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Woman left for dead; suspect sought

Elderly Big Spring female robbed, sexually assaulted and stabbed

Herald Staff Report

An elderly Big Spring woman was robbed, sexually assaulted, stabbed and left for dead on the side of a road early Thursday morning. Big Spring police and Texas Rangers are looking for the

suspect, described only as a 5-foot, 7-inch to 6-foot Hispanic male who was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt at the time. According to a Big Spring Police Department press release, police and sheriff's deputies were dispatched to

Radio Tower Road at 2:21 a.m. Thursday. The road intersects Texas Highway 350 and the I-20 service road. After arriving on the scene, officers discovered an elderly female. She had been stabbed several times. Investigators discovered

the woman resided in the 600 block of Washington. At approximately 12:30 a.m., according to police, an unknown Hispanic male entered the home while the woman was sleeping. The man woke the woman and urged her not to fight with him while he

rummaged through the residence. After taking a small television set, the man forced the female victim into her vehicle. The man then drove the female from the residence. See **ASSAULT**, Page 3

BSISD trustees set tax rate for proposed budget

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District set the tax rate at \$1.4495 per \$100 valuation Thursday night, keeping the rate relatively the same as last year. That rate — which will not be formally adopted until August — breaks down to \$1.1195 per \$100 property valuation for maintenance and operation and 33 cents for debt service. A public hearing on the tax rate will be held in conjunction with the board's regular August meeting on the 14th. Formal adoption of both the budget and tax rate will be held later that month on the 24th.

During the rather lightning-quick meeting, BSISD Superintendent Chris Wington provided information on the impact teacher raises and insurance supplement increases will have on the proposed budget for trustees to chew on.

"We want to give our teachers a raise. We want to try to help with insurance. We want to do everything we can to keep our teachers," Wington said. "What I did was have them run numbers at a 3 percent, 4 percent and 5 percent raise and how that impacts our budget. That's what I gave the board tonight, those numbers and how it will impact the budget, so they could be looking at that. We are going to everything we can to help our teachers."

Currently, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree at Big Spring ISD earns \$38,120 a year but increases to \$39,120 for teachers who have obtained a master's degree. Teachers with 24 years experience or more and who have a bachelor's degree earn \$52,710 per year and \$53,710 with a master's degree. The district also pays into the insurance supplement \$275 per month for each employee on the district insurance plan.

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HERALD file photo
Cactus and Crude, a 150-mile, two-day bicycle race from Midland to Post, will stop overnight at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus Saturday evening.

Midland-to-Post bike trip will benefit MS Society

Herald Staff Report

Hundreds of cyclists will cruise into Big Spring Saturday to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The Bike MS: Cactus and Crude 2014 race will begin at 7 a.m. at the North Financial Building in Midland with more than 200 cyclists tackling the 150-mile route in two days. Participants will enter Big Spring through Wasson

Road to finish the first leg — a 75.1 mile route — at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

The next morning will begin early again with a 7 a.m. start time. Race participants head out on Business I-20 to Highway 350 where they will connect to FM 669, head up through Gail and end the second 75.2 mile leg at the city park in Post.

This year's goal is to raise

\$300,000 to support MS research and programs and services that benefit individuals and families affected by multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms

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Farmer's Market set Saturday at Elbow Creek Hay & Feed

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Elbow Creek Hay & Feed Farmer's Market will be open Saturday, providing freshly grown produce.

The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Elbow Creek Hay & Feed Store at 5101 W. FM 818. The store is located two miles west of Elbow Elementary School.

Items expected to be offered include fresh fruit, vegetables, homemade pre-

serves and fresh peaches from Fredericksburg, Texas. Hamburgers will also be on sale during the event.

The market is a one-time event for now, according to Nancy Raney, Elbow Creek Hay & Feed owner, a test to see if there is a large enough demand to have more market days.

"Since opening the feed store, many of my customers have expressed an interest in eating healthy foods," Raney said. "They are really concerned with what goes into producing their food,

what chemicals are being used. We carry some products like chicken feed that have no GMO and that has drawn a customer base from around the West Texas area."

The business already has a virtual farmer's market online at elbowcreeklocallygrown.net. For more information about the market, call 432-398-5271 or 432-270-5001

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Obituaries

Barzie Ray Fletcher



Barzie Ray Fletcher passed away June 29 at the House of Hope. He was 87 years old — born Aug. 11, 1926.

He was born in Coahoma, Texas, to the late Carl and Velma Fletcher.

He was preceded in death by a sister, a brother and one daughter, Judy Lyn Creel.

He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1943.

He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and discharged in 1947. He was the office manager for Hemphill-Wells stores in Big Spring and San Angelo.

In 1986 he took early retirement when Hemphill-

Wells stores were bought by Dillard's. In addition to enjoying music, Barzie had become interested in genealogy.

In addition to his wife, Louise of 63 years, Barzie was survived by a daughter, Cheryl Spradling of Arlington, Texas; a son Bennett W. Fletcher, M.D. and Mary Beth of Bethesda, Md.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are planned for Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, 435 W. Beauregard Avenue. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Meals For the Elderly, 310 E. Houston-Harte, San Angelo, TX 76903.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com

Paid obituary

Valentin Corralez



Valentin Corralez, 76, of Big Spring, died Thursday July 17, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 16, 1937 in Cuchillo Parado, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was a Catholic. He had

worked for Clay and Lee Harris and more recently at Shroyer Motor Company. He married Margarita Mora in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Margarita Corralez of Big Spring; four daughters, Leticia Ramirez, Norma Johnson, Romana Quezada and Rosalva Corrales all of Garden City, Kan.; one step-daughter, Cynthia Menchaca of Seagoville, Texas; two sons, Oscar Corrales and Gerardo Corrales of Chihuahua, Chihuahua Mexico; two step-sons, Bobby Delgado and Michael Dutchover both of Big Spring; two brothers, Federico Corrales and Doroteo Corrales; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his Mother: Julia Corrales; one daughter: Maria Isabel Corrales and two brothers: Alonso Corrales and Eduardo Corrales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Kenneth (Ken) Ray Large

Kenneth (Ken) Ray Large passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Obie and Cora Large of Big Spring, Texas; his sister, Helen Large Thrailkill of Stanton, Texas; wife, Barbara Large of Odessa, Texas; and daughter, Kimberly Large Carnes of Midland, Texas

He is survived by his four sons and their families;

Kyle Large and wife Kristina of Fort Worth, Texas, Kevin Large of Carleon, Wales; Cody Large of Midland, Texas; and Drew Large and wife Angie Follis of Midland, Texas; ex-wife, Hazel Burgess of Midland, Texas; and step-son and step-daughter, Doug and Develan Doss.

Memorial service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas, on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Jana Carter-Hector



Jana Carter-Hector, 57, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Tom Koger, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch

Funeral Home.

Jana was born April 12, 1957, in Big Spring to Jerry "Spot" Cockrell and Daury Garrison Cockrell. She graduated from Forsan High School in 1975. She married the Terry "Fuzzy" Carter Feb. 12, 1977. He preceded her in death on May 17, 2000. She then married Stephen Hector May 2, 2002.

She was a bookkeeper.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen Hector

of Big Spring; mother, Daury Booth of Big Spring; sister, Debbie Ellis of Big Spring; brother, Donnie Cockrell of Alvord; several nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Willie Hart of Haskell; sister-in-law, Debbie Gressett of Haskell; sister-in-law, Carla Shaw of Big Spring; brother-in-law, Jim Bob Carter of Rochester; step-son, Stetson Hector of Midland; and step-daughter, Shasta Hector of Midland.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Christie Carter; her father, Jerry "Spot" Cockrell; and two sisters-in-law, Monika Cockrell and Donna Franklin.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Howard County Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79720; St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or the Howard/Glasscock Counties Relay for Life, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- LARUTH RAWLS, 40, of 3304 W. Highway 80 no. 30, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported at the 1200 block of Johnson.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported at the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 600 block of Manor Ln.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- ROBBERY reported at the 1500

block of E. 4th St.

- THEFT reported at the 1900 block of Wasson.
- HIT AND RUN reported at the 2500 block of N. Birdwell.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the intersection of mile marker 186 and N. Service Rd.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Aylesford.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 at the time of this report.

- TIMOTHY FLOYD ADAMS was booked by Glasscock County Sherrifs Office on a warrant for theft greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

• MATTHEW MENDOZA was booked by HCSO for sentencing for possession of a controlled substance — two counts.

• TYLER LOGAN SHAW was booked by Glasscock County Sherrifs Office on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug.

• LARUTH RAWLS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SHANE ALAN KNOWLTON was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug free zone.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical

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Lottery

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 02-03-12-28, Bonus: 23

The winning numbers in Thursday's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 3-6-0, Sum It Up: 9

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "All or Nothing Night" game were: 06-07-09-12-13-14-17-18-19-20-22-24

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 3-7-7-0, Sum It Up: 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- In an effort to help local families with school supplies, Jury and Peter Padron of Big Spring, are asking for monetary and supply donations to be distributed to local children. For more information, call Jury at 432-638-0861 or Peter at 432-270-5228. To make a monetary donation go to www.gofundme.com/ams9v8
- 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. Volunteers are needed to help as well as donations for door prizes. 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.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please ac-

- cept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

EMS

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Services reported the following activity: Wednesday:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Yale. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of Overton Rd. and 461. One patient transported to Scenic

- Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of Lancaster. No transport.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 3300 block

- of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call re-

- ported at the 1700 block of Purdue. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2500 block of Peach.
- Thursday:
- TRAFFIC ACCI-

- DENT reported at the intersection of Gregg and 4th St.
- MEDICAL TRAUMA reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.

ASSAULT

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around town before arriving at Radio Tower Road, according to the press release. "It is believed this

is when the Hispanic male sexually assaulted the elderly female and shortly after stabbed her multiple times in her abdomen, chest and neck," the report read. "The Hispanic male then departed the area, leaving the elderly fe-

male on the side of the road." EMS transported the woman to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. Because of the extent of her injuries, she was flown to Odessa Medical Center. Her vehicle was later

found abandoned in a secluded area in the 1400 block of E. Second. As of this morning, the woman was listed in serious but stable condition following surgery Thursday. "The Big Spring Police Department urges

its citizens to lock their doors while at home and if you see anything suspicious to please call the Howard County Dispatch at 432-264-2244," the press release, issued by Chief Chad Williams, Lt. Brian Gordon and Sgt. Tony Everett,

BSPD information officer, read. Anyone having information relating to this offense is encouraged to call Big Spring/Howard County Crime Stoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477).

BSISD

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The state chips in \$75 per employee. In other business, trustees reviewed an updated version of the school's employee organizational chart. Wigington pointed out John Sparks, who has been serving as the softball coach for

Big Spring High School, will take over as director of transportation and maintenance. The position was left vacant after Wayland Pierce accepted a principal's position at Garden City ISD. Approved a contract with Howard County for assessment and collection of taxes. 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 possibil-

ity of being retained in the same grade. Approved the student code of conduct for the 2014-2015 school year which includes an additional restriction of smoking material. Student shall not use, possess or be under the influence of restricted smoking material on school property or at a school-related or

school-sanctioned activity on or off school property. This includes electronic cigarettes, vapor less cigarettes, tobacco, herbs, spices or incense or anything that can be reasonably converted for smoking purposes.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

BIKES

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range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages

of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide. This is the 25th year for the Caucus and Crude race.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Sugar babies for ideal relationships?

The news that Google executive Forrest Hayes died on a yacht after being injected with heroin by a “date” he met on a website that connects “sugar daddies” with “sugar babies” has prompted not only charges against the woman, 26-year-old Alix Tichelman, and an investigation of a similar death (ruled accidental) involving Ms. Tichelman in 2013, but also questions about the website that brought the dead husband and father into contact with the woman who literally killed him.

While police have described the woman as a high-priced escort with an ongoing “prostitution relationship” with the executive, the website “Seeking Arrangements,” denies that its site in any way condones prostitution. According to the site’s spokesperson, “What we do know is that these were two adults that were involved in a consensual relationship that was ongoing. This appears to be a case of recreational drug use gone wrong.”

Actually, it appears to be quite a bit worse than that. It wasn’t just that Tichelman allegedly injected Hayes with a lethal dose of heroin. The security cameras show her injecting the heroin, and then watching as Hayes’ body went limp. Instead of calling 911, as anyone with an ounce

of humanity would do, Ms. Tichelman allegedly finished her wine, packed up her needles and heroin, and then stepped over his body to leave, pausing only to reach back and pull down the blinds so no one would see the dying man inside.

This is, of course, according to the police. Ms. Tichelman is innocent until proven guilty. But if the report of what was captured on camera is correct, she deserves to be charged not with manslaughter (the current charge against her, along with drug and prostitution charges) but murder. She may not have intended that Hayes die when she injected him, but her actions once she did so establish malice; to leave someone to die, much less pull down the shades, when they are potentially facing death is an omission that is as serious as an intentional act of killing.

And the fact that another man — this one in Georgia, last year — died under similar circumstances while Ms. Tichelman was showering not only raises questions for Georgia police, but also is relevant to Tichelman’s knowledge and intent on the night she injected Hayes.

In short, Ms. Tichelman has big problems, as well she should. The degrees of murder reflect the fact that not all killings are alike: The killer for hire, the killer who plans his act, are punished more seriously because they are, quite simply, more evil than one who kills in the heat of passion. On the “scumbag scorecard,” a woman who would finish her wine and pull down

the shades after killing the man with whom she was supposedly “involved in a consensual relationship” deserves to be in that same category.

And the website? They claim that matching a “sugar daddy” with a “sugar baby” for a “no-strings” ideal relationship for the daddy and financial stability, shopping sprees and exotic travel for the baby has nothing, absolutely nothing, to do with prostitution. Meet “background checked” babies, the men are promised. I wonder if Ms. Tichelman’s background check picked up the man who died while she was in the shower? I doubt it.

Prostitution by another name is still prostitution. A website which facilitates prostitution is complicit in that crime, at least. There are so many sites like that on the web (to quote the song, “The Internet Is for Porn,”) that it would be impossible to shut them down, even if anyone had the will to try. But when prostitution leads directly to death, there is a case to be made that all those complicit share in the responsibility for the death, if not under the criminal law, at least under the civil law, and certainly as a matter of morality.

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Hispanic flank of the Revolution

From the cannons mounted on the roof of Fort Conde, now surrounded by modern high-rise buildings in downtown Mobile, Alabama, it’s hard to envision the time when it was under siege by Spanish and Latin American troops. But it’s even harder for many Americans to understand that those Latinos were keeping the British from George Washington’s flanks and helping him win the American Revolution.

American history has a way of whitewashing the contributions made by Latinos even for more than two centuries before the American Revolution. But for those who never saw this part of our Hispanic history in their American school textbooks, inside the Fort Conde Museum, there is an impressive scale model that illustrates the magnitude of the Hispanic fight for America’s independence.

Some background: The present Fort Conde is a model of about one-third of the original structure, which was built by the French in the 1720s and named Fort Conde in honor of King Louis XIV’s brother. The stronghold was renamed Fort Charlotte when France lost all its possession in North America at the end of the Seven Years’ War in 1763. The former La Louisiane became part of British West Florida, which then stretched from Apalachicola to the Mississippi River.

The British flag flew over the fort for the following 17 years, and the scale model in today’s Fort Conde illustrates the battle that brought it down. In it there are some 1,000 mostly Latino troops surrounding the British fort.

“British Colonial period on the Gulf Coast ended in spectacular fashion during the American Revolution,” the exhibit explains. “In March 1780, Don Bernardo de Galvez, the Spanish governor of Louisiana, led more than a thousand troops to Mobile and laid siege to Fort Charlotte ... For 14 long days, Spanish

guns battered the old fort. Faced with the complete destruction of his ragtag army of 300 men, including armed slaves and volunteers from the town, Captain Elias Dumford surrendered Fort Charlotte.”

Under Spanish rule, the former Fort Conde and Fort Charlotte became Fort Carlota.

“Galvez continued eastward toward Pensacola,” the exhibit adds. “Soon all of British West Florida was under Spanish control.”

In Pensacola, where Galvez led some 3,000 men and 32 battleships and won his most decisive battle against the British, his contributions to the success of the American Revolution are properly recognized at both the prestigious T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum and Fort George Memorial Park — as noted in this column two weeks ago.

But my Great Hispanic American History Tour was headed westbound and the next stop was New Orleans, where numerous victories by Galvez’s troops along the Mississippi River and the Gulf Coast “contributed greatly to securing independence for the United States,” according to an exhibit at The Cabildo, the Spanish government building erected in the latter part of the 18th century and still one of the centerpieces of the downtown French Quarter.

The exhibit explains, “Spain benefited, too, acquiring West Florida and reclaiming East Florida from the British according to the Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolution in 1783.” Drafted with Galvez’s input, this is the treaty that set up the boundaries for today’s State of Florida, sold by Spain to the United States in 1821.

The Cabildo exhibit also notes that while the Spanish troops were heavily outnumbered by the British in all the Gulf Coast battles, “Spain, however, had to go on the offensive against well-defended British strongholds.”

But who were these men fighting with Galvez? The Cabildo exhibit notes that they were “troops from Louisiana, Cuba, Mexico, and other Spanish colonies; white militia comprised of Germans, Acadians, Canary Islanders, Frenchmen, and Span-

iards; free black militia; black slaves; and Native Americans.”

In fact, the large majority were Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Venezuelans and Mexicans who — from here — inspired freedom movements throughout the Americas.

Most people don’t know that even before Latinos fought for their own homelands’ independence from Spain, they fought with Spain against Britain in the American Revolution and that it was the American Revolution that ignited Latin America’s quest for independence.

One of the names that stands out is that of Juan Manuel de Cagigal y Monserrat, who was born in Cuba, became second-in-command to Galvez during the entire Gulf War against the British and was reportedly “the first to storm the breach at the walls of Pensacola.”

As Cuba’s first criollo captain general and governor of La Habana, Cagigal also helped to organize a massive fundraising campaign among Cuba’s social elite. It was Cagigal who had received a plea for help in a letter from French admiral Francois Joseph Paul de Grasse on behalf of the American insurgents, and it was he who mobilized the so-called Ladies of Havana to give up their jewelry and raised enough funds to give George Washington’s troops the margin of victory at Yorktown, according to some historians. They say the late injection of funds from Cuba allowed Washington to equip thousands of additional troops and go on to win the decisive battle of the Revolution. They say the Spanish silver dollars Washington received from Cuba — the equivalent of \$28 million in today’s money — “must be considered as the ground whereon was erected the American independence.”

Bottom line: Our Latino ancestors financed and fought for American independence and we, too, are the sons and daughters of the American Revolution.

Aside from defeating the British all along the Gulf Coast and, in effect, eliminating the possibility that Washington’s troops could be attacked from the rear, aside from allowing Washington to concentrate only on the war’s

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Thank you Lord, for the recent rain. May it nourish our fields and lives.

Amen

Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal, which is usually at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, will not meet in July.

Our church was pleased to welcome and feed the family and friends of Wesley Carroll while they were here for his interment on Saturday, July 12.

Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. John Ferguson is lay lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Youth will be meeting for Bible study on Sunday, at 5 p.m. at the church. All youth who will begin sixth grade this fall through those who just graduated this spring are invited. Don't forget the Youth Pool Party on Saturday. For more info, contact Clint Bratcher.

We will be meeting at Spring Town Plaza on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for the next few weeks to get the portion of the mall to be used as our new church home ready for renovation. Youth are working in the area to be used by the youth. All help is welcome and appreciated. Children's activities will continue at the regular place and time and a meal will be provided for the children at 5:30.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include junior K through junior high this coming year. Applications are being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit our website at bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Sunday's activities include Connection Groups at 9:15 a.m. and worship service at 10:45 a.m.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org



"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50 a.m. Both services meet in the Sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Last Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins launched a new message series entitled "Glow in the Dark." As Christians, we're called to reflect the light of Christ - to "Glow in the Dark." As we reflect the light of Christ, we can have the kind of influence on those around us that will lead them to the One who is the true Light, Jesus Christ.

How we live and what we say can determine what others come to know about Christ. Our influence can have powerful effect. Our words and our actions can shut out the Light from those around us or, as Paul said, they will bring "his word to light."

This Sunday's message is entitled "Spiritual Influence" and is taken from Titus 1:5-9. The message will explore the qualities needed for effective leadership. Even in the church, everything rises and falls on leadership. Godly leadership is essential to

the church's witness.

While our Celebration Choir is on its summer break, special music is being provided by various members of the congregation. This Sunday, an adult ensemble will sing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" as the Call to Worship. Congregational music will include "Morning Has Broken," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," and "10,000 Reasons."

Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue a series entitled "Confronting the Controversies." The next study is entitled "Splish Splash" and examines the modes of baptism. Some Christians insist that the only valid mode of baptism is immersion. But what does the Bible really say?

Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal is served for a small fee in Garrett Hall beginning at 11:50 a.m. The study concludes at 12:50 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The summer is in full swing with a whole complement of other activities for children, youth, adults and senior adults. For more information about any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumcbs.com or phone 267-6394.

Forsan Baptist Church

On July 26 we will be hosting a community-wide block party and movie night. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and homemade ice cream. There will be games for all ages including washers, horseshoes and jumpers for the kids. At dark we will start the movie, "God's Not Dead."

This Sunday morning we will study one of the most popular parables in the Bible, that of the lost sheep. You may be a bit surprised at how we will look at this parable, so be sure to join us. The message is titled "99." Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament, and on Sunday evenings we have one more week in the DVD series called, "The Story."

On Tuesday evenings we are doing a Bible study about how to study the Bible. This will be a weekly evening study which will continue through the first week of August. The study will focus on how the Bible is put together, how we got it, how it is all connected, and the background involved in the writing. We will meet in the ladies' Sunday school classroom at the church at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday morning, July 27, we will have the privilege of licensing Tommy Thompson for the Gospel ministry. He will deliver the message that morning and will be presented with a ministerial license immediately following.

Next Sunday evening, July 27, we will begin an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in

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eastern front, Galvez also had been sending weapons, medicine, uniforms and other goods to Washington's army. They went up the Mississippi River and Ohio River, across Pennsylvania and on to Washington's needy troops - some \$70,000 in goods in 1777, according to one estimate.

Unbeknown to most Americans, Washington invited Galvez to march with him in the great victory parade of July 4, 1783. The Continental Congress also recognized his great achievements.

Curiously, as my Great Hispanic American History Tour covers Galvez territory, Congress is considering a bipartisan resolution that would grant him honorary U.S. citizenship posthumously.

The resolution notes that Galvez deserves this extraordinary honor - only granted to seven other people throughout American history - because he "was a hero of the Revolutionary War who risked his life for the freedom of the United States people and provided supplies, intelligence and strong military support to the war effort"; because "his troops seized the Port of New Orleans and successfully defeated the British at battles in

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Natchez, Mississippi, and Mobile, Alabama;" because he "led the successful 2-month Siege of Pensacola, Florida, where his troops captured the capital of British West Florida and left the British with no naval bases in the Gulf of Mexico;" because, having been wounded in Pensacola, Galvez "demonstrated bravery that forever endeared him to the United States soldiers;" because "his victories were recognized by both Washington and the Continental Congress as a deciding factor in the outcome of the Revolutionary War;" because "he helped draft the terms of treaty that ended the Revolutionary War;" and because he "helped secure the independence of the United States."

Is that enough? Yet some media cynics already are charging that while Congress can't seem to pass any form of real immigration reform, it is creating "a path to citizenship" for a man who died more than two centuries ago. It shows their ignorance. Frankly, I can't think of anyone who deserves it more.

Of course, Galvez became the eponym of Galveston, Texas, and since my Great Hispanic American History Tour is heading in that direction, we'll have to make a stop at the grand Galvez Hotel. But before we get there, in next week's column, the tour requires more time in New Orleans

- can you blame me? - because even the French Quarter is packed with Hispanic heritage.

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person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Come and be blessed Sunday morning as Dr. David Hardage, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, is our guest, and delivers the sermon during the 10:50 worship service. Sunday school groups for all ages gather at 9:30, and greeters at each door are happy to assist you in finding your class.

Sunday evening at 5:30, our Missional Community Groups meet in homes throughout the community. You do not have to be a church member to attend, and these groups are a great way to meet new people, make friends, and encourage each other in the Lord. Call the church at 267-8223 for details.

Join us in prayer for the second mission trip team as they are in Boston working alongside Charles River Church bringing the truth of the Gospel to that area.

We praise God for His faithfulness, and for the safe return of the first team.

Our Mother's Day Out program continues each Tuesday and Thursday; contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com for information about available openings for your child or call 267-8223.

Tonight, our youth will be hosting an "open gym" from 6-9 for those who would like to bowl, play pool, or play a game of basketball.

August 7-9, Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will be accompanying a group to Rock the Desert; save the dates and tell your friends.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center followed by activities for everyone. Go to fcbigspring.org for more information.

Join us July 23 for hamburger steaks.

The world we live in says that all good things come to an end, but that is not true. God's love for you is never ending, and He offers a fresh start for you everyday (Lamentations 3:21-23). Stop by the church at 705 W. FM 700 or call 267-8223 for more information.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Be a part of our growing congregation as we meet for worship services Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join them in praising God for His love, faithfulness and gift of everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

Bring a friend and share what God is doing in, and through, the deaf community in our area. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday for part III of our four-part series entitled, "Unlikely Heroes: Giants Do Fall." For the month of July we will focus on biblical accounts of overcoming "Giant" problems in the lives of our brothers and sisters of the faith. Discover the power of your veiled faith and the inner strength of the Holy Spirit to overcome the Giants in your life.

Also, save the date for the 2014 Back to School Weekend: First we have our annual Back To School Picnic; Saturday, Aug. 23 at noon and Aug. 24 at 10:30 a.m. join for your Back-To-School worship service.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Due to current renovation of the Administrative Wing, we have suspended our Wednesday Bible Study until Sept. 3. Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children's church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

We are located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015; or find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org

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Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. The Adult Bible Class is studying "Having a Real Relationship with God" by Kay Arthur. Our youth are studying different Bible stories, activities and crafts.

McKenna Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Romans 8:18-27.

Our Wednesday night Bible study will continue in the fall.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Adam's descendants

Do you ever wonder about your ancestors? Where did they come from? What were they like?

Adam had a lot of descents. The estimated world population in 2013 was 7.17 billion and growing, and every person who has ever lived is descended from Adam and Eve. Recent research of genetic scientists shows that every nationality carries the same two genes, indicating that we are all descended from Adam and Eve.

Genesis 5 states that God made Adam in the likeness of God. In the account of Adam's descendants, it says Adam begot his son, Seth, in his likeness and his

image. And the account of Adam's descendants begins with Seth. Abel was killed before he had children.

Cain, who chose to follow Satan, the Accuser, is not listed as Adam's descendant or as begotten in his image.

Therefore, Cain carries Adam and Eve's DNA, but he is not considered as Adam's descendant. Cain's descendants are referred to as "sons of man," while Seth's descendants are referred to as "sons of rulers." Seth was the first generation from Adam; after his time, people began to do evil.

Cain's sons were not taught to serve God; they served themselves and lived for their own pleasure.

The "sons of Seth" began to take wives from the "sons of Cain" because they saw that their daughters were good to look at. Instead of choosing wives from

families who served God, they took wives from whomever they chose.

The children born to these marriages were probably not taught to serve God, so more and more people began to do evil and to live to please only themselves.

During the life of Seth's son, Enosh, idolatry was introduced.

People began to make images of planets and animals and to call these images God.

The ox was a favorite idol because of its strength.

The image, maybe a golden calf, was called God and was thought of as holy. Have you ever heard the phrase, "Holy Cow?"

Nearly 1,700 years from creation, mankind had become so evil — serving their own desires instead of serving God — that God decided they must be destroyed. He found one man, Noah, who found grace

in God's eyes. God told Noah to build a very large boat that would hold Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, and a pair of each bird and animal that God had made. (Remember Noah's wife? She was the daughter of Lamech and the sister of Tubal-Cain.)

All the rest of the creatures on earth, men and animals, were destroyed because of the evil of mankind. But let's not be so hard on them ... we are all deceived by the "master of deceit." He twists things so that they sound almost like what God said so that we chose to deceive ourselves.

Eunice Filler is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? fillereunice@yahoo.com.



EUNICE FILLER

Music and Madness Concert to Big Spring

The legendary Mark Lowry, joined by dynamic sibling trio The Martins and Grammy winner Jason Crabb, will present an enjoyable evening of spirit-lifting music and laughs on Aug. 7 in Big Spring, Texas.

Presented by Muse Concerts and sponsored by Feed the Children, Music & Madness will feature sounds from across the genres, including gospel, a cappella and classic favorites with accompaniment by a band and renowned pianist Stan Whitmire. The concert will be held Thursday, Aug. 7 at First Baptist

Church Big Spring located at 705 W FM 700, Big Spring, TX, 79720. The show starts at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m.

Mark Lowry is best known for penning the Christmas classic, "Mary Did You Know?" and for years singing baritone in the Grammy-Award-winning Gaither Vocal Band.

Tickets start at \$25.00 and can be purchased online at marklowry.com. All tickets purchased online will include a per-ticket convenience fee. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Man pleads not guilty in priest's shooting death

PHOENIX (AP) — A homeless ex-convict has pleaded not guilty to charges that he beat a Catholic priest with a metal rod and fatally shot another clergyman during a burglary at a Phoenix church.

Gary Michael Moran was brought to court in a wheelchair Thursday for his arraignment on charges that he badly beat the Rev. Joseph Terra and fatally shot the Rev. Kenneth Walker in the June 11 attack at the Mother of Mercy Mission.

Moran's comments during the minutes-long hearing consisted of stating his name and age to Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner Casey Newcomb.

He was arrested four days after the attack after police say his DNA matched forensic evidence collected from the scene.

Police say Moran had bragged about beating and robbing a priest and that a woman told them Moran had given her a bag that contained a camera belonging to one of the clergymen.

Authorities say Moran has acknowledged his involvement in the crime.

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News in brief

Ukraine rebels claim to have found most of the crashed Malaysia Airlines plane's recorders

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Emergency workers, police officers and even off-duty coal miners — dressed in overalls and covered in soot — searched through wreckage and bodies scattered across sunflower fields and Ukrainian villages Friday after a Malaysia Airlines jetliner flying high above the country's battlefield was shot down, killing 298 people.

Separatist rebels who control the area where the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was brought down said they had recovered most of its black boxes and were considering what to do with them. Their statement had profound implications for the integrity of the plane crash investigation.

U.S. intelligence authorities said a surface-to-air missile downed the plane, but could not say who fired it.

Ukraine, whose investigators have no access to the area, has called for an international probe to determine who attacked the plane and insisted it was not its military.

More than 20 Palestinians, Israeli soldier killed as troops advance into Hamas-ruled Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops pushed deeper into Gaza on Friday to destroy rocket launching sites and tunnels, firing volleys of tank shells and clashing with Palestinian fighters in a high-stakes ground offensive meant to weaken the enclave's Hamas rulers.

Israel launched the operation late Thursday, following a 10-day campaign of more than 2,000 air strikes against Gaza that had failed to halt relentless Hamas rocket fire on Israeli cities.

Israel's first major ground offensive in Gaza in just over five years came as Egyptian cease-fire efforts stalled. Earlier this week, Israel accepted Cairo's offer to halt hostilities, but Hamas refused, demanding that Israel and Egypt first give guarantees to ease the blockade on Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the military to prepare for a "significant expansion" of the ground offensive.

Hit by double disasters, Malaysia Airlines may become tainted for travelers, never recover

HONG KONG (AP) — Hit by two astonishing tragedies in quick succession, the Malaysia Airlines brand may become the airline industry's equivalent of asbestos or News of the World: toxic to the public and, experts say, impossible to redeem.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was downed over eastern Ukraine on Thursday with 298 people aboard by what American intelligence authorities believe was a surface-to-air missile. Just four months earlier, a Ma-

aysia Airlines jetliner carrying 239 people disappeared about an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur. The jet has still not been found, a source of profound unease for travelers and the aviation industry.

"I can't comprehend of anything they can do to save themselves," said Mohshin Aziz, an aviation analyst at Maybank in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"Perception-wise it really hits home," Aziz said. "It's very difficult to fight against negative perception."

Even before the Flight 370 mystery, state-owned Malaysia Airlines was in serious financial trouble. In an industry infamous for impoverishing shareholders and irking customers, Malaysia Airlines had long stood out for its years of restructurings and losses.

'Substantial number' of those on downed Malaysia jet were heading to AIDS conference

SYDNEY (AP) — A large number of world-renowned AIDS researchers and activists heading to an international AIDS conference in Australia were on board a Malaysian jetliner that was shot down over Ukraine, officials said Friday, as news of their deaths sparked an outpouring of grief across the global scientific community.

There have been unconfirmed reports that up to 100 people on board the Boeing 777 were en route to the Victoria state capital of Melbourne to attend the 20th International AIDS conference, which starts Sunday, Victoria Premier Denis Napthine said, though he hastened to add that reports were conflicting and it was far too premature to give a precise figure.

"There's been confirmed a number of senior people who were coming out here who were researchers, who were medical scientists, doctors, people who've been to the forefront of dealing with AIDS across the world," Napthine told reporters in Melbourne. "The exact number is not yet known, but there is no doubt it's a substantial number."

The plane, which was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, crashed Thursday with 298 people on board. American intelligence authorities believe a surface-to-air missile brought the aircraft down but it was not yet clear who fired it.

At least 27 Australians were confirmed to be on board the plane, which was scheduled to continue flying to Australia after stopping in Kuala Lumpur, Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop told reporters in Brisbane.

Secrets leaker Chelsea Manning's gender treatments to begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — National security leaker Chelsea Manning can get initial treatment for a gender-identity condition from the military after the Bureau of Prisons rejected the

Army's request to accept her transfer from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to a civilian facility.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has approved the Army's recommendation to keep the Army private in military custody and start a rudimentary level of gender treatment, a defense official said Thursday. Defense officials have said the Army doesn't have the medical expertise needed to give Manning the best treatment.

The initial gender treatments provided by the military could include allowing Manning to wear some female undergarments and also possibly provide some hormone treatments.

The decision raises a number of questions about what level of treatment Manning will be able to get and at what point she would have to be transferred from the all-male prison to a female facility.

In May, Manning's lawyer, David Coombs, had contended that civilian prisons were not as safe as military facilities. In a statement, he had said, "It is common knowledge that the federal prison system cannot guarantee the safety and security of Chelsea in the way that the military prison system can."

Washington wildfire forces evacuation of small town; sheriff says 35 homes have burned

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A small north-central Washington town and a nearby hospital have been evacuated ahead of a wind-whipped wildfire that has already burned at least 35 homes, authorities said.

Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers said late Thursday he's heard of no injuries from the Carlton Complex of wildfires.

The sheriff issued his highest evacuation notice Thursday for Pateros, a town of about 650 people along the Columbia River. Residents drove

south to Chelan. A hospital in nearby Brewster was evacuated as a precaution, with the patients sent to Omak.

"The whole town was evacuated," Rogers said in a telephone interview as he drove the eight-mile stretch between Brewster and Pateros. "It was a chaotic mess but we got everybody on the highway."

Militants who seized swaths of Syria, Iraq try to govern as a state, but face risk of backlash

BEIRUT (AP) — Across the broad swath of territory it controls bridging Syria and Iraq, extremist militants from the group known as the Islamic State have proven to be highly organized administrators. Flush with cash, they fix roads, police traffic, administer courts, and have even set up an export system of smuggled crude from oil fields they control.

But the extremists — a mix of Iraqis and Syrians but also foreign fighters from Arab countries and non-Arab regions like the Caucasus — run the risk of provoking a backlash from the people they have come to rule.

Unlike Lebanon's Hezbollah or the Palestinian militant group Hamas, which have deep roots in their communities, the Islamic State group is not a grassroots movement and its sway over its populations is ultimately based on violence, not necessarily a groundswell of support for its vision of a hard-line Islamic caliphate. While it has been welcomed by some disenfranchised Iraqi Sunnis as potential saviors from the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad, many consider the group an alien entity.

In recognition of that, the group has varied the imposition of the radical version of Islamic law they advocate. In their main stronghold in Syria, the city of Raqqa, they have unleashed it without reserve, killing perceived offenders.



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Great stretch helps give Tiger Woods good start

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — The warm ovation Tiger Woods heard walking up the 18th fairway at Royal Liverpool sounded familiar, even if the circumstances were not.

Eight years ago it was because he was about to win the British Open.

Thursday was because he played.

He returned to the majors for the first time in 11 months on Thurs-

day and gave thousands of fans perched along the hillocks what they wanted to see — a three-time Open champion looking as if he has the look to win another one.

He atoned for a bogey-bogey start with five birdies in a six-hole stretch at the end for a 3-under 69. Woods was three shots behind Rory McIlroy after a gorgeous day of sunshine and mild wind along the Irish Sea.

He was neither surprised nor satisfied. It felt like the other 250 rounds he has played in the majors as a pro.

"I knew I could do it," Woods said. "That's why I was telling you guys it was so important for me to play at Congressional. The fact that I was able to recover every day, and the fact that I was strong, more explosive the more days I played. ... I'm only going to get better from

that point."

Woods had back surgery March 31 that caused him to miss the Masters for the first time, and then the U.S. Open. He returned earlier than he expected at Congressional three weeks ago and missed the cut by four shots. His short game was shabby and he made more mental mistakes than birdies.

The start of this round didn't look much differ-

ent.

He missed the green with a 7-iron and drew such a tough lie on the bunker that he had no chance stopping it anywhere near the pin. The shot went across and off the green, and Woods had to get up-and-down for bogey. Then, he badly misjudged the speed of a long birdie try and three-putted for bogey.

Two holes, 2 over.

Even more disturbing was his shot from behind the fourth green after going long with a wedge. Woods used his putter from 30 feet away and came up 8 feet short.

"I hit that putt in practice rounds and I know it's slower," Woods said. "It's more lush over there. There's more grain. It's thicker. I took that into account and still left it 8 feet short. But I buried that one, "

Injury-ravaged Rangers last in AL West race

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers had become accustomed to coming out of the All-Star break looking for moves to bolster a play-off chase.

There are much different expectations and plans this season with an injury-plagued roster and the worst record in the majors.

"We are just looking to see better baseball, see guys grow," general manager Jon Daniels said when asked what he wants to see now.

After winning at least 90 games each of the past four seasons — a stretch when they went to the World Series twice, made the playoffs a third time and lost a one-game wildcard tiebreaker last year — the Rangers are now on pace for 90 losses or more. If they go 34-33 the rest of the way, they will finish with 90 losses.

The Rangers (38-57) carry an eight-game losing streak into Friday night's game at Toronto. They have lost 22 of their last 25 since being 35-35 in mid-June, falling 21 games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

"It's been tough," said Ron Washington, the Rangers' winningest manager in his eighth season. "There's times out there we just weren't good enough. There's times out there we did it to ourselves. ... I'm certainly not through, and I don't think they're through."

Texas still has a majors-high 15 players on the disabled list and has made 21 DL moves this season for a total of 1,119 games missed by those players. The Rangers have used 50 players, the most-ever in the majors before the All-Star break, a number that includes 29 pitchers and 15 rookies.

Rangers bring back catchers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Not one, not two, not three. The Texas Rangers now have four catchers on their 25-man roster.

The Rangers recalled opening day starting catcher J.P. Arencibia from Triple-A Round Rock on Thursday, the same day they made the expected move of activating catcher Geovany Soto from the 60-day disabled list.

Struggling first baseman Carlos Pena was designated for assignment after playing only 18 games in his return to the Rangers.

Soto and Arencibia joined the team for a workout in Toronto, along with catchers Robinson Chirinos and Chris Gimenez. Texas (38-57), with the worst record in the majors, plays the Blue Jays on Friday in its first game after the All-Star break.

Arencibia was optioned to Round Rock on May 20 after hitting .133 in 20 games, 19 of them starts.

Daniels made a move Wednesday, trading veteran reliever Jason Frasor to Kansas City for Triple-A All-Star pitcher Spencer Patton. That is a clear sign that the Rangers are looking to the future and getting back into a contending role in 2015.

There are still several other veteran players who could be targeted by contending teams.



Getting ready ...

The Big Spring High School Steers will unofficially get football started on July 28 when they hand out football equipment to high school players. BSHS seniors will be the first to get their equipment, beginning July 28.

Harris County judge balks at latest Astrodome demolition plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County's top elected official said demolishing the Astrodome would be a "silly plan."

Judge Ed Emmett on Thursday voiced his opposition to a \$66 million proposal by The Houston Texans and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to destroy the historic stadium to make way for green space.

Emmett told members of the Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater

Houston he wants to repurpose the stadium instead, The Houston Chronicle reported.

"It's an asset that belongs to the taxpayers of Harris County and it would be a shame, because I know that I would wake up in retirement at my log cabin in 10 or 12 years later and somebody would come forth and say 'If we just had the Astrodome,'" said Emmett, who chairs the county's governing board.

The Houston Texans and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo have been eager to free up the area now filled by the derelict dome. The stadium opened in 1965. It was vacated by the Houston Astros in 2000 and declared unsuitable for occupancy in 2009.

Plans released last week show the domed stadium replaced with a green space and an "Astrodome Hall of Fame." A proposed construction timetable ends with

the 2017 Super Bowl.

"It's a silly plan," he told the newspaper after the event.

"I told them: If you're going to tear it down, just tear it down. I mean, is anybody going to care, this is where Harmon Killebrew hit a home run?"

Emmett has other ideas for the stadium.

"The Astrodome is the only building in the world that's 350,000 square feet of column-free space," he said.

Wiggins, Cavs hounded by Love trade rumors

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Andrew Wiggins came to summer league to get an early education on the NBA game, from playing against better competition to learning about what his new coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers will demand of him as a pro.

The 19-year-old Canadian

is also receiving a crash course in the NBA rumor mill.

Since he arrived in Las Vegas and found out LeBron James was coming to Cleveland with him, Wiggins has heard his name brought up in possible trade scenarios as the Cavaliers pursue Minnesota All-Star Kevin

Love. They continued on Thursday, with several outlets reporting that the Cavaliers have decided to make the No. 1 overall pick available.

But two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that the Cavaliers' position has remained unchanged and that no

offer including Wiggins has been made to Minnesota.

"Rumors are rumors. That's why they call them rumors," Cavs coach David Blatt said. "Sooner or later in one's career, you're going to have to deal with it. If he has to deal with it now, then so be it."

Football gear to be distributed on July 28

Big Spring High School football athletes will get to get their hands — and heads — into football equipment for the first time on months later this month when the school's coaches begin distributing equipment.

According to the Big Spring coaching staff, players will be fitted for equipment

beginning with the seniors on July 28. Seniors will be fitted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Incoming juniors will be fitted on July 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while sophomore can pick up their gear on July 30 during the same time frame. Freshmen will be fit for equipment on July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BSHS volleyball skills camp set for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is

open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 e.a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp in-

formation, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Campers in grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10.

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Mercury and Neptune Suggest the High Road

Social media presents problems, but they are the same problems that have been present since the beginning of time. In the words of Cato the Elder, born in 234 BC, "We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them." Mercury and Neptune encourage the high road for all communication.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're like an exotic orchid that needs a specific kind of attention. So who knows the right way to nurture you? You could find just the expertise you need in a Pisces.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The things you'll do in the morning will stave off an overly serious

mood. You will be focused, but at the same time, your heart is light. With this combination, you'll be unstoppable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll predict the future accurately. This time it won't be with your psychic mind, but rather you'll employ your scientific sense. Your guess is based on how you've seen similar situations play out in the past.



HOLIDAY

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-esteem isn't a fixed thing, and you will feel yours waver throughout the day. The important thing is that whether you feel strong or scared, go ahead with your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll wheel and deal your way into a prime position. By the end of the day, you'll have reason to celebrate. Include air signs Gemini, Libra or Aquarius.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one else will stop you, but you might be

wise to stop yourself. By taking breaks and pacing yourself, you'll prevent the burnout that could keep you from your prize at the end.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once you get over the first hurdle of the morning, you'll be warmed up enough to handle something even more challenging in the afternoon. These are blessings, for they will make you excellent!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most creative, passionate people have a tendency to be unreasonable once in a while. If you find yourself obsessing about a certain person again, relax and go easy on yourself. You'll get over this. It just takes time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're looking forward to a change. In fact, you can't wait! Others who will be affected are not as excited. You can help with that with your gentle way of staying emotionally attuned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll create enthusiasm and a sense of unity among your friends and colleagues. Part of what makes you so powerful is that you work and play well with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A police officer who walks the same beat every day will notice the smallest change in the neighborhood and be on alert. That's what you're like today. You'll detect a small but significant change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Try using visual cues -- or, as the case may be, removing the visual cues that are causing you to go down an unwanted mental path. Controlling your environment will train your mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 18). You'll seek and find the excitement you need in a project that lasts the next six weeks. August brings a second chance at something that has been important in your life, and you'll get it right this time. Your appearance and health will improve with the efforts you make in September. Lock down a commitment in November. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 12, 23, 38 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: **ARIES:** The typical way is to fight "it," but accepting "it" will be so much more graceful. (You supply the "it.") **TAURUS:** Postpone the negative, and maybe it won't come up at all. **GEMINI:** Maybe you don't want to be needed, but just because someone needs you doesn't make that person "needy."

CANCER: One thing that makes you great is that you're willing to share the credit but not the blame. **LEO:** Revealing too much is a danger. Stay mysterious. **VIRGO:** You're more attractive when you don't respond to every little outreach. **LIBRA:** Pacing is important. Don't try to do too much at once. **SCORPIO:** Be aware of precisely what you did to contribute to the success of a project so you can create a winning strategy later. **SAGITTARIUS:** Before you embark, make sure everyone is on board for the same journey. **CAPRICORN:** Be straightforward -- your partner or potential partner will respond well to this approach. **AQUARIUS:** Decide quickly -- it's more exciting that way. **PISCES:** You'll have to choose between whom you believe in and what you believe in.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the Taurus moon reflects the best parts of the Cancer sun, these two take a shine to each other in what promises to be a quintessential summer weekend. Play, fun, excitement, adventure -- it's all part of the plan with Venus and Mars harmonizing so effectively. Perhaps laughter will be more prevalent than kisses, as the connection entails so much more than a physical bond.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sudoku Answer On Page 7

sudoku

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

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								3
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South and hold this hand in each of the following three problems:

♠AQ94 ♥AQ65 ♦KQJ83 ♣—

1. The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
?			

What would you bid now?

2. West bids One Club, your partner passes, and East raises to Two Clubs. What would you bid now?

3. The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
?			

What would you bid now?

1. Pass. You've told your story, and there's nothing more to add. Certainly this is a fine hand and, on the face of it, suggests a potential slam. But partner is obviously not of the same mind. True, his two-club bid was constructive and showed reasonable values, but his reaction thereafter was all negative. He wants out, and there's no good reason to overrule him. He probably has something

like:
♠852 ♥K3 ♦74 ♣AQJ872, in which case three notrump is just about your limit.

2. Three clubs. You could make a takeout double instead, but that would not describe your hand nearly as well as an immediate cuebid. On the bidding to date, your partner can't have much, but opposite your hand, he really doesn't need much to produce a game. Thus, he could have as little as:

♠106 ♥K10742 ♦95 ♣9863 and have a good shot for 10 tricks in hearts. The immediate cuebid, implying a powerhouse with a likely void in clubs, will enable partner to appreciate even these slender values.

3. Four hearts. It would be dangerous to venture beyond four hearts, since partner is turning an absolutely deaf ear to your powerful bidding. He is probably looking at something like:

♠865 ♥J983 ♦74 ♣AQ92 and is trying to get out from under. Your eyes tell you that you have an excellent hand with an enormous potential for slam, but your ears should tell you that partner is not interested in going further. Bridge is a partnership game, and if North says he has the wrong hand facing yours, you should trust him by giving up on a slam.

Tomorrow: That extra little twist.
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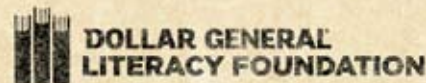


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5 :PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele Noticias	News CBS	Seinfeld	Zola Lev. Chevalme	Charlie Rose	Rifleman	Fat N Furious	Movie: Hitman, Olga Kurylenko	Cops	Castle (DVS)	106 & Park	Liv-Mad.	SportsNation	SportsCenter
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	De Que Te Quiero, Te Quiero (SS)	Big Bang	News CBS	Caso Cerado	News CBS	Seinfeld	Israel Upd	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Naked and Afraid		Cops	Castle (DVS)	Game Good	Liv-Mad.	SportsCenter	2014 Open Championship: Second Round.
7 :PM	Shark Tank		MasterChef	CSI: Crime Scene	Reina de Corazon	Dateline NBC	Seinfeld	Upd	Wash Just Seen	Gilligan	Naked and Afraid	Movie: The Day After Tomorrow, Ian Holm	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Fat Albert, Shadrack Anderson III	Dog Girl	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.	
8 :PM	What Would	Lo Que la Vida	24: Live Another Day	Hawaii Five-0	En Otra Piel (SS)		Fam. Guy	Best of Light of the Southwest	Ellen DeGeneres-Mark	Heroes	Deadliest Catch		Rampage vs. King Mo	Cold Justice		Phineas Wander		
9 :PM	20/20	Qué Pobres	Mod Fam	Blue Bloods	El Señor de los	(:01) Cross-bones	Funnies Wins		Preview	Odd Cpl.	Deadliest Catch	(:31) Movie: The Day After Tomorrow, Ian Holm		(:01) Movie: Law Abiding Citizen	Apollo Live	I Didn't Liv-Mad.	CFL Football: Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Calgary Stampeders.	
10 :PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Tele	News	Funnies Wins	Upd	Charlie Rose	Tw. Zone	Naked and Afraid		Jail	(:02) Cold Justice	Wendy Williams	Dog		
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	(:35) Boxeo Telemundo (SS)	Tonight Show	Seth Meyers	Mani Justice	World (Off Air)	Dragnet	Naked and Afraid		Jail	(12:03) Movie: Col-lateral	One Mic	Liv-Mad.	Olbermann	SportsCenter
12 :AM	Extra	Mazda	Amorico Corazon	Insider	El Señor de los	News		Justice		Adam-12	Deadliest Catch	Movie: The Core, Delroy Lindo	Jail		One Mic	Dog		
1 :AM	Paid	Alma	Latter	Ent	Pagado	(:07) Today	Movie: Cop Out, Adam	Best of Light of the		Hitchcock Hr.	Naked and Afraid		Jail		One Mic	Austin	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter

DENNIS THE MENACE

7-18

"IF YOU'D JUST CAUGHT THAT BALL WITHOUT RUNNIN' INTO THE LAMP, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

7-18

"My dad started jogging again. His head likes it but his feet don't."

HAGAR

7-18

HAGAR! YOU PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T BRING YOUR WORK HOME WITH YOU ANYMORE!

BLONDIE

7-18

I CAN'T HELP IT... IF IT FOLLOWED ME!

BC

7-18

HOW WAS GOLFING ON SAFARI?

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YA.

TRY ME.

I HOOKED A TEE SHOT OFF A GIRAFFE'S NOSE INTO THE CUP.

YOU GOT A HOLE-IN-ONE?

AND A SUBPOENA FROM PETA.

WIZARD OF ID

7-18

THE HUNS HAVE ATTACKED THE NORTH TOWER! CAN YOU CONJURE UP SOMETHING TO STOP THEM?

SURE!

I'M A WIZARD! I CAN DO ANYTHING!

EXCEPT THE SPLITS...I CAN'T DO THE SPLITS

EVERYBODY TODAY IS PLAYING THIS "CANDY CRUSH" GAME, DAG!

7-18

REALLY?

"CANDY CRUSH" IS THE TOP GAME APP OUT THERE!

I'LL HAVE TO TRY IT

HOW ARE THE TROOPS DOING, BUMSTEAD?

7-18

WELL, THEY'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE, BOSS.

AGNES

7-18

GOOD DAY, SIR! WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME GRADE-A WORM JERKY?

IT'S HIGH-END GOURMET BIRD FOOD FOR THE PEOPLE RICH ENOUGH TO BUY UTTERLY UNNECESSARY THINGS.

...AAND ANOTHER RICH PERSON TAKES A HIKE.

COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE WELL-HEELLED, YOU PAUPER!

HI AND LOIS

7-18

SWITCH

NO MORE SWEATY PALMS.

THE OTHER COAST

7-18

THIS AFTERNOON, AS TEMPERATURES SOARED, A DOG WAS FOUND INSIDE A LOCKED CAR.

POLICE BROKE A WINDOW AND REMOVED THE DOG, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO SAVE HER.

EVERY SUMMER, THIS HAPPENS. DON'T PEOPLE EVER LEARN?

THEY SHOULD BE TESTED FOR THE "MORON GENE" BEFORE THEY'RE ALLOWED TO TAKE A DOG HOME.

SNUFFY SMITH

7-18

UH-OH !!

UH-OH !!

THIS DON'T BODE WELL !!

BETLE BAILEY

7-18

COME HERE, OTTO

HERE, BOY! COME HERE!

PAT PAT

I THINK I'VE SPOILED THAT DOG

This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 18, the 199th day of 2014. There are 166 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 18, A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.) On this date: In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England. In 1792, American naval hero John Paul

Jones died in Paris at age 45. In 1872, Britain enacted voting by secret ballot. In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway. In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II. American forces in France captured the Normandy town of St. Lo. In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next

in the line of succession after the vice president. In 1964, nearly a week of rioting erupted in New York's Harlem neighborhood following the fatal police shooting of a black teenager, James Powell, two days earlier. In 1994, a bomb hidden in a van destroyed a Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 85.

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Answer to previous puzzle

GAGA	OBAMA	EKED
UFOS	DECOR	MAXI
MARKED	DECK	EYES
PREEN	KIDROCK	
DVDS	SNUG	
MBA	YUCK	BEOFF
YOWS	MANE	ANNIE
TWO	HEADED	NICKEL
HIKES	SAGE	YELL
SEEPS	DESK	YDS
	HABA	STIR
HONEYED	NADIR	
OVER	LOADED	EDDIE
BAR	PRYOR	AVON
OLDS	SNEER	RANT

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Be able to spare
 - 7 Palm product
 - 11 Tight-lipped
 - 14 Toter on tour
 - 15 Awesome
 - 16 Vein contents
 - 17 Peace Nobelist right after Anwar and Menachem
 - 18 Personal sensitivity
 - 20 Jell-O pudding flavoring
 - 22 Ponies up
 - 23 Team with a leprechaun mascot
 - 29 Set off
 - 30 Rudely terse
 - 31 Southwestern grassland
 - 32 Big enchilada
 - 33 One-time towel, perhaps
 - 36 Suffragist Stanton's colleague
 - 37 Fairy-tale villain "starting" the longest Across answers
 - 39 Beaufort scale category
 - 40 Nine-symbol message
 - 41 Movie mentor with convoluted syntax
 - 42 Deposit
 - 43 Shape of some speakers
 - 44 "Checkmate"
 - 46 English ivy and coleus
 - 48 Start of a quotable boast
 - 50 Applications
 - 51 They drop the ball
 - 54 Perform perfectly

- DOWN**
- 1 Skilled workmanship
 - 2 Challenger
 - 3 Note in a Sound of Music scale
 - 4 Glorifying lines
 - 5 Opening trattoria course
 - 6 Hon
 - 7 Dashboard button
 - 8 Galoot
 - 9 No-win situation
 - 10 Bakery buy
 - 11 Third of a quarter
 - 12 Do some pressing
 - 13 Mare's-nest
 - 19 Tech sch.
 - 21 Intention
 - 23 Pixar products
 - 24 Cool place to live
 - 25 Mushroom pests
 - 26 Word from the wise
 - 27 Cultural symbol
 - 28 Reddish brown
 - 32 Cote quote
 - 33 Fabric made from cellulose
 - 34 First group to get invitations
 - 35 Gifts from Mom and Dad
 - 37 Much of the Mongol Empire
 - 38 Inking
 - 39 Festive function
 - 41 Symbol of December
 - 42 Beat rhythmically
 - 43 Rooster topper
 - 44 Word on a Ouija board
 - 45 First act
 - 46 Illustrious
 - 47 Hat removers, maybe
 - 48 Then
 - 49 Tipped off
 - 52 Beast on Canberra coins
 - 53 Periphery
 - 55 Name on the sheet music of "S Wonderful"
 - 56 ___ Cruces, NM
 - 57 Brief vow
 - 58 Number on David Cameron's door

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CBS won't dictate use of team's name on the air

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — CBS won't dictate to its announcers whether or not to use the nickname of Washington's NFL franchise during televised games this season.

CBS Sports chairman Sean McManus said Thursday he hasn't told on-air talent such as Jim Nantz and Phil Simms what to say regarding the controversy surround the Redskins' name.

"We don't tell our announcers what to say about any topic," McManus told the summer

TV critics' meeting. "That is true about team names also. We haven't made any specific plans as far as the name," he added. "We're looking at it, but right now we don't have any change in our plan."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell added, "We don't dictate to our broadcast partners how they cover the game. That's their decision."

Washington owner Dan Snyder has vowed not to change the name, but is facing unprecedented opposition from

those who consider it a racial slur.

CBS is launching Thursday night coverage of NFL games this fall in a one-year agreement with the league. CBS will air eight games that also will be simulcast on NFL Network, which will televise eight games in the run-up to the playoffs. The mix of games will include 14 on Thursday nights and two late-season games on Saturday. The schedule kicks off Sept. 11 with Pittsburgh at Baltimore.

The full slate of 16

regular-season games will be produced by CBS with its lead broadcasters and production team, including Nantz and Simms, on all Thursday night games. NFL Network hosts and ain the pregame, halftime and postgame shows along with CBS Sports announcers.

McManus said the coverage will feature a super high-definition camera suspended on a wire over the sideline and goal lines and at least one player from each team will be miked for quick turnaround

video on a big play or touchdown. A former NFL referee will work as a rules analyst in the booth, and the games will get a new graphics package and theme music.

Goodell was asked about the NFL returning to Los Angeles, which has been without a team since the 1990s, when the Rams and Raiders departed.

He said the key was having a stadium that can be competitive with the league's newer stadiums, including the latest in Santa Clara,

California.

"We would like to do that here," Goodell said. "Opportunities are starting to develop."

Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots and chairman of the league's broadcast committee, said the league's owners are concerned about not having a team in Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest market.

"A whole generation of fans have grown up without a team to root for," he said. "We want young people to be branded to a team."

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W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	15	6	.714	—
Indiana	11	12	.478	5
Washington	10	13	.435	6
Connecticut	10	14	.417	6½
New York	8	13	.381	7
Chicago	8	14	.364	7½

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	18	3	.857	—
Minnesota	17	6	.739	2
San Antonio	11	12	.478	8
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	8½
Seattle	9	15	.375	10½
Tulsa	8	15	.348	11

Thursday's Games

Tulsa 95, San Antonio 90
Indiana 82, Chicago 64
Phoenix 101, Connecticut 85
Washington 79, Los Angeles 75

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
East vs. West at Phoenix, AZ, 3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL
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East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	52	42	.553	—
Toronto	49	47	.510	4
New York	47	47	.500	5
Tampa Bay	44	53	.454	9½
Boston	43	52	.453	9½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	53	38	.582	—
Kansas City	48	46	.511	6½
Cleveland	47	47	.500	7½
Chicago	45	51	.469	10½
Minnesota	44	50	.468	10½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	59	36	.621	—
Los Angeles	57	37	.606	1½
Seattle	51	44	.537	8
Houston	40	56	.417	19½
Texas	38	57	.400	21

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 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 9-5) at Boston (Buchholz 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
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 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 7-5) at Oakland (Samardzija 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati (Simon 12-3) at N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 6-6) at Toronto (Stroman 4-2), 1:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 9-6) at Detroit (VerHagen 0-0), 1:08 p.m., 1st game
Cleveland (Undecided) at Detroit (Scherzer 11-3), 7:08 p.m., 2nd game

p.m., 2nd game

Houston (Keuchel 9-5) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 5-9) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 9-7) at Minnesota (Correia 5-11), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 9-3) at Oakland (Hammel 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 11-2) at L.A. Angels (Richards 11-2), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati (Cueto 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 3-5) at Toronto (Buehrle 10-6), 1:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Undecided) at Detroit (Smyly 5-8), 1:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 7-7) at Boston (Lester 9-7), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Cosart 9-6) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 8-6), 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 5-5) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 10-5), 2:10 p.m.
Seattle (C.Young 8-6) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 5-5), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 4-2) at Oakland (Gray 10-3), 4:05 p.m.

St. Louis (J.Kelly 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (B.Anderson 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 6-6) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamel 3-5) at Atlanta (Undecided), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Hudson 7-6) at Miami (H.Alvarez 6-4), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-8) at Arizona (Miley 5-6), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-1) at San Diego (T.Ross 7-10), 8:40 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati (Cueto 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 9-5) at Miami (Hand 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Matzek 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Locke 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 5-5) at Washington (Fister 8-2), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 4-9) at Atlanta (Undecided), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-1) at Arizona (Collmenter 7-5), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 5-8) at San Diego (Despaigne 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 11-2) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

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
Portland	5	11	.313	721 855

American Conference

South Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	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
Iowa	6	10	.375	749 915

Saturday, July 19
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Iowa, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Portland at Arizona, 6 p.m.

W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Winnipeg	3	0	6	115 82
Edmonton	3	0	6	82 55
Calgary	2	0	4	63 23
B.C.	1	2	2	55 64
Saskatchewan	1	2	2	59 84

Friday, July 18
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Hamilton at Calgary, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended free agent minor league 2B Ryan Adams 100 games after testing positive for an amphetamine in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated C Geovany Soto from the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of C-1B J.P. Arenchibia from Round Rock (PCL). Designated 1B Carlos Pena for assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed LHP Brad Mills off waivers from Oakland. Designated RHP Deck McGuire for assignment.

National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed INF Jeff Bianchi on the 15-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated OF Starling Marte from the bereavement list. Optioned OF Jaff Decker to Indianapolis (IL).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed G-F Paul Pierce.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released WR Jeremy Johnson and WR Reese Wiggins.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed OT Joe Staley to a two-year contract extension through the 2019 season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed Fs Mitch Callahan and Andrej Nestrasil to one-year contracts.
MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with G John Curry on a one-year contract.

COLLEGE
NCAA — Announced the retirement of coordinator of men's basketball officials John Adams, effective April 2015.
BIG EAST CONFERENCE — Named Briana Weiss director of conference operations.
CALDWELL — Named David Erdos women's tennis coach.
CASTLETON — Announced the resignation of women's hockey coach Bill Bowes to take an assistant coaching position with New Hampshire.
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE — Named Matt Anderson men's and women's water polo coach.
DELAWARE — Named Byron Collins associate head coach and offensive coordinator for men's lacrosse.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN — Named Kelly Carter cross country and track and field coach.
ILLINOIS-CHICAGO — Announced fifth-year senior men's basketball G Jay Harris has transferred from Wagner.
MACALESTER — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Ellen Thompson.

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Laura Diaz shoots 62 to lead Marathon Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Laura Diaz got off to a surprising start at the Marathon Classic.

Diaz shot a 9-under 62 for a four-stroke lead in Thursday's opening round.

U.S. Open champion Michelle Wie shot a 2-over 73, 2008 Marathon winner Paula Creamer was at 72 along with another perennial contender at Highland Meadows, Morgan Pressel.

The defending champion, Spain's Beatriz Recari, and the world's No.

1-ranked player, Stacy Lewis, a Toledo native, were well down the list at 1 under.

"I definitely didn't have my best out there," Lewis said.

Diaz sure did.

"I'm very happy to shoot 62; I would be lying if I said I wasn't," she said. "It's nice to get a good feeling after round one. To see the ball going in the hole, I think that's always a boost."

Despite being winless in the past 12 years on the LPGA Tour, she

stunned the field by birdieing her first five holes in a round that included nine birdies and no bogeys. She made a 30-footer on her fifth hole, the 14th. Then she stepped back and enjoyed the moment.

"I kind of chuckled to myself — well, out loud," she said.

She had a chance at tying her career best of six consecutive birdies, but missed a 7-footer on the next hole. She added four more birdies the rest of the way to grab the big lead.

Diaz, who won twice in 2002 and played on four U.S. Solheim Cup teams, has cut back on her competitive schedule in recent years while raising her two young children with her husband, Kevin Diaz.

She hasn't finished inside the top 25 in a tour event since 2010. But she has regained a bit of her touch the past two outings, tying for 49th at the U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst and then tying for 64th in Arkansas the following week. She then took off a few

weeks to stay at home, watching her 8-year-old son Cooper's swim meets.

Daughter Lily, 4, hit the road with mom this week.

Sharing second were second-year pro out of LSU Austin Ernst and Lee-Ann Pace, a South African who has won eight times on the Ladies European Tour.

Leading the group of six players at 67 were Mo Martin and Lydia Ko.

Martin stole the show at last week's Women's

British Open by capturing her first victory.

She is still basking in the afterglow of that momentous win.

"I'm pretty tired and it still kind of feels like a dream," she said. "I was joking around with the trainers, saying, 'Can you massage here? Because my face hurts a little bit from smiling.'"

Ko is a two-time winner of the Canadian Women's Open while an amateur who has already notched her first pro win this year on tour.

Sorenstam to compete at American Century

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — The golfers that compete at the American Century Championship have someone new to worry about this weekend in Annika Sorenstam.

Defending champion Billy Joe Tolliver, a four-time winner of the event, along with seven-time winner Rick Rhoden will have to contend with one of the most successful women's golfers of all time at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course.

Sorenstam, who is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and won 89 events, including 10 majors, is coming out of retirement this week to compete in the event for the first time.

"Even though she hasn't played, you know she's going to show up here ready to play," Rhoden said. "She's not going to embarrass herself. So I expect her to play really good. But I think we've got some guys here that can, if

we play good, some of our guys, it would be just like always. I don't think anybody's going to run away with it."

Former NFL quarterback Tolliver won the event last year with a modified Stableford score of 67 (17-25-25). Rhoden, a former All-Star right-hander has long dominated the event and tournament mainstays such as former NFL quarterbacks John Elway and Mark Rypien and actor Jack Wagner are all back.

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, last year's surprise challenger, is back and ready to contend as is Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Other competitors include Pro Football Hall of Famers Steve Young and Jerry Rice and Baseball Hall of Famers Greg Maddux and Ozzie Smith and Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley.

Sorenstam is familiar

with the event, having attended as a fan in previous years.

She has maintained a residence in Squaw Valley's Incline Village and has played Lake Tahoe-area courses for years.

"As of today, pretty much all the money is on Annika," said Steve Schorr, the sportsbook director of Harrah's Lake Tahoe, the casino close to the course.

Tolliver owns the Stableford course record, an 84.

He welcomes the pressure of being the favorite to compete against Sorenstam.

Former boxing champ Cashmere Jackson dies after she's run over

CLEVELAND (AP) — A former national boxing champion died after she jumped onto the hood of a car that was driving toward her, fell off and then was accidentally run over by a different vehicle, Cleveland police said.

Cashmere Jackson, 26, died after what appeared to be an altercation Wednesday at a gas station on Cleveland's east side. Jackson exited the car she was riding in after another car bumped it. When

the second car drove toward Jackson, she jumped onto the hood, police said.

Police said the driver of the second car pulled onto a busy street with Jackson on the hood, and that she fell off just before the vehicle collided with a car stopped at a traffic light. Jackson was then accidentally run over by another vehicle.

The 23-year-old driver of the second car was arrested.

Jackson was a star boxer and was once

thought to be a potential Olympian after women's boxing was added to the 2012 Summer Games in London. She won the national light welterweight titles in 2010 and 2011 and a bronze medal in 2010 at the world boxing championships.

She last fought for Team USA in 2012, losing in the light welterweight finals to Mikaela Mayer, said Julie Goldsticker, a spokeswoman for Team USA women's boxing.

Sandusky son says victim's story sounds very familiar

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Hearing the first victim to take the witness stand against Jerry Sandusky helped push the former Penn State coach's adopted son Matthew to come forward with his own allegations of abuse, he said in a television interview.

Matthew Sandusky said in a Thursday broadcast of "Oprah Prime" that he recognized elements of his own abuse when he sat through testimony by a young man described in court as Victim 4, someone he knew better than any of the other seven who testified at the trial. Jerry Sandusky was convicted of various types of abuse involving 10 boys, including all eight who testified.

"But his story isn't his story — it's my story," Matthew Sandusky told Oprah Winfrey about Victim 4.

"At this point, that's where the door really opened up and it kind of just hit me from every detail that this man is talking about."

He said he wonders if it wouldn't have been easier to simply keep quiet and not turn against his adoptive father, knowing it would alienate family members who helped him in many ways over the years.

Winfrey asked him how people can know that what he's saying is the truth and not an adaptation of Victim 4's experience.

has been well-documented," he said. "And if you really want to find out what my story is and you really can objectively look at it, it's in the record."

Matthew Sandusky said his sexual abuse at his adoptive father's hands consisted of oral sex, a more serious allegation than he made to detectives two years ago.

He said Jerry Sandusky would tickle him, blow on his belly and wrestle on the floor, and the encounters would gradually become more sexual.

"Then it's, then as I now know, it's oral sex," he told Winfrey. "He's doing that to you and it's very confusing, it's very confusing for you because you have a reaction, you know. It's something that you at that time you definitely don't know what's happening."

The claim of oral sex was specifically denied in an audiotape of his 29-minute interview with police detectives that NBC obtained at the time of Jerry Sandusky's 2012 trial.

Matt Sandusky told investigators two years ago that Jerry Sandusky had rubbed along or against his genitals but that he did not recall any penetration or oral sex. He said then that he was getting therapy and memories were coming back to him.

He told police he came forward to correct the record from his own grand jury testimony.



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