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Forsan ISD Elementary School...

Johnson

Safe rooms are back in

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Safe rooms will be included in each of the classrooms of the new Forsan elementary campus as trustees for the For-

san Independent School District were able to find funds to add the rooms back into the project design. "The safe rooms

will be cinderblock rooms with a concrete lid on

each one," said FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson. "They are designed to help us whether we have active shooter drills or a tornado. We will have safe spots throughout the building to help protect the kids and staff."

Construction of the multimillion dollar building is already underway near the secondary campus in Forsan. The building is part of a bond project passed last year which also includes extensive upgrades to the junior/senior high campus. Unexpected rising construction costs have caused several items to be stripped from the original plans. The safe rooms were one of those items.

"At this meeting we were able to come up with enough savings to put the original safe rooms back in," Johnson said. "We are pretty excited about that." Concrete for the new ele-

mentary building is expected to be laid sometime in August, Johnson said. Representatives of the project architect visited with the FISD board Monday night during their monthly meeting to give an update on the project. In other business, trustees:

 Nominated Jimmy Miller, a businessman who lives in southern Howard County, to the Howard County Appraisal Board. If chosen by the board, Miller would replace Dale Humphries, who resigned from the board recently.

 Approved a contract with Howard County for tax collec-

· Approved a one-year suspension of a local policy regarding the grade retention of elementary students who do not pass the STAAR math exam for one year. This is a recommendation by the Texas Education Agency while the state implements new math requirements during the next school year. Before this action, students who failed to meet state test standards in math would face the possibility of being retained in the same grade.

· Approved financial reports.

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Texas blues legend Johnny Winter dies in Zurich at age 70

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Commission declares relief route a priority

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Texas Transportation Commission released a statement Wednesday identifying

the U.S. 87 Big bypass Spring one of the priority projects in West Texas.

The statement identifies the U.S. 87 Big Spring Bypass in Howard County and the Lamesa

ern Cross Connector from SH 349 to U.S. 87 in Dawson County as "projects, which are located on the Ports to Plains Corridor, will address downtown congestion and improve mobility."

"Identifying these projects as priorities demonstrates the understanding that rural Texas has been, and continues to be, a vital piece of our state's transportation puzzle," said Commissioner Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation

sion. "These projects will allow citizens to have greater connectivity and safer roadways. I'm pleased to see them both moving forward."

Although the statement does say funding has been prioritized — for Big Spring it means the construction of the northern portion of the Highway 87 bypass — it does not mention how much or when that funding will be used.

"It will be sooner rather than later," said Michael Reeves, president of the Ports to Plains Alliance, who was in Big Spring Wednesday to attend the alliance director's meeting, "There is no other action by the commission that will have to happen. It's definitely coming. I don't know the exact timeline but it is not 10 to 15 years but within the next year or two when the funding will be announced is my understand-

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Rain and water main breaks continue to delay construction on W. Fourth Street. According to a worker at the site, the water mains are not buried deep enough and are being damaged by the equipment being used to prepare the area for the new asphalt. At right, Damon **Grubb of Price Construction** is part of the crew that has been working at the site. A completion date for the project is undetermined.



HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin

Playa Field Day set July 25 in Stanton



STANTON — Playa lakes of the southern Llano Esta- Playa Field Day at the City are a common sight across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

Though less numerous, playas are a prominent feature

cado region, as well. To provide educators, landowners, resource managers, and the interested public with more information, there will be a

Library in Stanton, Texas, on Friday, July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The morning program will include a site tour of the playa known as

Lake Pauline. The workshop is sponsored by Ogallala Commons, and its partners: **USDA-Natural** Resource See **PLAYA**, Page 3



There is no better day than today to ask for her hand in marriage.



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Barbara 'Barb' Hall



Barbara "Barb" Hall, 62, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in Midland. Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014, at Life Church with Pastor Kevin Knudson officiating.

Barbara was born June 3, 1952, in Midland, Texas to Ethel and Floyd Pringle. She came to Big Spring from Midland in 1964. She married Mike Hall on Nov. 27,

1970 in Big Spring. She was a certified interior decorator and a certified mortgage broker. She owned and operated 3's Company Rental. She loved decorating and remodeling, traveling and seeing the world. She was a loving wife and mother and was a member of Life Church.

Obituaries

She is survived by her husband Mike Hall of Big Spring; one son, Zac Hall and fiancé Kelley Wolfe; two sisters, Catherine Wendland and husband Wendt of Big Spring and Wanda Shoemake and husband David of Bedford; and one brother, Chuck Pringle and wife Carmen of Ennis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to Hand of Hope Ministries at www.joycemeyer.org/HandofHope

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

Paid obituary

Dorothy 'Dotsy' Murray, 73, of



Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at her residence. Memorial services and interment in family plot will be at a later date in Fort Stockton.

She was born Jan. 15, 1941, in Pecos, Texas to Lenore and Tom McKenzie. She married Jim Murray on Sept. 24, 1983. They came to Big Spring from Big Lake in 2002.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She was a homemaker, an artist and loved animals. She was a friend of Bill W. for over 31 years.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Murray of Big Spring; one daughter, Beth Brady of Wimberley, Texas; one son, Don Brady of Paso Robles, Calif.; five grandchildren; and one sister, Linda Latard of Atlanta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-

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

Police blotter

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

- GARY DON GOODMAN, 19, of 1604 Benton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- KACI CHEYENE MARQUEZ, 18, address unknown, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft less than \$50 shoplifting.
- JEFFREY PAUL CARTER, 51, of 1202 Jeffery Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation or shel-
- ASHLEY LYNN WARD, 32, of 19 Chapman Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1700 block of Ben-

Police are investigating a robbery/aggravated assault in which a local woman suffered stab wounds to the neck

No details were available at press time.

Wednesday evening.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-TION was reported at the 1400 block of Oriole and the 1000 block of Sycamore.
- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson.
- · MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 3400 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 4700 block of
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 400 block of

Hillside.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

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

- KACI CHEYENNE MARQUEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$50.
- TOMI JO MCPHERSON was booked by BSPD on a capias warrant for speeding 56 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone.
- JEFFREY PAUL CARTER was booked by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation/ shelter/suprfund/infrastructure.
- ASHLEY WARD was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN ORTIZ JR. was booked by HCSO on a bench warrant.

Support Groups

FRIDAY • 7 p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie

office, next to

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

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall
- on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50

p.m. and meeting starts

at 3 p.m. We have a dif- port Group meeting at • Alcoholics Anonyferent program each the Big Spring Senior mous, 615 Settles, noon mation, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Cen-Celebrate Recovery

is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further contact information, Dale at 432-270-8462.

- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Noon Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Sup-

second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses caregivers. more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell

at the Lubbock APDA

office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@ msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- · RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

ON SUNDAY JULY 20, 2014

at 10:30 am

TEEN CHALLENGE

from Midland will be at

Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship

located at 309 South Benton St. to

worship with us in music and share

their wonderful testimonies of how

God has helped them through the

various issues in their life and how

God has put them on the road to full

recovery as only God can do.

This service is sure to encourage and

inspire everyone of all ages so please

come be with us and bring someone

with you.

Jana Carter-Hector

Jana Carter-Hector, 57, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Today's Weather Local 5-Day Forecast

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Texas At A Glance

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Dallas	84	71	t-storm	San Francisco	63	56	pt sunny
Denver	76	54	t-storm	Seattle	81	57	mst sunny
Houston	91	77	t-storm	St. Louis	80	64	mst sunny
Los Angeles	75	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	84	66	mst sunny
Miami	89	78	t-storm				

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Take Note

- · Have you found out you have diabetes? Do you want more information on type 2 diabetes? The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services Howard County Office will be providing classes on type 2 diabetes. There will be five classes on Thursday evenings. The first class begins today at 6:30 p.m. To register for this class, contact Melissa Deeter at 432-264-2236 or via email at melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu
- American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home. Delivery will be held from 11 to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Carry out is available.
- A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.
- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, July 24 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Live music, Mike Porter and Friends. Bring snacks to share.
- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.
- · Help Kids Succeed is asking the public to help local struggling families with back to school expenses. The average family spends between \$200 and \$600 per child. Jury Padron and her husband Peter Padron hope to "pay it forward" by helping these families with donations of clothes, shoes or school supplies. To make a

donation, go to www.gofundme.com/ ams9v8 or in person by cash, check or money order. To make a supply donation or for more information call Jury at 638-0861 or Peter at 270-5228.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program and the Big Spring YMCA present "Find Your Strength" on July 24 at 5:30 p.m. The final presentation of the three-month focus on fitness will take place at the YMCA and be presented by Occupational Therapist Becky Carter. Admission is free. Door prizes will be given away. To find out more about this upcoming event or to reserve your spot, call 432-268-4699 or 432-268-4721.
- Friends of the Library is asking the public to begin gathering books for donation to the annual book sale. Books should be in good condition. Please, no magazines or condensed books. Friends will let the public know when to begin bringing books to the Howard County Library.
- Forsan School All Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until late. Lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. The meeting will be held at the Forsan High School cafeteria. Dress is casual. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. For more information and to submit a suggestion for the event, call Ida Lou Raney at 432-264-9580, 432-270-7086, 432-267-2414 or e-mail ida. raney@suddenlink.net.
- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.



Blues legend Johnny Winter dies

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA — Texas blues icon Johnny Winter, who rose to fame in the late 1960s and '70s for his energetic performances and musical collaborations including with childhood hero Muddy Waters, has died. He was 70.

His representative, Carla Parisi, confirmed Thursday that Winter died in a hotel room in Zurich a day earlier. The statement said his wife, family and bandmates were all saddened by the loss of one of the world's finest He had been on an extensive tour

this year that brought him to Europe. His last performance came Saturday at the Lovely Days Festival in Wiesen, Austria.

Winter was one of the most popular live acts of the early 1970s, when his signature fast blues guitar solos attracted a wide following.

His career received a big boost early

on when Rolling Stone magazine singled him out as one of the best blues guitarists on the Texas scene. This helped secure a substantial recording contract from Columbia Records and gave him a wide following among college students and young blues fans.

The magazine later named him one of the 100 greatest guitarists of all

Winter, who was instantly recognizable for his long white hair, worked with some of the greatest bluesmen, producing several albums for Waters and recording with John Lee Hooker. He paid homage to Waters on "Tribute to Muddy," a song from his 1969 release "The Progressive Blues Experiment."

Among the blues classics that Winter played from that era were "Rollin' and Tumblin'," "Bad Luck and Trouble" and "Good Morning, Little Schoolgirl." He also teamed up with his brother Edgar for their 1976 live album "Together."

RELIEF

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"It's great news for us," Reeves continued. "It's really recognition by the Commission that Ports to Plains is an important project and finishing out that stretch in the Big Spring relief route is a top The Ports to Plains Alliance

is a non-profit group consisting of community representatives and business people to promote trade, investment and infrastructure development along the Ports to Pains trade corridor meant to foster and connect trade between Mexico, the United States and

According to Reeves, the corridor is a significant factor in continuing to foster the growing trade between the three countries.

"Texas is a big exporting state and Mexico is our number one export partner," Reeves said. "We export a tremendous amount down to Mexico. The more we can improve these highways and improve these connections, we save transposition costs to our local companies and that's more money that stays in our local economies. "Not only do we see a lot

of oilfield traffic in the West Texas area, Canada has the worlds second largest oil supply. Most of those are in Alberta which is the northern end of the Ports to Plains corridor," he continued. "There are a lot of oilfield equipment companies, pipe companies,

based right here in Texas doing business in Alberta and they will run up this corridor. In fact, a lot of oil equipment used in Alberta — if they are importing it in from overseas would have to come up the corridor." Reeves said the growing oil

oilfield services that are

boom in North Dakota as well as undeveloped oilfields not yet tapped in Mexico will also be helped by having reliable transportation coordinators. "We are also going to see

more opportunities in Mexico as they reforming their energy industry," he said. "The Eagle-Ford Shale doesn't stop at the border, and Mexico has really not developed it. They are getting ready to develop

Reeves said once the 87 by-

pass is complete around Big Spring, it will be a bonus, not only the the Ports-to-Plains corridor but to Howard County as well. "Some people are nervous

about a relief route coming in because they think you are going to divert all the traffic coming through town," he said. "This allows especially the heavy traffic and through traffic flowing around without having to stop at 14 lights here in Big Spring. Your city streets are a lot safer because you are not having to deal with heavy trucks. They are not pulling into convience stores to get gas. They not going to pull into restaurants to eat because they can't park their trucks there.

"For us, this makes the whole corridor flow a lot

smoother," he continued. "Truck drivers get paid by the mile, so they want to be making as good time as possible. That's the argument for Ports to Plains. It makes us more competitive in recruiting businesses that what to be on a route that flows easier."

In April, a ground breaking ceremony was held for the southern portion of the route, an 8.5 mile four-lane, divided highway which will run from RM 33 to I-20, looping around Big Spring on the West side. Work on the interchange on Interstate 20, which will now connect the two once both portions are done, is already underway.

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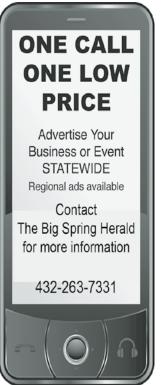
PLAYA

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Conservation Service, and the Dixon Water Foundation. The Field Day begins

at 8:30am in the Martin County Library, 200 St Mary St, with an overview of playas and their benefits by Amanda Bragg from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). At 9:40 a.m., the group

will move outdoors to tour Lake Pauline and view examples of playa



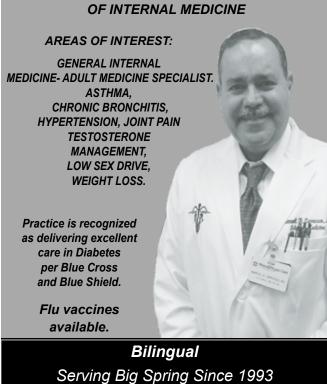
flora and fauna. The group will return to Library at 11:30 a.m. for a sandwich lunch. The Field Day will conclude with two brief presentations on federal programs available for playa conservation and an

overview of efforts and plans to restore Lake Pauline.

Cost of the workshop is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. To reserve your place at this workshop, or for more information, contact



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

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Daily Prayer

might praise You, oh Lord.

Scare mongering: The left's hobby

eally, we should be afraid of this court," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 30 Hobby Lobby ruling.

Afraid of Hobby Lobby? Non-

sense. Democratic politicians are lying about the Court's ruling, scaremongering and trying to whip up a war over reproductive rights before the fall election. Here are the lies they're telling and the truth you need to know.

legal.'



McCaughey

Referring to the justices' 5-4 ruling, Pelosi expressed outrage that "five guys" will "start determining what contraceptions are

In truth, the Court did nothing like that. Every birth control method that was legal before the ruling is still legal. Sen. Patty Murray announced,

"After five justices decided last week that an employer's personal views can interfere with a woman's access to essential health services, we in Congress need to act quickly to right this wrong."

Another whopper. Nothing in Hobby Lobby gives employers control over a woman's birth control choices. The Green family, owners of Hobby Lobby and a related chain of Christian bookstores, objected to paying for four types of birth control that their religious teachings consider abortifacients. Their health plan covers 16 of the 20 types mandated by the Obama administration's insurance regulations. The Court ruled that Hobby Lobby is protected by the Religious Freedom

and Restoration Act of 1993 and doesn't have to pay for the other four products. But women can still choose to use them.

The hyperbole prize goes to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who called the ruling "deeply disturbing" and then launched into a discussion about oppression of women around the world. Not to worry, Hobby Lobby will not lead to Shariah. Sen. Majority Leader Harry

Reid called Hobby Lobby "outrageous" and pledged quick action on a bill proposed by Murray and Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., that would require for-profit business owners to pay for all forms of birth control, even if it violates their religious conscience. The bill is misleadingly called the Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act. The bill has no chance in the House and may not even pass the Democrat-controlled Senate.

Reid didn't hide the blatantly political motive behind it.

"People are going to have to walk down here and vote, and if they vote with the five men on the Supreme Court, I think they are going to be treated unfavorably come November with the elections."

Reid is suggesting the female electorate will swap religious liberty for free pills in November. Really? Morning-after pills cost \$35-\$50. Religious liberty is worth more than that.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren said she was "stunned that we live in a world where the Supreme Court of the United States of America would even consider putting the interests of big corporations before the fundamental rights of American women." Wrong, Warren. She's a former

law professor. But she got this one backward. Religious liberty is a

fundamental right, which is guaranteed by the Constitution. (Free pills are not.) Thomas Jefferson explained, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man (or woman) than that which protects the right to conscience."

American law exempts the Amish from the compulsory 12 years of education, spares Christian Scientists from mandatory vaccinations, and protects Muslims from being forced to shave their beards. That is also what the Religious Freedom and Restoration Act of 1993 is intended to do: protect religious individuals from the force of the state.

How about Warren's claim that Hobby Lobby benefits big corpora tions? Also untrue. It applies only to closely held companies where owners might share a religious conviction.

The "big corporations" rhetoric is a diversion. In 2008, Sens. Murray and Clinton offered legislation to reduce conscience protections for doctors, pharmacists and other health care workers who refuse to prescribe morning-after pills and other birth control products because of their religious beliefs. Sen. Tom Coburn, an OB-GYN, warned that doctors would resist. The legislation stalled, but on Jan. 2, 2014, the Obama administration accomplished the same thing by regulation.

The Democratic Party appears to be rejecting our American heritage of tolerance and insisting instead that everyone show lockstep obedience to a radical feminist agenda.

Do they really believe free pills trump liberty? Or are they cynically hoping some women voters will fall for that hogwash in November?

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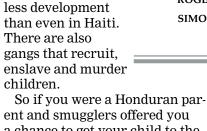
More gray hairs on Obama

o matter how much you love your children, if you were a parent in Honduras, you might be tempted to ship them to the United States.

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Honduras has the highest murder rate in the world. In 2012, Honduras

had 90.4 homicides per 100,000 people. The United States had 4.8. Canada had 1.6. Mexico had

Honduras is also very poor. Unemployment is high, and there is less development There are also



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a chance to get your child to the United States, you might take it, assuming you could gather the money to pay. In recent weeks, we have seen numerous stories about the ex-

plosive increase in the number of children who are making the long and dangerous crossing of Mexico to the U.S. border from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Our Border Patrol arrested

fewer than 4,000 unaccompanied minors from those three countries in 2011, but more than 52,000 have been arrested since October of last If these children were from

Mexico, they would be turned

around at the border and sent

back quickly.

But a special law passed in 2008 guarantees children from countries that do not border the United States a hearing before an immigration judge and legal advice, including lawyers. Any good immigration lawyer can slow down the legal process and keep the children in the United States for year after year.

A few weeks ago, President Barack Obama had a simple message to Central American countries. "Do not send your children to

the borders," Obama said. "If they do make it, they'll get sent back. Amen More importantly, they may not

As if he just awoke from a deep

slumber, Obama now wants an immediate \$3.7 billion from Congress to fight a problem he has ignored for years. He wants to give \$1.8 billion

to the Health and Human Services Department to better care for the immigrant children in the United States. This is a good thing. Seeing pictures of little kids in detention centers wrapped in those silver blankets as if they were ballpark hot dogs was heart-

And those kids shouldn't be in detention centers at all. They should be with family members in the United States (about 15 percent of the domestic population of Honduras already lives in the United States) or in foster homes, which is what the 2008 law envisioned.

Next, Obama wants to give \$1.5 billion to the Department of Homeland Security to beef up border security with more overtime for agents, more aerial surveillance and more drones. That would be a waste.

These children from Central America are not fleeing from our Border Patrol agents; they are fleeing to them.

These children want to surrender, enter the legal process and find a home here. Obama also wants \$300 million to go to the State Department

to help "stabilize" the Central American countries that the kids are fleeing — a nice thought, but how much of that \$300 million would end up in the pockets of politicians and other criminals? And lastly, Obama wants \$64 million for the Justice Department to hire more immigration judges so he can send the children back to Central America more quickly and to hire more asylum lawyers to fight to keep the children here.

See a contradiction there? "I have a problem with this administration," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "On the one hand, they say we want to send kids back as soon as possible. Then they turn around and say, well, but these kids are escaping violence and drugs and sexual abuse and gangs. How do you reconcile those two?"

The Obama administration does

My go-to guy on immigration is Bruce Morrison, a former Democratic congressman from Connecticut who was chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, a member of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform and House author of the Immigration Act of 1990. He is now an immigration attorney and lobbies on a wide variety of immigration

"This is not a border security issue," he said. "The border isn't insecure. We don't need more people to catch these people. We have no trouble catching these

'And if we have \$3.7 billion to spend, I am not sure it's best spent on more lawyers in the United States. This is a job program for bureaucrats."

Morrison thinks Obama gets very little credit for what he does do right on immigration: hundreds of thousands of "border removals" each year, in which people who get stopped at the border without documents are promptly sent back to their home countries.

Morrison also thinks that too much is being made over the 50,000 or so undocumented children who have shown up on our doorstep, considering we have 11 million undocumented people in the country already.

"Let's not panic and send people back to their deaths," Morrison said. "These are children."

Morrison wants the children who are already here to be handled under existing law. But he wants Obama to draw a line in the sand, suspend the 2008 law for children from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, and make it more attractive for people in those countries to go to U.S. embassies and apply for refugee status in America.

Obama said he wanted to make comprehensive immigration reform his top priority for his second term. But this new immigration problem is not the one he wanted to tangle with.

"This is just something that is going to give him 10,000 more gray hairs," Morrison said.

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Lift our hearts in times of sadness, that we

What happens to online accounts when you die?

TON (AP) -You've probably decided who gets the house or that family heirloom up in theatticwhen you die. But what account and all those photos stored online?

Grieving relatives might sentimental reasons, or to settle financial issues. But do you your mom reading your exchang-

es on an online dating profile or a spouse going through every email? The Uniform Law

Commission, whose members are appointed by state governments to help standardize state laws, on Wednesday endorsed a plan that would give loved ones access to — but not control of — the deceased's digital accounts, unless specified otherwise in a will. To become law in a

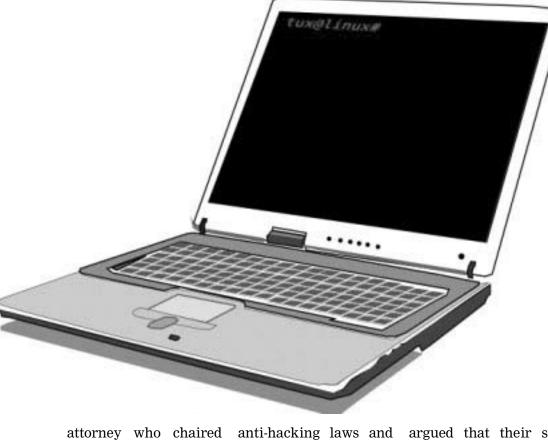
state, the legislation would have to be adopted by the legislature. If it did, a person's online life could become as much a part of estate planning as deciding what to do with physical "This is something

most people don't think of until they are faced with it. They have no idea what is about to be lost," said Karen Williams of Beaverton, Oregon, who sued Facebook for access to her 22-yearold son Loren's account after he died in a 2005 motorcycle accident.

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are skeptical of the proposal. Ginger McCall, associate director the Electronic Privacy Information in Washington, said a judge's approval should be needed for access, to protect the privacy of both the owners of ac-

anti-hacking laws and most companies' "terms of service" agreements prohibit anyone from accessing an account that isn't theirs. That means loved ones technically are prohibited from logging onto a dead person's account.

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old posts. Google, which runs Gmail, YouTube and Picasa Web Albums, offers its own version: If people don't log on after a while, their accounts can be deleted or shared with a designated person. Yahoo users agree when signing up that their accounts expire when they do.

But the courts aren't convinced that a company supplying technology should get to decide what happens to a person's digital assets. In 2005, a Michigan probate judge ordered Yahoo to hand over the emails of a Marine killed in Iraq after his parents argued that their son would have wanted to share them. Likewise, a court eventually granted Williams, the Oregon mother, access to her son's Facebook account, although she says the communications peared to be redacted.

Enter the Uniform Law Commission. According to the proposal, the personal representative of the deceased, such as the executor of a will, would get access to — but not control of — a person's digital files so long as the deceased didn't prohibit it in the will. The law would trump access rules outlined by a company's terms of service agreement, although the representative would still have to abide by other rules including copy-

That means, for example, a widow could read her deceased husband's but couldn't send emails from that account. And a person could access music or video downloads but not copy the files if doing so violated licensing agree-

Williams said she supports letting people decide in their wills whether accounts should be kept from family mem-

"I could understand where some people don't want to share everything," she said in a phone interview this week. "But to us, losing him (our son) unexpectedly, anything he touched became so valuable to us." And "if we were still in the era of keeping a shoebox full of letters, that would have been part of the estate, and we wouldn't have thought anything of it.'

Should your account die when you do?

WASHINGTON (AP) Should your emails, web albums and othonline accounts die when you do? Or should you be able to pass them down to a family member much as you would a house or a box of letters? A leading group of

lawyers says that families should immediately get access to everything online unless otherwise specified in a will. They are urging state lawmakers to enact their proposal so loved ones don't get shut out as American lives move increasingly online.

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Facebook and other tech companies have been reluctant to hand over their customers' private data, and many people say they wouldn't want their families to have unfettered access to their life online. But when confronted with death, families say they need access to settle financial details or simply for sentimental reasons.

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Odds and ends

Twins are born 12 hours apart on different days

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Muldowney twins will share plenty of things in life, but the same birthday isn't one of them.

Tammy Muldowney gave birth to her first child, daughter Kennedy Clare, at around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Women and Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

Muldowney and husband Bryan, from nearby Hamburg, say they expected the second baby to be born soon afterward. It would be nearly 12 hours later before twin brother Kellan Michael was born.

Both babies are doing fine.

Couple bringing crazed cat home after calling 911

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — A cat is heading back home after spending time in quarantine following an attack on its central Florida owners that prompted a

Police says the Russian blue cat named Kush went berserk inside a DeLand home July 5, scratching owners Teresa and James Gregory on their arms and legs. The couple retreated to a bedroom and called 911.

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News in brief

Texas processing center for child migrants to open McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A 55,000-square foot

warehouse converted to process immigrant children who have entered the U.S. illegally will open According to a U.S. Border Patrol invitation to lo-

cal political and law enforcement leaders obtained by The Associated Press, VIPs will be given a walkthrough of the new facility in McAllen on Thurs-More than 57,000 unaccompanied children, most-

ly from Central America, have entered the U.S. illegally since October. The children had overwhelmed Border Patrol facilities, spurring the opening of this center. The agency had flown many children to a processing facility in Nogales, Arizona, but the new center in McAllen will be near the Border Patrol's busiest station.

The invitation says the facility will provide showers, laundry, meals, medical attention and recreation to children who are processed there.

Texas veteran assistance delayed by paperwork

HOUSTON (AP) - Some Houston veterans say they've been sleeping on the streets or in shelters due to a disagreement between federal and local officials over housing assistance vouchers.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the Department of Veterans Affairs and Houston housing officials could not agree on how many vouchers were available for homeless veterans. Housing vouchers are funded through the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development. Veterans must be referred from the VA. An audit of emails and data by the newspaper

shows that 720 months of rent from the Harris County Housing Authority went unused last year. Another 370 months of rent were unused by the Houston Housing Authority.

VA and Houston-area housing authorities say they are working to get the homeless veterans into housing.

Ex-prosecutor asks for pardon in fatal GM crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Texas prosecutor has asked the state to pardon a woman who pleaded guilty in a 2004 car crash that killed her fiance, saying she now believes the accident was caused by a faulty General Motors ignition switch.

Candice Anderson was driving a 2004 Saturn Ion in November 2004 when the car suddenly veered off a road and ran into a tree in Van Zandt County, southeast of Dallas. Her fiance, Gene Mikale Erickson, who was 25, was killed. Anderson, then 21, was severely hurt.

Because there were no skid marks, authorities believed Anderson was at fault and charged her with negligent homicide. Anderson pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years of probation and 260 hours of community service.

GM has said the faulty switches — which have resulted in 17.1 million vehicles being recalled have caused 13 deaths. GM spokesman Jim Cain said Wednesday the automaker is not "confirming the identity of any of the accident victims out of respect for their privacy."

But Anderson's attorney, Robert Hilliard, said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in May confirmed for Erickson's mother that the crash was caused by a bad switch.

In an email to Rhonda Erickson, Kevin Vincent, chief counsel for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, wrote that although his agency "does not have direct information from GM



By Steve Becker A Matter of Judgment

East dealer. East-West vulnerable NORTH SOUTH **♠**ΛJ7 ♣O 10 8 5 The bidding: East

North Pass 1 NT Opening lead — king of spades. When you are declarer, there is

no simple rule that tells you when to win a trick or when to refuse it; rather, it is a matter of exercising good judgment in the particular cir-Consider this deal where West

leads the king of spades against your three-notrump contract. You could take the king with the ace and then start thinking of how best to try to make nine tricks, but, in effect, that would be putting the cart before the

Winning the first trick would place you in a position where if East later gained the lead and returned a spade through your J-7, you could lose the contract.

To prevent this from happening, you should let West hold the first trick. This effectively stops him from leading another spade, and for the moment takes the heat off the suit.

Let's assume West switches to a club at trick two, which is the best he can do. The temptation to finesse at this point might be very strong, but, under the circumstances, it would be wrong to yield to that temptation. The reason is that you could lose

the finesse to East, who would then return a spade through your A-J. If and when you later attempted a heart finesse for your ninth trick, you could go down. Instead, you should put up the ace

of clubs at trick two and lead the jack of hearts from dummy. You are in no danger if the finesse loses to West, since he cannot harm you with any return, and you are then sure to make the contract. Thus, if he takes the heart and

leads a club, your worries are over, because this gives you nine tricks, while with any other return, the contract is equally certain. Judging precisely when and when not to hold up is the key to a successful resolution.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

about individual identities, we understand that GM counts Mr. Erickson's death in its list of thirteen deaths."

In a letter written this week to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, Leslie Poynter Dixon, a former Van Zandt County district attorney, said she would have dismissed the case against Anderson if she had known about the crash's true cause.

Texas man gets 25 years in day care abuse case

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas man convicted of sexually assaulting a child at an in-home day care center must serve 25 years in prison in a sentencing plea deal. Greg Kelley will serve two 25-year prison sentenc-

es concurrently with no chance for parole and has waived his right to appeal. Kelley accepted the plea deal during the penalty phase Wednesday in Georgetown. The 25-year pris-

on term was the minimum possible sentence. A Williamson County jury on Tuesday night convicted the 19-year-old from Leander of two counts of super aggravated sexual assault against a child. A 4-year-old boy told his parents that Kelley molested him.

Kelley, who denied the allegation, was staying with a friend at the house in 2013 when prosecutors say the victim was abused twice.

5 people charged in Texas hiring conspiracy HOUSTON (AP) — Five people have been charged

with conspiracy to encourage others to live and work in the country illegally. United States Attorney Kenneth Magidson an-

nounced Wednesday that four residents of Houston

and one person from Puerto Rico were arrested in connection with the 13-count indictment. The indictment alleges the four U.S. citizens conspired to hire manual laborers with little or no regard to their legal status while they were employed

the indictment. The indictment claims the defendants and their co-conspirators failed to take corrective measures to ensure the hired workers were authorized to work in the U.S. They are also accused of encouraging workers to use false documentation, identities

at a waste disposal company that was not named in

The defendants could each face up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 if convict-

Funeral held for 6 slain family members

and employment documents.

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Six white caskets containing the bodies of a suburban Houston couple and four of their five children were wheeled into a church Wednesday for funeral services not far from where the family was gunned down at their home a week ago.

Stephen Stay, 39, his wife Katie, 34, and their four youngest children were being buried in a private ceremony after services at their Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"It's a difficult reason that's brought us together today," said Bishop Scott McBride, who presided over the 90-minute funeral service. "It wouldn't be right if I tell you I don't ache in my heart and we don't feel pain and feel the loss." The couple's 15-year-old daughter, Cassidy, who

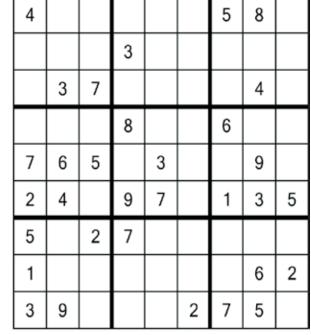
survived a gunshot wound by playing dead, sat in the front row with grandparents and other relatives, just a few feet from the caskets topped with sprays of flowers. Poster-size photos of her smiling parents and siblings looked back at her and more than 1,000 people attending the service.

Katie Stay's father, Roger Lyon, said in an invocation that the service was a celebration of Stephen and Katie's family and he prayed that "some good come out of this seemingly senseless tragedy."

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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



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"We are thankful for all the things they did for

In a description of his loved ones' lives, Randy Cousins, an uncle, said the extended family was grateful for support from "friends, family and people we have never met." "If there's one thing we've learned as a family, it

is that the world is a good place," Cousins said. "If you watch the news all the time, you might not remember that." "Families are forever," Jeff Stay, one of Stephen's

brothers, said, his voice halting. "We know we will meet them again." Cassidy Stay called police and identified her aunt's ex-husband, Ronald Lee Haskell, 33, as the

gunman. Haskell had been divorced from Katie Stay's sister and records show he had a history of domestic violence. The family was shot when they refused to divulge his ex-wife's whereabouts, au-Haskell was arrested a few hours later after a

police standoff and now faces multiple charges of capital murder.

Former Galveston mayor's aide gets probation GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A personal aide to a

now-former Southeast Texas mayor has been sentenced to 10 years of probation for embezzling more than \$360,000 from the city leader. Prosecutors in Galveston say Mary Louise Casta-

no stole from then-Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas. Castano must also repay nearly \$160,000 as part of her guilty plea to felony theft. Thomas was Galveston's mayor from 2004 to May

2010. Investigators say Castano worked for Thomas from late 2004 through early 2012. Castano was indicted in September 2012 and accused of making unauthorized cash withdrawals and credit card purchases from her employer's per-

sonal accounts. Attorneys for Castano, who was sentenced Tuesday, say she has filed for bankruptcy and is unable to repay the full amount stolen from Thomas.

Ex-sheriff to be sentenced for money laundering

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A South Texas former sheriff who pleaded guilty to money laundering faces sentencing in McAllen.

Former Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino could be sentenced Thursday to up to 20 years in prison. He pleaded guilty April 14, about two weeks after resigning as sheriff. His former commander, Jose Padilla, faces up

to 10 years in prison for accepting a bribe. He also faces sentencing in McAllen on Thursday. Trevino admitted to laundering campaign contri-

butions tied to a convicted drug trafficker. His plea came three days before Padilla pleaded

guilty to accepting a bribe. Padilla said he took cash from the suspected drug trafficker in return for performing tasks for him and keeping him informed of law enforcement activities.

Houston police: 3 children unhurt, parents dead

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say three children have been found unharmed after their parents died in an apparent murder-suicide at the family's

Police say the couple's 7-year-old daughter ran to a neighbor's place early Thursday to report hear-

Police located the bodies of a man and woman in an upstairs bedroom. Police say the older girl plus her siblings, ages 6 and 1, were in the home at the time of the gunfire but were taken in by the neighbor who called for help.

Authorities believe the husband shot his wife, then took his own life.

Names of the couple weren't immediately released.

No trauma on 8 decaying bodies at Texas mortuary

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — No signs of trauma or foul play were found on eight decaying bodies discovered at an abandoned funeral home in Fort Worth, Texas, officials said.

Seven of the eight bodies found Tuesday at the Johnson Family Mortuary were in advanced stages of decomposition, the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said Wednesday.

Authorities have said the business, owned by twin brothers Dondre and Derrick Johnson, was already under state investigation and its license was due to expire in two weeks.

Officials know the identities of five of the bodies, but one woman and two fetuses have not yet been identified, the coroner's office said.

Fort Worth police are investigating the case on abuse-of-corpse charges. Police spokesman Sgt. Raymond Bush said Thursday no charges have been filed.

Phone and email messages also left Thursday for the Johnson brothers were not immediately re-

The property owner said he told the brothers to vacate the building because they were in arrears with the rent.

John Leslie, an attorney representing the landlord, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the brothers owed his client rent.

"They have not paid my client," Leslie said. "I'm not going to go into the amount or how much they are in delinquency, but further legal action is likely."

News in brief

Israeli army: 3 mortars fired from Gaza after start of humanitarian cease-fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's military says three mortar shells were fired from Gaza after a humanitarian cease-fire went into effect.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld had earlier said two rockets fell in open areas in southern Israel, causing no damage or injuries. He said the rockets landed at 12 p.m. local time, two hours after the cease-fire began.

The army later said in a statement that the attack consisted of three mortar shells.

It was not immediately clear whether the Israeli military would respond. Israel and Hamas both agreed on a halt in fighting for a five-hour period Thursday to allow Gazans to stock up on supplies.

AP Interview: Egypt's foreign minister says Gaza cease-fire bid is gaining momentum

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's foreign minister says its proposal for a cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas is gaining momentum, calling it the only viable way to stop an "intolerable humanitarian situation" in Gaza.

"The plan has been widely endorsed by the Arab League, it has been endorsed by the European Union... and it continues to gain momentum in terms of recognition," Sameh Shukri said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. The plan, which includes easing

access to Gaza, was accepted by Israel this week but rejected by Hamas, which said it had never been consulted, a claim Shukri denied.

More than 230 Palestinians and an Israeli have been killed in 10 days of cross-border fighting.

Russia's Putin: New US sanctions drive bilateral relations into a corner, hurt US firms too

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin on Thursday lamented the latest round of U.S. sanctions against Russia, saying they will stalemate bilateral relations and hurt not only Russian but also American businesses

Russia's benchmark MICEX was down 2.6 percent in early afternoon trading Thursday upon news of the sanctions while Russia's biggest oil company, Rosneft, was nearly 5 percent down.

Putin's comments came hours after President Barack Obama announced broader sanctions against Russia, targeting two major energy firms including Rosneft, a pair of powerful financial institutions, eight weapons firms and four individuals. The increased U.S. economic pressure is designed to end the insurgency in eastern Ukraine that is widely believed to be backed by the Kremlin.

The U.S. penalties, however, stopped short of the most stringent actions the West has threatened, which would fully cut off key sectors of Russia's oil-dependent economy. But officials said those steps were still on the table if Russia fails to abide by the West's demands to stop its support for the pro-Russia insurgents who have destabilized eastern Ukraine.

The insurgents have been fighting government troops in eastern Ukraine for four months now in a conflict that the U.N. says has killed over 400 people and has displaced

tens of thousands. The conflict took off shortly after Russia annexed the mostly Russian-speaking Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea.

Gunmen attack airport in Afghan capital, forcing it to close for hours

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen carried out a pre-dawn rocket attack on Kabul International Airport on Thursday, temporarily shutting down the facility and setting off a gunbattle with security forces in which four attackers were killed, officials said.

The militants occupied two build-

ings which were under construction some 700 meters (yards) north of the facility, and were using them as a base to direct rockets and gunfire toward the airport and international jet fighters flying over Kabul, said Afghan army Gen. Afzal Aman.

Kabul Police Chief Mohammed Za-

hir Zahir later said four of the attackers were killed and that the attack was halted without any civilian or police casualties.

The airport was later reopened and

operations returned to normal, Zahir said, after security forces inspected the runways for shrapnel and explosives.

The pre-dawn attack comes during

The pre-dawn attack comes during a tense time in Afghanistan, as a recount is underway from the disputed second round of a presidential election seen as key to insuring a peaceful transfer of power ahead of the withdrawal of most foreign troops by the end of the year.

Senate Democrats push bills on contraception, equal pay to fire up female voters this fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans are fervently pursuing a batch of doomed bills in Congress because they target a coveted prize in the Nov. 4 elections: female voters.

Wednesday's Senate vote on contraception legislation is the latest example of Democrats' win-by-losing strategy, which forces Republicans to vote on sensitive matters that might rile women this fall.

Recent votes on "pay equity" and family leave issues were similarly aimed at women, who are increasingly crucial to Democrats' election hopes, and therefore worrisome to Republicans. Any shift in women's typical turnout or Democratic tilt this fall could determine tight elections, especially for the Senate.

Republicans need to gain six Senate seats to control the chamber, and these women's issues are especially lively in the most contested states, including Colorado, North Carolina, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Both parties must cater to their ideological bases in this midterm election year, even as they woo women who don't always vote. Nearly all Republicans are opposing measures that appear likely to expand abortion access, place new requirements on employers or limit religious conservatives' rights. And Democrats overwhelmingly support abortion access, worker benefits and equal treatment of women in the workplace.

Justice Department to update Congress on IRS probe; missing emails now part of investigation WASHINGTON (AP) — A Justice

Department investigation into the In-



ternal Revenue Service has expanded to include an inquiry into the disappearance of emails from a former senior IRS official.

Deputy Attorney General James Cole was to update Congress on Thursday about the department's investigation into whether the agency targeted conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status.

He also was expected to tell members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that investigators now were looking into emails that went missing from the computer of Lois Lerner, who headed the IRS division that deals with taxexempt organizations.

The IRS has said it lost the emails in 2011 when Lerner's computer crashed.

Lerner, who refused to answer questions at two House committee hearings, has become a central figure in several congressional investigations into the handling of applications for tax-exempt status by tea party groups. At both hearings, Lerner cited her Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate herself. In May, the Republicanled House voted to hold Lerner in contempt of Congress for refusing to testify.

Lerner's attorney, William Taylor III, declined to comment Wednesday.

Bolivia on verge of legalizing work by children as young as 10 — world's lowest work age

EL ALTO, Bolivia (AP) — Alicia weaves through El Alto's stalled traffic under a blazing sun, hawking colorful woven flowers to grumpy drivers and lovers.

With luck, the 12-year-old and her mother will together muster \$18 by day's end, all the while keeping watch over her younger brother and sister, ages 8 and 6.

"It is difficult for my mother to sell alone because she has to look after my brothers," said Alicia, who normally goes to school in the afternoon but is using her vacation to help her mother by working the entire day. As her brothers sleep, her mother knits the flowers that Alicia sells.

While most of the world is trying to diminish child labor, Bolivia is on the verge of becoming the first nation to legalize it from age 10. Congress has approved the proposal and all that's now required is President Evo Morales' signature.

The bill's sponsors say lowering the minimum work age from 14 simply acknowledges a reality: Many poor families in Bolivia have no other choice than for their kids to work. The bill offers working children safeguards, they say.

Palestinian-American teen beaten in Mideast returns to Florida, thinks of freedom differently TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Palestin-

say was beaten by Israeli authorities has returned home to Florida and says he will never think of freedom in the same way again.

Tariq Abu Khdeir, 15, and his mother flew back to Tampa late Wednesday on a flight arriving from New York

ian-American teenager who relatives

and were greeted by about 50 cheering supporters waving American and Palestinian flags. The Khdeirs had flown out of Israel earlier in the day.

"I am only 15 but I will never think of freedom the same as I did two months ago," Tariq said upon arrival at Tampa International Airport. "No

child, whether they are Palestinian or Israeli, deserves to die."

The teenager said the thoughts and prayers of the supporters had helped him, adding "I got through these past two weeks because I knew you were

all thinking of me."

Now, he said, he just wanted some relaxation and time with friends. "It feels so good to be back in Tampa. Can I even put it in words? I can't wait to go back to play with my friends."

Families tell of struggles to get youths out of Mexican shelter where police rescued 607

ZAMORA, Mexico (AP) — Relatives of youths rescued by police from a refuse-strewn group home where employees allegedly beat and raped residents are telling of how they tried to remove their loved ones, only to be met with demands for thousands of dollars for their release.

Mainly poor parents and other relatives thronged outside the home Wednesday as a garbage truck finished hauling away an estimated 20 tons of trash from what Mexican authorities said was an insect-infested shelter that had housed 607 adults and children, often against their will.

Maria Valdivia Vasquez, 65, waited to be allowed in for a brief visit with her 17-year-old grandson, Jose Antonio Martinez. She said his mother sent him to The Great Family group home a decade ago because of behavioral problems. Relatives were allowed to visit him only twice a year, and shelter employees had recently been sitting in on the visits.

Valdivia Vasquez said that when she decided to ask that the boy be released to her, shelter founder Rosa del Carmen Verduzco, known as "Mama Rosa," demanded 70,000 pesos (\$5,400) for his release.



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UIL: Move to Alamodome good for everyone

The 2015 University Interscholastic League Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournaments will be played at the Alamodome in San Antonio the UIL announced Tuesday in a press release.

The change comes as a result of UIL staff seeking a solution to the difficulties with availability and affordability of hotels caused by concur- as it related to the basrent events in Austin.

The girls basketball state tournament will take place March 5-7, 2015 and the boys tournament will be March 12-14. Details about ticket sales will be forthcom-

In June, UIL staff asked for guidance from the **UIL Legislative Council**

ketball state tournament venue. The council authorized staff to move the basketball state tournaments to San Antonio in 2015. The Alamodome has worked with UIL staff to finalize arrangements for the upcoming girls and boys basketball state tournaments.

"The decision to move

the basketball state tournaments has been a difficult one," said **UIL Executive Director** Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "The tournaments have enjoyed a rich tradition in Austin, but in order to provide the best experience for student-athletes, coaches and fans, it is best to move the UIL basketball state tourna-

ments to another excellent venue in Texas."

The first UIL Basketball State Tournament was played in Austin in 1921. Gregory Gym on the University of Texas at Austin campus began hosting the boys tournament beginning in 1931, and the girls tournament was added in 1951. The Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus has hosted the boys and girls state basketball tournaments since 1978. "The Alamodome has

a proven history of hosting high-profile championship sporting events," said Michael Sawaya, San Antonio Convention & Sports Facilities Di-



Almost ready ...

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will unofficially get volleyball started next month when they begin their preseason practices. The BSHS girls will open the 2014 season in August.

Griner blossoming into star after rough 1st year in WNBA

PHOENIX (AP) - After a tough first season in the WNBA, Brittney Griner is blossoming into the player everyone thought she would be, all the while embracing her status as a role model for gay youth.

"We need more people in the LGBT community to step up and be role models," she said. "I definitely take that on."

Last season, after a record-setting career at Baylor, Griner came out and wrote a candid memoir, "In My Skin," that was critical of her college coach, Kim Mulkey. And she wasn't dominating games the way people had project-

"The book wasn't a distraction, really," Griner said. "Just all the media from last year, being a rookie, was crazy."

After playing in China during the WNBA offseason, Griner returned to the Phoenix Mercury stronger and more confident. teammate Diana Taurasi said, "She's a totally different player."

"She's gained her confidence back, her aggression," Taurasi said, "her confidence on what she wants to do on the court, and obviously defensively she's a huge force."

Griner, marvelously fluid at 6-foot-8, had her second dunk of the season in a victory Tuesday, when Phoenix won its 11th in a row and improved to a leagueleading 17-3 record.

"She went to China and she really put the work in," Mercury firstyear coach Sandy Brondello said, "and she's put the work in here every day we've been here. So it's about getting physically strong and just understanding, 'OK, these are the things I need to work on to be a force in this league.'

With Taurasi, Griner will represent the Mercury in the WNBA All-Star game Saturday in Phoenix. She is averaging 15.2 points, up from 12.6 as a rookie.

She's pulling down 8.2 rebounds per game, up from 6.3. And, of course, she excels in blocked shots. Her 77 blocks this season are more than six WNBA teams.

The dunks get the most attention. She has four in 45 games. The rest of the WNBA has six in 3,990 games.

Her first this season came July 29 in Los Angeles, a one-hander when she rose far above the hoop from the base-

Rangers deal Frasor to **Kansas City**

(AP) — The Kansas City Royals have gotten some relief help, acquiring veteran reliever Jason Frasor from the Texas Rangers for Triple-A right-hander Spencer Patton.

The trade was made Wednesday, the same day Patton was in the Triple-A All-Star game. The Rangers assigned him to Triple-A Round Rock.

Frasor was 1-1 with a 3.34 ERA in 38 appearances this season, his second in Texas. The right-hander spent nine seasons with Toronto (2004-12), returning to the Blue Jays after being traded to the White Sox in July 2011 and finishing that season in

Chicago. Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said catcher Geovany Soto will be activated from the disabled list before Friday's game at Torondebut in the majors after .161 batting average. knee surgery.

injury-plagued Rangers (38-57) went into the All-Star break with the worst record in the major leagues. They were 21 games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Daniels said the deal with the Royals is "just a good baseball trade and we like the return" and not any indication that Texas will start un-

ARLINGTON, Texas loading potential freeagent players, such as the 36-year-old Frasor.

"It's not necessarily related to anything else we may do," Daniels said. "We're certainly going to listen. I think the closer guys are to free agency, it's just the more natural those conversations are to take place. But we're still going to make good baseball trades at this point."

Kansas City (48-46) is second in the AL Central, 6 1/2 games behind Detroit.

To make room on their roster for Frasor, the Royals optioned Louis Coleman to Omaha and designated utility player Jimmy Paredes for assignment.

Patton is 4-3 with a 4.08 ERA and 14 saves in 34 relief appearances for Triple-A Omaha this season. The 26-year-old righty has 60 strikeouts in 46 1-3 innings while to and set for his season holding opponents to a

In 624 major league games, Frasor is 31-35 with 36 saves and a 3.65 ERA.

Soto had surgery for torn cartilage in his right knee after getting hurt near the end of spring training. Before that, he had been limited to only six spring games because of a surgical procedure on his left foot.

Baylor's Petty, TCU's Fields among top Big 12 players

IRVING, Texas (AP) the preseason offensive - Baylor senior quarterback Bryce Petty and TCU defensive end Devonte Fields have been tabbed as the Big 12 preseason players of the year.

It is the second consecutive year that Fields and a standout offensive player from Baylor have been the league's top preseason picks.

The league released its preseason All-Big 12 teams Wednesday as selected by media members who cover the con-

Petty set 17 school records last season as the Bears won their first Big 12 title and played in their only BCS bowl. Petty was the Big 12 offensive player of the year after passing for 4,200 yards and 32 TDs with only three interceptions. He also ran for 14 scores.

Bears running back

player of the year last season, then led the Big 12 in rushing with 1,177 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior. But he bypassed his senior season for the NFL, and was a sixth-round draft pick by Washington in May.

Fields had only four tackles without a sack while playing only three games last season. He missed the season opener and parts of two other games for an unspecified violation of university and team rules before a seasonending foot injury that required surgery.

Oklahoma State receiver Tyreek Hill was tabbed as the preseason newcomer of the year. Hill transferred from

Garden City Community College where he made 32 catches for 532 yards and six touchdowns, and ran for 659 yards.

Tech reinstates player who punched woman

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) Texas Tech has reinstated a highly regarded defensive back from Miami who last month broke the jaw of a Lady Raiders basketball play-

Tech athletics spokesman Blayne Beal said Wednesday that Nigel Bethel II will return to the team, but will sit out the first three games.

Berthel punched Am-

pickup basketball game at the campus recreation center and was dismissed from the football program the next day. However, Lubbock County grand jurors deber Battle during a June clined to indict Bethel

on an aggravated assault charge Tuesday.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury said as more information ference. on the incident came to light, the decision to dismiss Bethel was revis-

Deion Sander's charter school fights to stay open DALLAS(AP) — The Superintendent Ron to nearly 500 students. cornerback says co-

head of a charter school co-founded by former Dallas Cowboy Deion Sanders says he will appeal the state's decision to revoke its charter.

Price said Wednesday he will appeal the Texas Education Agency's decision to shutter the two Prime Prep Academy campuses, home

The agency's concerns about the school include mismanagement, financial problems and issues with its meals program. The NFL Hall of Fame

founder D.L. Wallace is to blame for the school's troubles and has offered to repay taxpayer funds.

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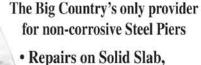
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Action Moon

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concrete ways to bring about the change you want to see in the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your timing is impeccable. You pick up on the pulse of an interaction without missing a beat. It's a talent. Comics rely on this, as do rap artists, financiers and romantics.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel restless again, and your mind will be occupied with dreams and plans that your loved ones might find too hard to reach. In your head, you're creating the next step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're emotionally transparent these days. Your body language is like a smoke signal that everyone around can read. This works in your favor when you're feeling happy and content.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You could run into mental Krazy

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Glue this afternoon. Get moving -- that will change the channel of your mind. Getting mad works, too. Sure, anger can be bad for you, but there are times when it also can be good for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you feel like someone is trying to persuade or control you, you'll resist. It's when you don't feel the influence that you should watch out. Skillfully manipulative people get what they want without making the others feel manipulated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today presents potentially frustrating gray areas. Yes, it would be easier if life would fall into your categories, but sometimes it just doesn't, and you'll have the grace to accept that now, too.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is no need to ask whether they know what you mean. The people who do will show you right away, and the ones who don't probably never will -- and there's no need to impress them anyway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The one who will help you solve your problem is close by, but you won't be able to tell who it is until you open up and start talking about what you need and want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll uncover beliefs you didn't know you held. All it takes is a little bit of rooting around to find the belief that drives you to act. Ask, "What might I believe that would cause me to do this?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Willpower and determination

will take you pretty far today, but it's not enough to get you to the prize at the end. Let others help. You will achieve more as part of a team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who have a tendency to idealize others will likely devalue those same individuals once they have not lived up to the idea. Guide people to develop reasonable expectations of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Talking too much about your plans may make carrying them out a little less fun. Keep things on a need-to-know basis, and be sure to follow through with whatever you discuss.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17). Strong feelings of deja vu will accompany a very fortuitous meeting this month. Get an August financial arrangement right, and it will continue paying you for years to come. September ends a quest. November ends one part of an educational process, and you'll have the certificate to prove it. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 30, 27 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "My sister and I are not close. How can I reach a Gemini who is like the old woman who lived in a shoe (she has so many children, she doesn't know what to do)? She's so busy with her own life that she can hardly relate to my childless existence." -- Sagittarius Sibling

What are you willing to do in order to be close to your sister again? Are you willing not to judge her for her choices, which

are so different from your own? Are you willing to be of service to her? Are you willing to release her from the burden of living up to your expectations? The way to closeness probably involves you coming to your sister on her terms. It includes babysitting, entertaining children while you're visiting, helping her out with errands or money or helping her by making all of the effort in the relationship. Gemini people are experts at staying in the moment, but in your sister's case, it will be the moment she can relate to instead of the one **CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

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"Survivor," "The Apprentice" and
"Shark Tank" has a chart that
also prominently features Leo,
the sign of entertainment, with
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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My beloved mother-in-law passed away two years ago. We had

a church funeral and a celebration of her life.

My father-in-law had the body cremated. He intends to have the ashes buried in the family plot in New York, 1,200 miles away, although he hasn't done so yet. On more than one occasion, he has informed my husband that he wants him to go to New York for another memorial of

another memorial ceremony. I have never heard of having two ceremonies so far apart, and my husband is not looking forward to it. We said our goodbyes at her funeral. Planning another one feels like a dark hanging cloud.

My father-in-law recently met a lady and has decided he should have my mother-in-law's ashes laid to rest within the next few months. He expects us to travel to the second ceremony. I feel that it is my father-in-law's responsibility to take care of this, and frankly, it should have

been done a long time ago. Am I wrong? Do we really have to drag out the burial

like this? -- My Heart
Is Breaking

Dear Heart: Some families might find it touching to have another (small) memorial two years later, when you've all had the opportunity to recover from the initial sorrow and can celebrate your mother-in-law's life with more joy. But since you don't feel that way, you do not need to go to so much

trouble. However, this is your husband's mother, and he gets to make that decision for himself. Please do not try to influence him. If he would rather go with his father, we hope you will be supportive.

KATHY MITCHELL

MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: As a part-time event consultant, I have seen many RSVP cards that are returned with additional guests included. I think the problem is exacerbated by the RSVP cards that are used. They say, "Number of persons attending," followed by a blank line. That

implies that the guest can choose the number of people they will bring. Perhaps they don't realize that the host is simply asking how many of the people listed on the invitation envelope will be attending. It's usually one person or two.

I would advise not including this on RSVP cards in the future, as it seems good manners and the rules of etiquette (and even common sense) are fast becoming things of the past. -- *J.E., New Orleans, La.*

Dear J.E.: We agree that these RSVP cards can be misleading. They are actually a fairly recent innovation and belong more appropriately with business invitations, not wedding invites. Back in the Gilded Age, guests were expected to respond using their own personalized stationery, and pre-printed RSVP cards were later introduced as a convenience. We like your suggestion that people not include cards that give the impression that you can bring any number of guests you choose. Please, folks, only the names on the envelope are invited.

Dear Annie: Your comment to "Swimmers' Parents" was good --

it isn't fair to hold one twin back so the other can catch up.

My twin son and daughter had similar issues. She read before he did. He ran faster. It upset them both not to be "as good" as the other. It is important to tell the children that we all have different abilities, even if we are the same age. Also, we made sure our children had separate opportunities for achievement.

When our daughter showed aptitude for playing the piano and our son wanted to play, too, we suggested another instrument he had shown interest in, and he was off and running. Sometimes we had them play little duets, and we gave them both well-deserved praise. A plus of their individual activities was that each made separate friends. They are adults now and quite close, but they are very different people. -- Two Close for Comfort

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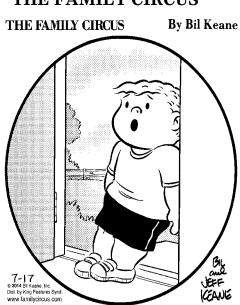
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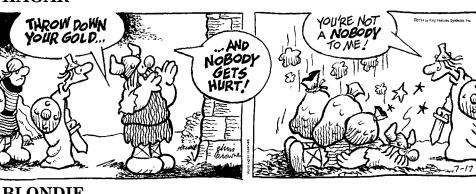
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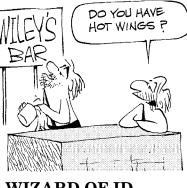




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In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic. In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California; he ended up in Ireland, supposedly by accident, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan." In 1954, the two-day

inaugural Newport Jazz Festival, billed as "The First American Jazz Festival," opened in Rhode Island; among the performers the first night was Billie Holiday, who died in New York on this date in 1959 at age 44.

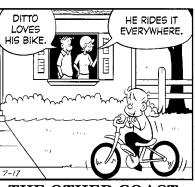
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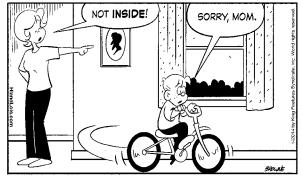
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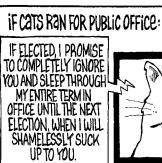
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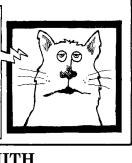
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Manassero grabs early lead at British Open

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — On a day when Tiger Woods returned to the majors, there was an Italian flair to the British Open leaderboard. Matteo Manassero took

advantage of prime scoring conditions to shoot a 5-under 67 at Royal Liverpool, while brothers Edoardo and Francesco Molinari opened with matching 68s on Thurs-Playing in his first ma-

jor championship since back surgery, Woods got off to a shaky start with bogeys at the first two holes.

Then he settled down, looking more like the

BASKETBALL

player who romped to victory the last time golf's oldest major was held at this course along the Irish Sea.

There were plenty of red numbers on a day made for going low warm and sunny with only a slight breeze rippling the flags. Woods was among them, pushing his score to 2 under with a stretch of four birdies in five holes on the back side.

one bogey and shot 4-under 33 after the turn, taking advantage of a quirk in the course which puts three par-5s in the closing nine. He birdied

Manassero made only

them all.

Two-time major champion Rory McIlroy got off to another strong start, his score at 5 under and two of the par-5s still to play. Now the challenge is to hold it together on Friday, which has been a problem all year. McIlroy's cumulative score in the second round is 15

Jim Furyk and Brooks Koepka also opened with 68s. Sweden's Robert Karlsson, Marc Leishman of Australia and Japan's Koumei Oda were another shot back after shooting 69.

"I didn't play fantastic, but the course is out three-time Open cham-

there to make some birdies on," said Karlsson, who teed off in the first group of the day at 6:25

He described the breeze as "tricky," but acknowledged it wasn't much of a defense against those going out in the morning.

"I'll take this tricky." Karlsson said.

After his opening shot settled safely in the fairway, Woods ran into trouble when his next swing sent the ball into one of the treacherous pot bunkers. His wedge out of the sand scooted through the green and led to bogey. At No. 2, the pion knocked a long putt like 2006, when Woods about 6 feet past the hole, then missed the comebacker to take his score to 2 over. Woods took advantage

of the only par-5 on the front side for his first birdie. Then, the 14-time major winner rolled in a long putt from the fringe of the green at No. 11 for another, which sparked a run of three straight birdies. After another bogey at the 14th, set up by an errant tee shot into the hay, Woods bounced back with another birdie at the next hole.

For the early starters, it couldn't have been better day for scoring. Un-

won on dry, fiery course that made the grass more brown than green, Royal Liverpool was lush and relatively soft after intermittent rain on Wednesday.

Woods has gone six years without a major title and this is his first Grand Slam event of 2014, his season interrupted by back surgery on March 31. He missed the Masters for the first time, and then the U.S. Open, before returning three weeks ago at Congressional. He missed the cut by four shots, though he was happy that he felt

Scoreboard

WNBA Eastern Conference L Pct GB w 15 Atlanta 750 — 12 455 6 Indiana 10 Connecticut 10 13 .435 61/2 Washington 13 .409 7 Chicago 13 .381 71/2

New York 13 .350 8 **Western Conference** L Pct GB 3 .850 — Minnesota 16 6 .727 San Antonio 11 11 .500 7 .476 71/2 Los Angeles 10 11 .375 10 Seattle 15 14 .333

Thursday's Games San Antonio at Tulsa, 12:30

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m. Connecticut at Phoenix, 10 Washington at Los Angeles,

10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL American League **East Division** W L Pct GB

Baltimore

52 42 .553 -

49 47 .510 4 Toronto 47 47 .500 5 New York 53 .454 91/2 Tampa Bay 44 43 Boston 52 .453 91/2 **Central Division** W L Pct GB 38 .582 — 46 .511 6½ Detroit Kansas City 48

Cleveland 47 .500 71/2 Chicago 51 .469 101/2 Minnesota 44 50 .468 **West Division**

L Pct GB

36 .621 Oakland 37 .606 11/2 Los Angeles 51 44 .537 8 Seattle Houston 38 57 .400 21 Texas Thursday's Games

No games scheduled Friday's Games Cincinnati (Undecided) at N.Y.

Yankees (Phelps 3-4), 7:05 p.m. Texas (Darvish 8-5) at Toronto (Dickey 7-9), 7:07 p.m. Cleveland (Bauer 3-4) at

Detroit (A.Sanchez 6-3), 7:08 Kansas City (Shields 9-5) at

Boston (Buchholz 4-5), 7:10 Houston (Feldman 4-6) at

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7), 8:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-6) at Minnesota (Gibson 8-7), 8:10 Baltimore (Tillman 7-5) at

Oakland (Samardzija 1-1), 10:05

Seattle (Iwakuma 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

> **National League East Division**

Washington 51 42 .548 52 43 .547 Atlanta 45 50 .474 New York 44 50 .468 71/2 Miami Philadelphia 42 53 .442 10 Central Division W L Pct GB 53 43 .552 Milwaukee St. Louis 52 44 .542

51 44 .537 11/2 Cincinnati Pittsburgh 49 46 516 31/2 40 54 .426 12 Chicago **West Division** W L Pct GB Los Angeles 54 43 .557

San Francisco 52 43 .547 San Diego 41 54 .432 12 Colorado 40 55 .421 13 40 56 .417 131/2 Thursday's Games

No games scheduled Friday's Games

BECCED-BANDSOME-AFFORDABLE

Cincinnati (Undecided) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4), 7:05 p.m. Colorado (Undecided) at

Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-7), 7:05

Milwaukee (Lohse 9-4) at Washington (Strasburg 7-6), 7:05 p.m. San Francisco (Bumgarner

10-7) at Miami (Eovaldi 5-4), Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-8) at Atlanta (E.Santana 7-6), 7:35

L.A. Dodgers (Haren 8-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 10-6), 8:15 p.m. Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-10) at Arizona (Cahill 1-6),

N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 8-8) at San Diego (Kennedy 7-9), 10:10

Texas League North Division W L Pct GB

Arkansas 14 12 .538 **NW Arkansas** 12 14 .462 2 12 14 .462 x-Tulsa Springfield 17 .346 **South Division** W L Pct. GB Midland 16 8 .667 —

13 11 .542 3 x-Frisco Corpus Christi 13 12 .520 31/2 12 13 .480 41/2 San Antonio x-clinched first half Wednesday's Games

Tulsa 2, Northwest Arkansas Frisco at San Antonio, 8:05

Arkansas 4, Springfield 3 Midland at Corpus Christi,

Thursday's Games San Antonio at Midland, 8

Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:05 Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.

Northwest Arkansas Springfield, 8:10 p.m. Friday's Games San Antonio at Midland, 8

Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:05

Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m. Northwest Arkansas Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL Arena Football League **National Conference** West Division

W L Pct PF PA z-Arizona 14 2 .875 1036 794 Los Angeles 3 13 .188 598 885 San Antonio 1 15 .063 671 952

Pacific Division W L Pct PF PA

y-San Jose 12 4 .750 907 638 x-Spokane 9 7 .563 857 751 5 11 .313 721 855 Portland **American Conference**

South Division W L .Pct PF PA 9 7 .563 879 843 Tampa Bay 8 8 .500 803 842

Jacksonville 6 10 .375 806 764 New Orleans 3 13 .188 671 903 **East Division** W L Pct PF PA z-Cleveland 15 1 .938 873 713 x-Pittsburgh 13 3 .813 892 688 Philadelphia 8 8 .500 945 865

6 10 .375 749 915 x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division z-clinched conference Saturday, July 19

Jacksonville at Cleveland, 7 Orlando at New Orleans, 8

Pittsburgh at Iowa, 8:05 p.m. San Antonio at Los Angeles,

Sunday, July 20 San Jose at Philadelphia, 4

Portland at Arizona, 6 p.m.

Canadian Football League **East Division**

	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Toronto	1	2	2	84	94
Montreal	1	2	2	65	72
Ottawa	0	2	0	39	63
Hamilton	0	2	0	34	59
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West Division W L Pts PF PA

Winnipeg 3 0 6 115 82 Edmonton 3 0 6 82 55 Calgary 2 0 4 63 23 2 2 B.C. 55 Saskatchewan 1 2 2 59 Thursday's Games Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8:30

Friday, July 18 Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Hamilton at Calgary, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 19 Montreal at B.C., 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS American League

ORIOLES BALTIMORE Agreed to terms with RHP Edward Fabian on a minor league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX -

Claimed RHP Raul Fernandez off waivers from Colorado and assigned him to Winston-Salem (Carolina). KANSÁS CITY ROYALS —

Designated 3B Jimmy Paredes for assignment. Optioned RHP Coleman to Omaha Louis (PCL). SEATTLE MARINERS -

Released C John Buck. TEXAS RANGERS — Traded

RHP Jason Frasor to Kansas City for RHP Spencer Patton and assigned Patton to Round Rock (PCL). National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

 Signed 1B Frangel Feliciano. LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Assigned 1B Clint Robinson outright to Albuquerque (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES Sent 3B Reid Brignac to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Silas Bohannan on a minor league

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Assigned 2B Brandon Hicks outright to Fresno (PCL).

American Association AMARILLO SOX — Signed OF Geraldo Valentin.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS - Released INF Adam Humes. LAREDO LEMURS — Signed

OF Byron Wiley. SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed RHP Kyle A. Allen. WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed OF Sam Kimmel.

Can-Am League TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES -Released RHP Tae Lee. Signed C Michael Fischer.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS -Frontier League JOLIET SLAMMERS — Sold

the contract of LHP Blair Walters to the Atlanta Braves. SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS - Released LHP Kris Singh.

WINDY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Travis McGee. **United League**

Traded RHP Luis Sanz to Rockland (Can-Am) for two players to be named. **BASKETBALL**

FORT WORTH CATS

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS Agreed to terms with F Brandon Rush on a two-year OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER

Signed G Anthony Morrow to a three-year contract. WASHINGTON WIZARDS

 Acquired C DeJuan Blair in a sign-and-trade deal with the Dallas Mavericks for the rights to F Emir Preldzic. **FOOTBALL**

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS - Placed CB Leodis McKelvin and LB Randell Johnson on the PUP list, OT Cordy Glenn and DT Alan Branch on the non-football illness list and LB Kiko Alonso on the non-football injury list. Released TE Mike Caussin. Signed LB Stevenson Sylvester. DALLAS COWBOYS Released QB Kyle Orton.

DETROIT LIONS - Signed RB George Winn. Waived G D.J.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS Agreed to terms with WR Margise Lee on a four-year NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

DL Armond Armstead. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS -

Named Ed Goines general

Announced the retirement of

government affairs. Canadian Football League SASKATCHEWAN

ROUGHRIDERS — Released RB Hugh Charles, LB Adrian Moten and DL Richard Sumlin. HOCKEY

counsel and vice president

National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES Named JP Major strength and

conditioning coach and signed him to a multiyear contract. BUFFALO SABRES Re-signed D Chad Ruhwedel to

a two-year contract. EDMONTON OILERS -Named Rocky Thompson

assistant coach. NEW YORK RANGERS -Agreed to terms with F Matthew

SAN JOSE SHARKS -

Re-signed D Jason Demers to a two-year contract and Taylor Doherty to a one-year contract. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS -Signed C Peter Holland to a

VÁNCOUVER CANUCKS -Signed F Linden Vey to a oneyear contract. WINNIPEG JETS - Agreed to

two-year contract.

terms with F Carl Klingberg on a one-year, two-way contract. American Hockey League CHARLOTTE CHECKERS -Agreed to terms with F Kyle Hagel on an AHL contract and F

Alex Aleardi on a two-way, AHL/

ECHL contract. **ECHL**

ELMIRA JACKALS Signed D J.D. Forrest and D Steven Shamanski to one-year contracts.

GWINNETT GLADIATORS -Agreed to terms with F Casey Pierro-Zabotel. ROYALS READING

Agreed to terms with F Domenic Monardo. MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Docked Trucks series driver Erik Jones 10 championships points, car owner Kyle Busch 10 owner points and fined crew chief Eric Phillips \$6,000 for a failed post-race inspection last week in lowa.

Major League Soccer Signed M Xander Bailey. SPORTING KANSAŚ CITY —

Signed Ms Jorge Claros and

SOCCER

Martin Steuble. **COLLEGE** LIMESTONE — Promoted women's interim volleyball coach Brandon Skweres to head

MARIST — Named C.J. Lee men's assistant basketball coach MEMPHIS - Named Keelon

coach.

Lawson men's assistant basketball coach. TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN -

Announced the resignation of men's golf coach Josh Fosdick, to take the same position at Rogers State. Named Gabe Henry women's basketball coach.

WINTHROP — Named Sergey Belov men's tennis coach.

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