalo bull from its herd.

Texas woman gets prison for credit union fraud

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A former credit union worker in Northeast Texas has been sentenced to more than two years in prison for loan fraud.

A federal judge in Texarkana on Monday sentenced 48-year-old Mellissa Kay Morris of Winnsboro. Morris in April pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. She faced up to 30 years in prison.

Morris formerly was assistant manager of Pioneer Credit Co. in Mount Pleasant.

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Defiant Mo. congressman stays in Senate race, seeks path forward as money and backers flee

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rep. Todd Akin defied the nation's top Republicans on Tuesday and refused to abandon a Senate bid that has been hobbled by fallout over his comments that women's bodies can prevent pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape."

Akin took his message to conservative talk radio shows, declaring GOP leaders were overreacting by insisting he abandon his quest to unseat Democrat Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, and to social media with appeals for donations on his Twitter feed claiming "liberal elites" are trying to push him out of the race.

"I misspoke one word in one sentence on one day, and all of a sudden, overnight, everybody decides, 'Well, Akin can't possibly win,'" he said on a national radio show hosted by former Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. "Well, I don't agree with that."

Akin predicted he would bounce back from the political crisis threatening his campaign, including a call from presumptive presidential nominee Mitt Romney to leave the race, and capture a seat that is pivotal to Republican hopes of regaining control of the Senate.

Syrian regime tanks, troops storm Damascus neighborhood, kill 11 suspected rebels

BEIRUT (AP) — Activists say Syrian troops backed by tanks have stormed an upscale Damas-

cus neighborhood, killing at least 11 suspected rebels.

They said the attack came after regime forces shelled the area with mortars soon after dawn.

An activist, who only wanted to be identified by the name Bassam, said that as many as 22 tanks stormed the Kafar Soussa neighborhood with about 20 soldiers on foot behind each one. He spoke via Skype from central Damascus.

The British-based activist group Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 12 were killed by regime forces shelling and shooting in Kafar Soussa.

It was not immediately clear why government forces stormed Kafar Soussa, but there has been a dramatic spike in fighting in Damascus over the past month.

House Democrats seek to tie Rep. Todd Akin to Republican House candidates

DENVER (AP) — Meet the newest campaign issue for House Democrats: Todd Akin.

From Colorado to New Hampshire to Illinois, Democrats already are using the incendiary comments about rape made by the Missouri congressman and Republican Senate candidate as a political bludgeon. In interviews, news releases and tweets, they've blasted Akin for saying victims of "legitimate rape" are able to naturally prevent pregnancy and tried to tie their opponents to legislation he's supported.

Those moves might only be the beginning, as Akin has so far refused to drop out of the race despite pleas from top Republicans, including GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, and the widespread condemnation of his remarks.

"People are disgusted and appalled," said Joe Mikosi, a Democratic congressional candidate in suburban Denver, who began tying his opponent, GOP Rep. Mike Coffman, to Akin within hours of learning about his comments this past Sunday.

AP-GfK poll shows Obama and Romney still locked in tight race, with Obama lead in likability

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the attention it got, Republican Mitt Romney's selection of Rep. Paul

Ryan of Wisconsin as his running mate has not altered the race against President Barack Obama. The campaign remains neck and neck with less than three months to go, a new AP-GfK poll shows.

Overall, 47 percent of registered voters said they planned to back Obama and Vice President Joe Biden in November, while 46 percent favored Romney and Ryan. That's not much changed from a June AP-GfK survey, when the split was 47 percent for the president to 44 percent for Romney.

At the same time, there's a far wider gap when people were asked who they thought would win. Some 58 percent of adults said they expected Obama to be re-elected, while just 32 percent said they thought he'd be voted out of office.

After just over a week on the campaign trail, Ryan has a 38 percent favorable rating among adults, while 34 percent see him unfavorably. Among registered voters, his numbers are slightly better — 40 percent favorable to 34 percent unfavorable. Ryan remains unknown to about a quarter of voters.

Romney put the 42-year-old conservative chairman of the House Budget Committee on the ticket Aug. 11. The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Aug. 16-20.

Investigators study Maryland train derailment; tweets describe final moments for 2 friends

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — Investigators looking into a deadly train derailment in Maryland were watching videos, studying track conditions and pouring over maintenance records, trying to figure out if two young women sitting on a railroad bridge over the town's main street contributed to the crash or if their presence was just a tragic coincidence.

So far, investigators have determined the emergency brakes were applied automatically — not by the three-man crew — on Monday around midnight, but they don't know why the train jumped the tracks. It could be weeks before they know anything definitive.

Tweets and photos from the two 19-year-old college students chronicled some of their final moments together as they enjoyed a summer night together before they were to be headed back to school.

"Drinking on top of the Ellicott City sign," read one tweet. "Looking down on old ec," read another.

Accompanying photos showed their view from the bridge and their bare feet, one with painted blue toenails, dangling over the edge. "Levitating," read the tweet.

Pilots report cockpit power failures in Airbuses; some jets still awaiting fixes

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — As United Flight 731 climbed out of Newark with 107 people aboard, the pilot and first officer were startled to find screens that display crucial navigational information were blank or unreadable and radios were dead.

They had no way to communicate with air traffic controllers or detect other planes around them in the New York City area's crowded airspace.

"I made a comment to the captain about steering clear of New York City, not wanting to get shot down by USAF fighters," first officer Douglas Cochran later told investigators. He wasn't joking: "We both felt an extreme urgency to get this aircraft on the ground as soon as possible."

Within minutes, Cochran and the captain had turned around and safely landed the Denver-bound Airbus A320 at the Newark airport. Cochran later told investigators that clear weather might have been the only thing that saved them from a crash.

The January 2008 emergency was far from the first such multiple electrical failure in what is known as

the Airbus A320 family of aircraft, and it wasn't the last, according to records reviewed by The Associated Press. More than 50 episodes involving the planes, which first went into service more than two decades ago, have been reported.

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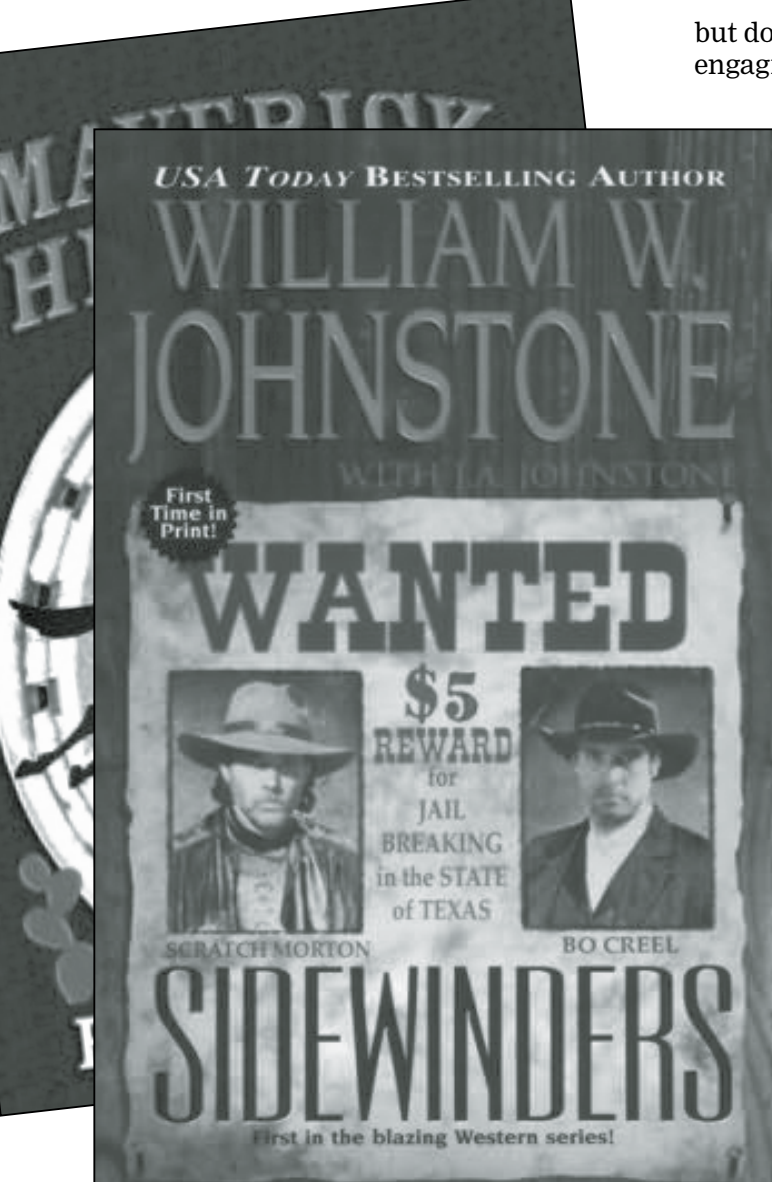
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Gillian Flynn's best-seller, "Gone Girl" (M FLY G), is a razor sharp mystery of a marriage on edge of dissolving when Amy disappears on the afternoon of her fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their house and husband Nick is not winning husband of the year awards. Reviews on Gillian Flynn's "Gone Girl" brim with adjectives like "can't put it down," "addictive," "irresistible," etc. It is written in a style like "she said, he said," which can be hard to understand or

take, but it really works.

Sara Poole is the pen name of a New York Times bestselling author who is branching out to write historical novels. Her long-time fascination with Renaissance Italy and with the Borgia in particular has led her in this new direction. It corresponds nicely with her interest in botany as it especially regards the poisonous plants flourishing all around us. You may learn more about her at www.sarapooles.com. The library has "The Borgia Betrayal" (F POO S) Book 2 and "The Borgia Mistress" (F POO S) Book 3 and we have ordered the first volume, "Poison." I came away with an entirely different viewpoint of the role of the pope in the Roman Church. Of course, when I watched Charlton Heston as Michelangelo and saw Rex Harrison as Pope Julius II in a role of a military pope — that was also a surprise. Anyway, these are very interesting books. Along a similar line, I encourage you to pick up Lindsey Davis' Didius Falco books. He is an informer for the Emperor Vespasian in 70 A.D. in Rome. They are also one of my favorite authors.

We have a neat biography in on the founder of the Girl Scouts — Juliette Gordon Low. Written by Stacy A. Cordery (she also wrote "Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth"), "Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts" (B LOW J), tells the story of the intrepid, charming and idiosyncratic woman at its core. Growing up in post-Civil War Georgia, mar-



ried and divorced in a time when 'that did not happen', she was dissatisfied with an empty, aristocratic lifestyle. Daisy searched for a purpose and she found it in England in Robert

Baden-Powell's astoundingly popular Boy Scouts. She founded the Girl Guide troops in England and imported it to her home state of Georgia. I don't want to give away the ending,

but do check out this engaging history/biography of Daisy and the Girl Scouts.

Here are some Westerns: From the team of William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone come Scratch Morton and Bo Creel. Always on the hunt for funds, the job of taking three vicious criminals from Arkansas to Tyler, Texas, for trial is worth the risk. In "Sidewinders" (W JOH W), Scratch and Bo will have to make a mad, bullet-spayed dash through the land of their birth and hope it won't be the land of their death. This is one of the Sidewinder series, which

set in 1893 Oklahoma. The land rush was like none that had ever been seen before. The last of the open range would be caged by fences, never to be roamed by free-wheeling cowmen like Trago. Vern Farrell and Trago will have to come to terms with it, by guns and bloodshed if necessary.

Roe Richmond is the founder of the Western Writers of America, and his novels are notable for portraying frontier life in all its gritty realism. In "Maverick Heritage" (W RIC R), he does just that. Ash Cordell was only 10 when his parents were murdered and their home burned to the ground. On the Hatchet outfit, he grew to manhood, but he could never settle down until he identified the raiders who came in the dead of night and terrorized an entire family. Revenge is best eaten cold, but when you add hot bullets, Ash thought, it warms it right up.

features two honest Texas cowboys. Frank Bonham's "Trago" (W BON F) is

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



By Steve Becker

Defense Is a Two-Way Job

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♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 7 5 3
♣ K 10 6

WEST

♠ J 10 6 3
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 7

EAST

♠ A Q 9 5 2
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ K 10 6
♣ 2

SOUTH

♠ 8
♥ Q J 10
♦ A
♣ A Q J 9 8 5 4 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♠	4♣	4♠
5♣		Dble	

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Bridge is a partnership game, all right, but the many components of the game that this statement encompasses are not always fully appreciated. Most players think they are playing extremely well when they go through a long stretch without making a single mistake. However, they sometimes overlook the fact that they might have unwittingly contributed to an error made by their partner.

In bridge, it is not really important which partner makes a mistake; the injury harms both players, not just

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the one who erred. One component of good defense lies in the ability to stop partner from making a mistake. This may not always be possible, but a really good player sometimes goes to extraordinary lengths to anticipate and prevent an error by his partner.

Consider this deal where East, a very good player paired with a weaker one, took command of the defense and defeated South's five-club contract. West led the jack of spades. Had East made the lazy play of ducking the jack after declarer followed low from dummy, he might well have regretted it later on.

West would probably have led another spade, and South would have made the contract by ruffing the spade, cashing the ace of diamonds, playing a club to the ten and leading the diamond queen through East's king. Declarer would then establish dummy's diamonds for two heart discards and so make five clubs doubled.

To prevent this from happening, East overtook the spade jack with the queen and played the king and another heart, quickly setting the contract. East reasoned that, on the bidding, declarer almost surely had a singleton spade and that West had either the ace of hearts or ace of diamonds. Shifting to a heart at trick two could therefore do no harm and might do a lot of good.

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Blooming gardens teach lessons at schools

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS — Gathered in the large garden behind an elementary school here, a group of kindergartners watched as their teacher snipped some basil, let them smell the leaves, and then did the same with oregano.

"We do a lot of smelling out there. Looking. Digging," the teacher, LeaAnne Pillers, said. She took her class to the garden two or three times a week after it opened last spring at Moss Haven Elementary, and she's excited to get her new group out among the plants when school starts next week.

One of their first lessons: learning the five senses. "We'll be able to do a lot with 'What does it look like? What does it feel like?' Some of it we'll even be able to taste," Pillers said.

Moss Haven's garden is among a growing number being planted in schoolyards across the country.

It is part of an American Heart Association initiative to get kids to eat healthier. Along with nutrition, school gardens also can teach les-

sons about the environment and science, teamwork, math skills and leadership, proponents say.

Pillers' kindergartners taste-tested vegetables, measured garden plots and investigated what foods caterpillars like.

"The main thing that I really like is citizenship — that everybody is taking responsibility," said Ashley Rich, who works with teachers to develop curriculum at the school. Over the summer, she added, families from the school have been taking turns each week caring for the garden.

She welcomes the chance for hands-on learning, and thinks students are getting the nutritional message.

"If the children are involved in growing the vegetables, then they are interested in eating them," said Judith Collier-Reid, national consultant for the Dallas-based American Heart Association's Teaching Gardens program, which has handed grants to about 160 gardens since kicking off last year.

Its mission is to help curb the nation's childhood obesity epidemic.

Cynthia Domenghini of the Vermont-based National Gardening Association said the concept for school gardens has been around a long time — her organization has been helping to fund them for around 30 years — but picked up speed when first lady Michelle Obama broke ground on an herb and vegetable garden at the White House in 2009.

"There's been an increase in the number of organizations promoting school gardening," said Domenghini. She said her group doesn't keep a count of gardens in schools, but that about 1,300 youth programs in schools, churches, libraries and other places have registered with it.

"Fruit and vegetable gardens are probably most popular, but some grow flowers," she said. "We see all different types of garden programs."

Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in North Carolina, said there's a gardening component at nearly all of their 18 schools, ranging from a small herb garden

to support a culinary program to a high school with a student-run program that donates produce to needy families. A new elementary school set to open next year has been designed to include garden plots, he said, and will have a rainwater collection system and a green roof with vegetation.

"It's a good way to get families involved and also the community involved," LoFrese said.

The gardens in his district are funded in a variety of ways, including donations, grants and fundraising from parent groups.

In addition to the garden at Moss Haven, the Richardson school district in suburban Dallas has two other gardens at schools and plans for three more, said Phil Lozano, the district's associate director of facilities services. One of the other gardens in the Richardson district was funded by the district, and the other by a parent-teacher association. Moss Haven, which gets support, including curriculum materials, from the Heart Association, was made possible by donations, grants and

funds from its PTA.

Lozano said the goal is for the gardens to reach 100 percent sustainability, which includes composting, and collecting water from sources including rainwater or air-conditioning condensation.

In the Houston area, the nonprofit Urban Harvest has helped start more than 100 school gardens, training and advising those who want to start them and in some cases providing a garden educator to give lessons.

The organization aims to promote nutrition and respect for the environment, said Carol Burton, its director of youth gardening education.

Heading into fifth grade this year at Moss Haven, 10-year-old Natalie Duval is anxious to see what the garden looks like after the summer. Last year, she was pleasantly surprised when her fourth-grade class taste-tested dips made from garden ingredients including spinach, parsley and cucumbers.

"I didn't think I was going to like it," she said. "I was like, 'Wow, that was pretty good.'"

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Lady Steers down Lubbock, Andrews to improve record to 6-4

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers improved their volleyball record to 6-4 Tuesday after back-to-back wins over Lubbock High and Andrews. With a tough, non-district schedule, BSHS Head Coach Lynn Osborne said in an earlier interview that her team "May rack up quite a few losses," before district action begins in September. The Lady Steers, however, have now won four straight matches.

Individual statistics from Tuesday's games are as follows:

Vs. Lubbock High — 15-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-21

Setters: Morgan Seaton: 19 assists, 11 kills, 1 ace, 6 digs; Julianna Rodriguez: 9 assists, 3 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces; Kinsey Wash: 8 assists, 2 digs. **Offense:** Erin Pollard: 11 kills, 3 digs, 1 ace; Ebony Zavala: 8 kills, 8 digs.

Defense: Carson Reibe: 16 digs, 1 kill, 4 aces; Clara Benevides: 7 digs, 4 kills.

Vs. Andrews — 25-18, 25-13, 25-15

Setters: Morgan Seaton: 17 assists, 4 kills, 3 aces, 7 digs, 1 block; Julianna Rodriguez: 4 assists, 4 kills, 1 dig, 1 block; Kinsey Wash: 6 assists, 1 dig.

Offense: Erin Pollard: 10 kills, 1 dig, 2 aces; Ebony Zavala: 9 kills, 6 digs, 3 aces.

Defense: Carson Reibe: 8 digs, 1 kill, 1 assist, 7 aces; Clara Benvides: 11 digs, 2 kills.

The Lady Steers varsity squad will be traveling to Granbury for a tournament Friday-Saturday.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Morgan Seaton sets the ball during a game Tuesday against Lubbock High. The Lady Steers defeated Lubbock and Andrews to improve their record to 6-4 on the season.

Rangers fall to Orioles 5-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers starting pitcher Scott Feldman worked out of a rough stretch in May and June when he lost six straight by reeling off six consecutive victories.

After a 5-3 loss to the Orioles on Tuesday in which he gave up five runs on seven hits over five innings, he's now dropped three in a row.

No reason to panic, his manager said, even after the Rangers' right-hander gave up two big run-scoring hits with two outs, including Nate McLouth's two-run home run, in the Orioles' decisive four-run fifth inning.

Manny Machado had a run-scoring triple and J.J. Hardy's two-out double plated another run for Baltimore in the inning, which was followed with two shutdown innings by Chris Tillman (6-2).

"I think if there's any pitch he'd want to take back in that inning, it would be the one to McLouth," manager Ron Washington said. "But other than that, there was no indication they were going to put four runs on the board, because both he and Tillman were pitching very well."

Tillman pitched 6 2/3 innings, giving up three runs on six hits

while striking out seven before giving way to the bullpen, which now has a 1.57 ERA in the last 18 games.

The Orioles' right-hander kept Rangers hitters off-balance with effective off-speed pitches and good command of his fastball.

That follows a performance two years ago in which Tillman held the Rangers to two runs on two hits and a walk over a career-high 7 1/3 innings.

Tillman has held the Rangers to a .203 average in three starts.

"It ain't easy," said Tillman, who improved to 6-2 on the season with a 3.71 ERA and 4-1 on the road.

"These guys have a great lineup and you have to respect that whether you're ahead or behind."

Jim Johnson worked a scoreless ninth to pick up his 38th save.

"Chris was good," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "He had command of the breaking ball early, and threw the fastball on both sides of the plate."

The Rangers scored two on Geovany Soto's two-run homer in the seventh inning to close a 5-1 deficit to two and then put the tying

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Injury-prone Vick down again

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick has needed four medical tests through two preseason games and has completed only four passes.

That is an ominous sign for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback left Monday night's win at New England after injuring his ribs on his sixth play. He lasted just six plays against Pittsburgh before being forced out by an injured left thumb.

X-rays on Vick's ribs at the stadium were negative, and an MRI and CT scan on Tuesday revealed he has no broken bones or fractured cartilage. Vick has a contusion of his ribs and of the soft tissue surrounding it. He also needed

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negative.

It is likely Vick won't take another snap until the Eagles (No. 8 in the AP Pro32) open the regular season at Cleveland on Sept. 9.

"I'm just going to play it by ear," coach Andy Reid said after the victory over the Patriots. "I'm not going to say anything about where we're at with that right now."

Considering Vick has been injury prone — he missed three games because of rib injuries in each of the past two seasons — it seems risky to play him in the last two preseason games. The Eagles visit the Browns this Friday and host the New York Jets on Aug. 30.

Then again, Vick looks as though he needs work. "If he didn't play again (in the preseason) then

he'd be OK," Reid said. "I would tell you I'd probably like to see him play a little bit more, but he's got enough experience. We're not talking about a rookie. I think he'll probably be OK."

Vick has led the offense to just one first down in 12 plays. The Patriots weren't even using their starters against Philadelphia's first-team offense.

"I think we should have performed a lot better than we did, especially since it wasn't their first string out there," right tackle Todd Herremans said. "We should have been able to run the ball a lot easier earlier in the game."

Vick was injured on a hard shot by linebacker Jermaine Cunningham

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Astros sent scout to check out Clemens

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Clemens thinks any talk about a return to the majors is premature.

The Houston Astros decided to check him out anyway.

General manager Jeff Luhnow said Tuesday the Astros sent a scout to look at Clemens and left-hander Scott Kazmir, who also plays for the Sugar Land Skeeters of the independent Atlantic League. Clemens is to make his first start on Saturday at home against Bridgeport.

Luhnow said he wasn't sure whether Clemens was trying to make it back to the big leagues or just wanted to keep doing something he was very good at for a long time. Clemens earned about \$160 million and won 354 games in a 24-year career with the Red Sox, Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros, but hasn't pitched since 2007.

"I don't know what he's trying to do," Luhnow said. "I think he just wants to get back on the mound and see how it goes."

"You've got to see how you feel and how you respond, so there's a long way to go," Luhnow added.

Clemens' agent said the right-hander has been clocked at 87 mph, but Luhnow discounted that talk because he hasn't pitched in a game yet.

"So, I think it's hard to evaluate," Luhnow said. "We did send a scout yesterday to look at him, since it's right there. There's a bunch of guys that have been in that league that have big-league time and Roger is still associated with our organization."

Clemens is playing down a major league comeback, saying he's nowhere near big league pitching shape.

"I'm 50 years old. We're just going to go out and have fun with this and make it fun for the fans," the seven-time Cy Young Award winner said Tuesday when he was introduced in Sugar Land, Texas.

Interim Astros manager Tony DeFrancesco had Clemens' son Koby at Triple-A Oklahoma City last season and said he reportedly came across Clemens. DeFrancesco wasn't surprised Clemens still wants to pitch and believes he is serious about making it

back to the majors.

DeFrancesco added Clemens was "a local fan favorite" in Houston.

"He was around me a lot last year," DeFrancesco said. "He was at the ballpark, he was on the road, we met at Starbucks quite a few times."

"When you're a competitor, you're going to keep going until they take the uniform off. Roger is definitely a competitor and I wish him the best," he said. "If you're going to go and play, the one thing on his mind is trying to get back to the major leagues."

Clemens was accused by former personal trainer Brian McNamee in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball of using steroids and HGH, allegations the pitcher denied before Congress. The Justice Department began an investigation concerning whether Clemens had lied under oath, and in 2010 a grand jury indicted him on two counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of

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Houston bids for SEC-Big 12 Bowl, playoff rotation

HOUSTON (AP) — The city of Houston wants to become a part of college football's playoff system.

Houston submitted a bid on Tuesday to host the new Big 12-Southeastern Conference bowl and join the rotation for semifinal games in the sport's new postseason format, which begins in the 2014 season.

The champions of the Big 12 and Southeastern Conference or replacement teams from those leagues would meet in the bowl game, at least temporarily dubbed the Champions Bowl. The game would be played at Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans.

Cotton Bowl organizers have also expressed interest in being part

of the playoff rotation and hosting the title game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, as have officials from the Chick-fil-a Bowl in Atlanta.

Reliant Stadium has hosted a bowl game — currently the Meineke Car Care Bowl — since 2006. The venue, which also has a retractable roof, was the site of the 2004 Super Bowl and the 2011 Final Four. It is slated to host the Final Four again in 2016.

"We're really honored and very proud of the bid that we've put forth," said Heather Houston, the executive director of the Meineke Car Care Bowl. "We feel like it'll stack up against any other market. We've got the strongest local

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Pet Talk: Itchy dogs — is food the problem?

Many dog owners work hard to make their pets comfortable and happy, so it can be frustrating when a dog is constantly itching and distressed.

Dr. Adam Patterson, clinical assistant professor and Chief of Dermatology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Small Animal Clinic, explained how some perpetually itchy dogs may suffer from food allergies.

"Food allergies in dogs present themselves quite differently than food allergies in humans," Patterson said. "For instance a person who is allergic to shellfish may experience throat swelling and a possibly critical or fatal reaction, but in dogs the allergy is expressed through the skin and seen most often as itch."

Dogs who itch, lick, chew, rub, bite, and scratch themselves year round, typically around the face, ears, armpits, groin, paws, and around the anus may be showing signs of a food allergy.

Since itchy flare factors have an additive effect, it is important to eliminate other possible causes of itching.

First, it is necessary to eliminate any possibility that parasites, particularly fleas, are causing the dog to itch. Likewise, the veterinarian should also look for signs of skin infections (bacteria and/or yeast).

Secondly, the veterinarian will also determine if environmental factors are causing itchy skin. Dogs with year-round itch, who eat roughly the same diet yearlong, are frequently candidates for a food allergy diagnosis.

"There isn't a conclusive clinical skin or blood [serum] test to see whether a dog has a food allergy," Patterson said. "It's like flipping a coin to determine whether the test is a true or false positive. Because of this, we have to base our diagnosis on the dog's history, clinical signs of skin disease, and response to a food trial. The test for food allergies in dogs simply isn't conclusive at this time, but we hope some of our research will lead to an effective test."

To diagnose a dog with food allergy, the first thing to do is put the patient on an

elimination diet, or an exclusive novel protein diet. This ends up being a diet with individual ingredients to which the dog has rarely ever consumed before. Usually, the diet is commercially prepared and fed for a minimum of eight weeks.

The goal is to determine if food is a component of the itching.

Typically dogs are allergic to proteins they are exposed to for extended periods of time. In the United States, dogs are generally allergic to beef, chicken, and egg protein.

Patterson explained that most elimination diets replace beef, chicken, and egg based foods with an

exotic meat protein like venison, duck, kangaroo, or vegetable-based. After eight weeks, the patient is challenged by returning to the original diet. If the dog's symptoms (itch) improved during the eight weeks, then return when the dog's original diet is replaced, then a food allergy is confirmed.

"Patients with food allergies typically relapse within two weeks of returning to the original diet," Patterson said. "It is important during the elimination diet to remove any flavored medicines or supplements, table scraps, typical treats, rawhides, and pill pockets from the animal's diet so the test isn't compromised."

If a commercially prepared novel protein diet is not sufficient, a prescription hydrolyzed diet may be necessary. This food is only available by prescription from a veterinarian. It helps dogs with food allergies by breaking down the protein into small enough fragments that the immune system cannot recognize it, and, therefore, does not induce a skin reaction.

Another option for dogs with food allergies is a limited ingredient home-cooked diet. Patterson recommends only doing this under close supervision of a veterinarian.

While any breed is susceptible to food allergies, Patterson sees many poodles, boxers, weimaraner, dachshunds, chocolate labs, and German shepherds with food allergies. He has also noticed dogs with German lineages tend to be more susceptible to food allergies.

Generally dogs diagnosed with food allergies can remain on commercially prepared elimination diets for life without complications.

"As with any skin disease, there really isn't a cure,"h Patterson said. "Instead, proper management of the disease can keep dogs happy and healthy lifelong."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you ever wondered why the legendary Greek monster Medusa sported snake-hair, it wasn't always so. Once upon a time, she had beautiful locks, and she knew it. Her vanity was one reason that Athena decided to change Medusa's locks to a more terrifying style. As the sun passes from Leo, let go of vanity before it turns into something scary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The feeling of being in control is one of the keys to mental health. That is why you are careful not to get in the way of your loved one's decision-making process even when you don't entirely agree.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are sensitive to another person's needs, though you also feel that your privacy is a precious right. Therefore, you will take measures to prevent a possible imposition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though it's tempting to stick with the people you know and adore, exclusivity can be hurtful. So you make an effort to include others. Lives are improved by your openness and kindness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is something lovely about your current awareness, though it won't last. You're on the brink

of a revelation. Once your eyes are opened, you won't be able to un-know or un-see.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you acting out of a sense of independence, or are you just being stubborn? "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't." — *Henry Ward Beecher*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Increase your level of exercise in order to counteract the extra-strong energy you're dealing with now. Physical exertion keeps you from being quick to anger and helps you stay calm when it matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have an increasing awareness of how the heroes of yesteryear paved a trail so that your life could be easier and better. You'll do something in the name of progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Children will have fun with pretend games that involve acting like adults, and adults will enjoy taking part in activities of childhood. Such reversals will make you smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something you once felt strongly about doesn't currently seem like all that big of a deal. Your shift in perspective is a sign that you're on to bigger and better things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to pave your own road in order to get where you

want to go, unless where you're going is somewhere no one has gone before. Make it easy on yourself. Use established roads.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Money that's yours free and clear makes life easier for you. Money that has expectations and strings attached to it makes life harder. You'll make financial choices accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some say that first impressions aren't important; others say they are all important. You'll go out of your way to project the right message with your image, but you'll be forgiving of others who don't.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). Your optimism is warranted. You'll finish what you started last year, inking a contract in September. Love warms your heart when the weather turns cold. What happens at your request in November improves your life and the lives of others, so speak up. January sees you entertaining and wheeling and dealing. Aries and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 1, 24, 38 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What do you have to say to a hygienist who is secretly in love with her dentist-boss? I'm afraid that the other hygienists know, because I caught them whispering, and when I approached, they shut up quick. I've been trying not to flirt as much ever since. But if they know, then he probably

does, too. I can't tell if he's interested in me, or if he just has a fantastic personality and makes everyone feel as though they are the most important person in the world. He's a Capricorn; I'm a Libra."

Dreamy Libra, it's time to face the fact that you are not so "secretly" in love after all. The co-workers talking in hushed tones have issued you your warning ticket. Now you're on probation. This is your chance to act as professionally as possible to save your status in the workplace. Capricorn bosses tend toward conservative views, and yours is likely to take a hard line against dating in the workplace. When you're at work, you should really be thinking exclusively of the job you're doing, especially when your work involves sharp tools inside another person's mouth.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Comedian extraordinaire Kristen Wiig is currently filming a remake of the classic movie "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." The original film from 1947 starred Danny Kaye in the role that now goes to Ben Stiller, who is also the director of the new version. Wiig was born with her natal sun and Mercury in entertaining Leo and a moon in witty Gemini.

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Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, September 7, 2012 in the office of the County Auditor, Jackie Olson, 300 S. Main, Room 203 and will be opened at that time.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on September 10, 2012 for their consideration.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. #7480 August 22 & 31, 2012

Legals

Public Notice

The Howard County Auditor will receive two sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. Friday September 7, 2012, for prescription medicine and services. These will be two separate bids.

1) County Indigent Health Care Program, County Welfare, and Howard County Welfare, and Howard County Juvenile Probation Office.

2) Howard County Detention Center
Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, located at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room 310, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for their consideration on Monday September 10, 2012.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Years ago, my brother, "Harry," cheated on his wife. She forgave him, and they got back together. They seem very happy.

A few years after his affair, the other woman had him served with paternity papers. Harry pays child support, but he has never met the child and says he doesn't plan to.

He doesn't feel he can give that child the kind of relationship he has with his other children. He also doesn't want his kids to find out that he cheated on their mother. Harry has asked that I keep this news private, but I feel he needs to play some part in this child's life.

I've tried talking to him, but he says it's not my business. I also feel his children have the right to know, and that as the aunt to all of these children, I should tell them they have a sibling. Harry told me this is not my place, and if I continue to press the matter, he will not allow me to be alone

with his children for fear that I will not respect his wishes. What should I do? — *Stuck in a Family Dilemma*

Dear Stuck: Please respect Harry's choices, even though you disagree. Depending on the ages of these children, telling them could be complicated and confusing.

Yes, we agree that they should know they have a sibling, but how and when to tell them is not your decision. Inform Harry that you will keep quiet, but that eventually, his kids will find out, and it would be best if it came directly from him, with Mom by his side, and not from, say, the Other Woman or her child.

Urge him to consult a counselor who can help him find the best way to do this.

Dear Annie: We have a daughter-in-law whom we love very much. Our problem is, when we are out in public, she wears

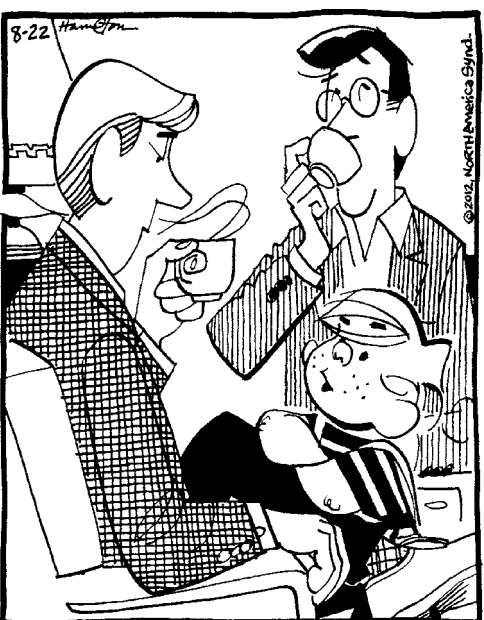
blouses that are so low I am afraid her breasts will fall out. It is tremendously embarrassing for my husband and me. Should I ask her not to wear those blouses when we are out with her? Or do I just look the other way? — *Nancy in Nantucket*

Dear Nancy: Criticizing your daughter-in-law's clothing is never a good idea. If you can tolerate her décolletage, please do so. Otherwise, ask your son how he feels about this, and let him handle it. You also could buy her a lovely, demure new top for her birthday and hope that she will wear it the next time she sees you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2012 CREATORS.COM

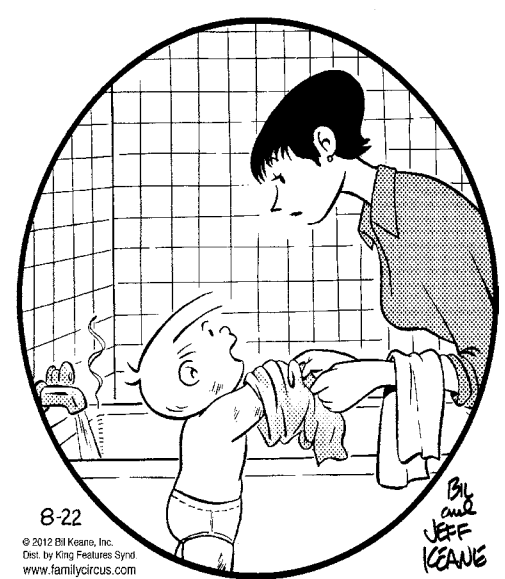
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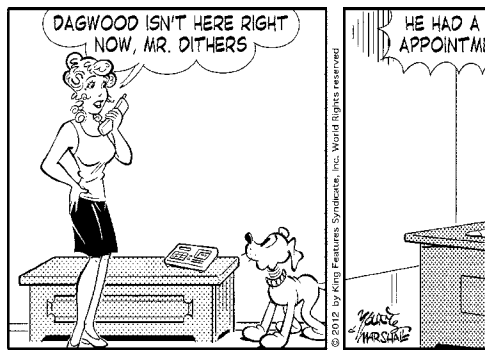


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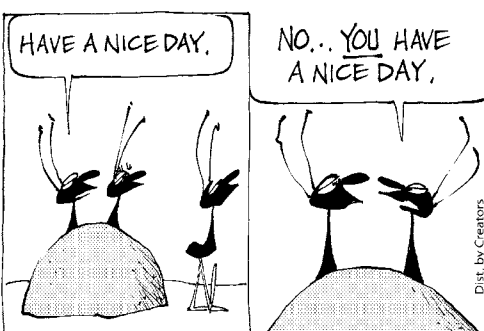


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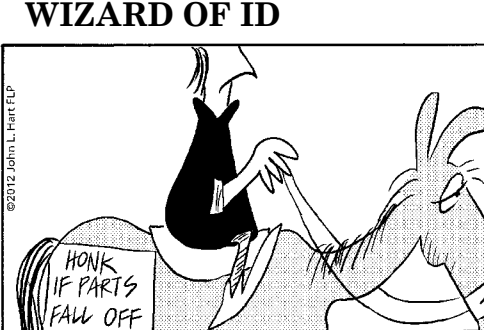
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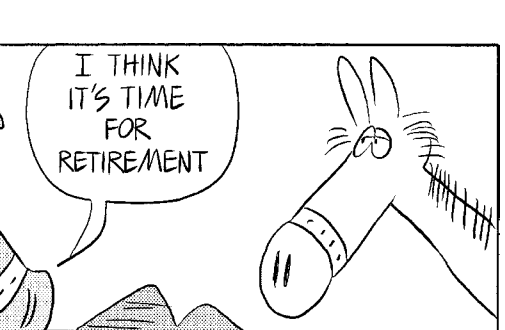
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2012. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln publicly responded to Horace Greeley's "Prayer of Twenty Millions," which had urged Lincoln to take more drastic steps in abolishing slavery; Lincoln replied that his priority was saving the Union, but also repeated his "personal wish that all men everywhere could be free."

On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1862, French composer Claude Debussy (deh-byoo-SEE) was born in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle survived an attempt on his life in suburban Paris.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach. A hostage drama began at a Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn, N.Y., as John Wojtowicz (WOHJ'-toh-witz) and Salvatore Naturile seized seven employees during a botched robbery; the episode, which ended with Wojtowicz's arrest and Naturile's killing by the FBI, inspired the movie "Dog Day Afternoon."

In 1989, Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley is 92. Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is 78. Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 77.

Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 19 Comedian
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- DOWN**
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 - 49 GPS reading
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CLEMENS

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obstructing Congress. He was acquitted of all charges on June 19 after a 10-week trial and has largely stayed out of the public spotlight until now. Clemens' longtime friend and teammate, Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte, who testified in the trial, is happy for his

fellow Texan. "It kinda surprised me, but I guess it doesn't with him, he's just the ultimate competitor," Pettitte said. "I know he loves to compete and I wish him nothing but the best." Clemens is due to appear on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time late this year, unless he plays in a major league game, which would push back the timetable five years.

RANGERS

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run on base, but Pedro Strop struck out Josh Hamilton on a slider to end the threat. David Murphy, 10 for 19 with a homer and three doubles and six RBI in his previous five games, went 1 for 4 on Tuesday, including a groundout with a runner on base to end the Rangers' half of the eighth.

"Pedy got a couple of big outs for us," Showalter said. The bullpen "has been a constant for us. We've been able to share the load and pass it around. "We've got a lot of people we have confidence in."

Feldman struck out four and walked one while ending a string of good performances by Rangers pitching, which entered Tuesday having allowed two runs or less in three consecutive games and just four total in the three-game winning streak. The starting rotation had posted a 2.96 ERA in the previous seven games. "I thought he made a real good pitch to Har-

dy and he went down and poked it to right field," Washington said. "That's a part of baseball, I think Scott has been throwing the ball really well. That's just the way it went tonight." The AL West-division leading Rangers lost a game to Los Angeles in the standings and lead the Angels by eight games. Oakland, which started the evening six back, were playing late at home against Minnesota. The Orioles broke loose for four runs in the fifth. Machado's triple scored Omar Quintanilla and McLouth sent a Feldman pitch into the left-field seats for a two-run home run that made the score 5-1.

The Rangers' Ian Kinsler hit his 14th home run of the season to tie the game in the third on a 1-0 pitch.

Orioles took a first-inning lead by scoring an unearned run with two outs.

McLouth walked, stole second and advanced to third on an error when Geovany Soto's throw sailed into center field. He scored on Feldman's wild pitch.

Harrell falters, Astros get blanked by Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A large contingent of family and friends waited outside the visitor's clubhouse for Lucas Harrell. After getting knocked around, the Houston Astros rookie pitcher wasn't all that anxious to see everyone.

Harrell allowed hits to six of the first seven batters in a four-run first inning that was plenty of cushion for Adam Wainwright, who threw a five-hitter and matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in the St. Louis Cardinals' 7-0 victory on Tuesday night.

"I feel like I let a lot of people down," Harrell said after giving up six runs in five innings. "That's definitely not my best and I can't wait to come back here and have a better outing.

"Frustrating, disappointing — all those things come into play," he said.

Harrell (10-9) is from Springfield, Mo., and spent two days before his start visiting family and friends at home.

His mother drove him to St. Louis on Tuesday afternoon, arriving about 4 1-2 hours before the first pitch.

"He looked like he was a little fired up," interim manager Tony

DeFrancesco said. "I know he had a big group out there and you always want to impress the people you love.

"Unfortunately, he was a little too anxious early," DeFrancesco added.

Skip Schumaker and Yadier Molina had two RBIs apiece for the Cardinals, who capitalized on a pair of walks to open a two-run third. Molina had three hits and Jon Jay had three hits and an RBI.

Harrell said second baseman Jose Altuve was shaded toward the bag on the Schumaker at-bat, and couldn't quite stop a grounder into right that Harrell had thought might have been a double-play ball.

"They got a lot of weak contact," Harrell said. "I felt like they hit two balls hard all game. It was just kind of a tough one."

Wainwright threw his second shutout and third complete game of the season. Two of the complete games have come during a string of six consecutive victories at home with a 1.42 ERA. He pitched a five-hitter on Aug. 4, a 6-1 victory over the Brewers.

Wainwright is 12-1 with a 1.58 ERA for his career against Houston. The Astros got two-out hits

in the ninth from Justin Maxwell and Jason Castro in a bid to spoil the shutout before Wainwright fanned Ben Francisco on his 105th pitch.

The Astros have been outscored 15-1 in two games under DeFrancesco, who held a team meeting prior to the game in an effort to lift the stripped-down franchise out of the doldrums. Houston is just 7-41 since June 28.

"It's kind of like you get beat down and the big guy keeps hitting you," DeFrancesco said before the game. "To bounce back in this game is difficult when you have young players that have limited time in the major leagues.

"The media, the lights, the crowd — that stuff as a coach in the minor leagues you really can't teach that until you get into this place and feel it for the first time," he added.

Harrell (10-9) had allowed two or fewer runs in each of his last seven starts, but balked home the first run and got a visit from pitching coach Doug Brocail after facing just five hitters. The right-hander retired just five of the first 15 batters before settling down.

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LA pro tennis umpire charged with husband's murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As an umpire for decades on some of tennis's biggest stages, Lois Goodman mixed it up with John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova, Roger Federer and the Williams Sisters.

Already in New York City for next week's U.S. Open where she was to serve as a line judge, the 70-year-old Goodman was met Tuesday with a felony arrest warrant

from her hometown of Los Angeles, where police and prosecutors say she beat her 80-year-old husband to death with a coffee mug in April.

Goodman has been a line judge at the U.S. Open for many years and was scheduled to work at this year's tournament, which begins Monday, and was about to begin working the tournament's qualifying matches on Tues-

day, said tournament spokesman Tim Curry, who had no further comment.

In 1994 when Goodman had already been officiating for 15 years, she was profiled by the Los Angeles Times and described as an avid tennis fan who got the chance to be a referee.

"It's exciting," Goodman said at the time. "This is my favorite spot and I'm out there

rubbing shoulders with the best players. There's no real way to describe it."

Goodman said the job was worth the paltry pay, the dirty looks from McEnroe and the verbal assaults from players like Andre Agassi.

"You just can't let anything bother you," Goodman said. "And you can't take anything personally." The profile said Goodman

and her husband, Alan Goodman, had owned a Southern California auto parts business since the early 1960s and had three daughters.

Alan Goodman would die on April 12 of this year at the couple's condominium in the Woodland Hills neighborhood.

Lois Goodman told police it appeared to have been an accident and she had been out all day ref-

ereeing a tennis match, said Lt. David Storaker of the Los Angeles Police Department.

When Goodman found her husband unresponsive in bed, "she said she surmised he had fallen down the steps, had a heart attack and managed to get back upstairs to the bed," Storaker said.

"It was a suspicious death from the beginning," he added.

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after heaving a deep pass. In hindsight, it was a busted play, and Vick probably should have dumped the ball off short instead of throwing deep and exposing himself to a big hit.

Vick vowed throughout the sum-

mer to avoid the reckless play that often has landed him in the trainer's room. But he dove headfirst on a running play before getting knocked out of the game.

The thumb injury in the opener was on a freak play.

He banged his thumb on center Jason Kelce's helmet on his follow-through while making a pass.

"I'm not that concerned other than

the fact that he is hurt," Reid said. "I want to make sure that he heals up and gets back out there. And hopefully he doesn't get hurt again."

Rookie Nick Foles, a third-round pick out of Arizona, replaced Vick and had another impressive performance. Foles was 18 for 28 for 217 yards and two touchdown passes.

Foles entered camp competing with Mike Kafka for the backup job.

So far, Foles is 24 of 38 for 361 yards, with four TDs and one interception for a passer rating of 118.4.

"Michael Vick's the leader of this

team. He's a tremendous quarterback and a tremendous leader," Foles said. "They were very confident when I stepped in because those guys have been together and they know I'm going to go out there and play as hard as I can for them.

"There is a sense of confidence in there, within the unit. And I was just going to go out there and execute. The line did a great job protecting, and our receivers did a great job getting open, so my job was really just to stay in rhythm and get the ball to our players."



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economy, a beautiful facility here at Reliant Stadium, and also an avid college sports base; and of course the proven track record of hosting successful events such as the Super Bowl, NCAA Final Four and, of course, the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas."

The bid is for 12 years, Houston said, and the goal is for the city to land one of the semifinal games in four of those years. The deadline for cities to submit bids is Wednesday, she said.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl has drawn high attendance the past three

years. Last season, a crowd of 68,395 watched Texas A&M defeat Northwestern.

"I feel like our market weighs heavily in their minds," Houston said. "Both of those conferences have said over and over again that they want to be in Houston, and they've seen that we have a proven track record of hosting a really successful bowl game now and big-time sporting events here. We feel like, again, our bid will stack up against New Orleans' and Arlington's and the rest of the cities that will be bidding on this as well."

Houston said league officials set no timeline on deciding which cities would host the playoff games.



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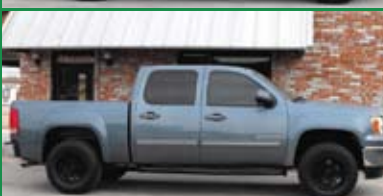
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