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Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker holds a news conference Monday to explain what authorities believe took place in the death of Bobby Gene Bricker, who was allegedly shot by James Keck, victim of vehicle theft.

No highjacking; Bricker unarmed, authorities say

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

While many facts about what happened during Saturday night's fatal shooting of a Big Spring man have not been released, Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker took a few minutes Monday to explain some of the things that didn't occur.

Attempting to clear the air of rumors surrounding the fatal shooting of Bobby Gene Bricker, Parker released some preliminary findings during a Monday news conference at the county law enforcement center.

Bricker, 42, was shot and killed, allegedly by James Keck, 24, of McCamey, following a stolen vehicle/high speed chase incident that began shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday at the TA Travel Center. Keck was subsequently charged with murder and is free on \$50,000 bail.

Information released by law en-



Keck



Bricker

forcement indicates Keck called 911 to say a man had stolen his mother's truck and he was pursuing the vehicle. He subsequently followed the truck onto Highway 176 in a high-speed chase that at times exceeded 100 mph before both vehicles came to a stop about a mile north of County Road 2599. It was at that location that Ketch allegedly shot Bricker, who was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after authorities arrived.

Parker would not comment on several aspects of the ongoing investigation, but said he felt the need to dispel some rumors that

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New school year may mean increase in need for CASA

Start of academic year may lead to more reports of abuse and neglect

Special to the Herald

As summer vacation winds down, the month of August brings the coming of a new school year for many children. Unfortunately, the start of a new academic year can also lead to more child abuse or neglect reports as teachers, staff and other parents notice signs of harm that children suffered over the summer. Out of more than 160,000

completed reports of child abuse or neglect last year, schools were the second most common source. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services completed 33,146 investigations as a result of reports from school officials, falling just behind reports from medical personnel.

"It's not unusual for there to be a spike in suspected abuse or neglect reports when the

school year resumes," said Patty Pisklak, executive director of CASA of West Texas. "In the summer, children interact with fewer adults outside of their families who would see and report signs of maltreatment."

This increase in reports translates to more children entering the foster care system, and a greater need for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers

from CASA of West Texas to represent these children.

CASA volunteers are everyday community members who are specially trained and appointed by judges to advocate for children in court. CASA volunteers get to know a child or sibling group and any relevant contacts in the children's lives. They gather information about their physical, emotional and educational needs and strive to

help the children move out of the temporary foster care system.

"Imagine how frightening it is for these children to be taken out of their homes and placed sometimes far away from their families," said Pisklak. "CASA of West Texas wants to ensure that they do not get stuck moving from placement to placement in

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Put 'Bites' on your calendar as United Way fundraiser

Herald Staff Report

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, along with the Heritage Museum, will be hosting 70 Bites Across Howard County from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11.

At this time, the United Way will be unveiling its first edition cookbook.

"Members of the board, member agencies along with friends and family have come together and provided about 500 recipes for this cookbook. We wanted something that we could do to share a piece of ourselves with the communi-

"We are excited about unveiling our cookbook and showing off some of the recipes, but we also want to shine some light on the great-tasting food you can find right here in town."

Sandy Stewart,
 United Way executive director

ty while helping raise awareness and funds for the United Way," Gale Pittman, United Way board member, said.

The community is invited to come out and enjoy samples from the cookbook as well as samples from area restaurants, cafes and catering services.

"We are excited about unveiling our cookbook and showing off some of the recipes, but we also want to shine some light on the great-tasting food you can find right here in town. We have had several restaurants open up in the past year and some restaurants that have been in the community for a long time that we would love to

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Robin Williams, comedy star, dead

HAVEN DALEY
 and HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Robin Williams, a brilliant shapeshifter who could channel his frenetic energy into delightful comic characters like "Mrs. Doubtfire" or

Williams

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Obituaries

Geraldine L. Stroud



Geraldine L. Stroud, 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at her home in Stanton, Texas Aug. 11, 2014. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Deral McWhorter and Kendall Tomlinson, officiating on Aug. 13, 2014. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Geraldine, or Geri as she was known to all her friends, was born July 9, 1930 in Sterling City in Sterling County, to Kim William Long and Vallie Mae Shugart Long. Geri was the oldest of five children.

Geri graduated from Garden City High School in 1947. She married Wayne Dennis Stroud Dec. 24, 1949 in Stanton at the Downtown Church of Christ with G.B. Shelburne Sr. officiating. Geri and Wayne attended Sul Ross State College in Alpine, where she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1954 after being inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society her junior year. After finishing college, Wayne and Geri settled in Midland, where both worked for oil companies. In 1959 they moved to Houston, where Geri worked as an execu-

tive secretary for the Milwhite Mud Company.

In 1962, Wayne and Geri decided to leave the corporate life behind and returned to farm near Stanton. Geri was a homemaker, business partner in the farm, and a teacher in the Stanton school system, where she taught fourth grade and was later a substitute teacher. After she and Wayne retired from farming in 1982, they loved spending time with their grandchildren. She was an avid reader and never gave up her teacher's heart, teaching and sharing the joy of reading with her grandchildren. Geri was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Clairese Hale (wife of Doyle Hale).

Geri is survived by her husband of 64 years, Wayne; her sisters, Peggy Ballard and husband, Bobby of Big Spring, and Betty McDonald of Abilene; and her brother, Kimmie Long and wife, Dorothy of Big Spring. She is also survived by her son, David Stroud and wife, Leonor of Austin; and her daughter, Ann Quaid and husband, Robert of Stanton; along with three grandsons, David Stroud Jr. of Austin, and Joshua Quaid and Ethan Quaid of Stanton; one granddaughter, Jennifer Holler and husband, Steve of Kyle; and one great-grandson, Jackson Holler of Kyle. Geri also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Betty Lou Smith Miller,



Betty Lou Smith Miller, of Conroe, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Conroe. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Home.

She was born May 10, 1932, in Mitchell County Texas to Walter E. Smith and Lula Mae Slaton. Betty married Richard Miller Nov. 9, 1953 in Carlsbad, N.M.

She attended Westbrook schools and Hardin Simmons University. Baptized in the Baptist church, Betty was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Betty and Richard had two children, Richard Ward, and Susan Denise. They lived in the Driver camp south of Midland while Richard worked for El Paso Natural Gas, before settling in Crane, where their children attended high school. Richard and Betty moved to Big Spring in 1979 after Richard retired from El Paso. After both her children settled in the Woodlands area, Betty moved to Conroe in 2007 to be closer to her family.

Betty was a homemaker all of her adult life. She was a devoted Christian.

She is survived by her son, Richard Ward Miller of The Woodlands; her daughter, Susan Denise Weber and son-in-law, Steve of The Woodlands; her granddaughter; her sister, Vestal Marshall of Big Spring; her brother, W.E. Smith Jr. and sister-in-law, Bobbie of Fort Worth; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Richard.

Memorials can be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children; the Salvation Army, or to a charity of your choice.

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

Meliton A. 'Lingo' Viera

Meliton A. "Lingo" Viera Jr., 50, of Big Spring, died Sunday Aug. 10, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. A prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Fu-

neral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Central Baptist Church with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JULIE LEE JOHNSON, 55, of 2504 Ent, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless damage or destruction and parked without locking ignition and/or removing key.
- XAVIER GARCIA MOYA, 40, of 1218 E. 15th St., was arrested on warrants for no drivers license when unlicensed, five counts of fail to appear, disregard stop sign, failed to control speed and a warrant from another agency.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICKEY, 51, of 700 E. 15th St., was arrested Monday on charges of display fictitious license plate, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, expired registration, driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction and theft less than \$1,500 2 or more convictions any theft - all other.
- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP, 45, of 1108 Mulberry, was arrested on charges of theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 900 block of E. 3rd St.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 8600 block of Gail Highway.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the intersection of N. Highway 87 and County Rd. 19.
- HARASSMENT is reported at the 1800 block of Donley.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 600 block of Caylor.

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.
- PATRICK MICHAEL SHARP was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,50 and a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- JULIE L. JOHNSON was booked by BSPD on charges of reckless damage or destruction and parked without locking ignition and/or removing key.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR. was booked by HCSO on charges of display fictitious license plate, expired motor vehicle, inspection certificate, display expired registration, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- XAVIER GARCIA MOYA was booked by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and fail to appear, no drivers license when unlicensed, three counts of fail to appear, ran stop sign, fail to control speed and two counts of violate promise to appear.

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

- Monday:
- MEDICAL call reported at the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 900 block of 15th St. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of Wilia. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1200 block of Runnels. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 block of Nolan. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of Runnels. One patient transported to SMMC.

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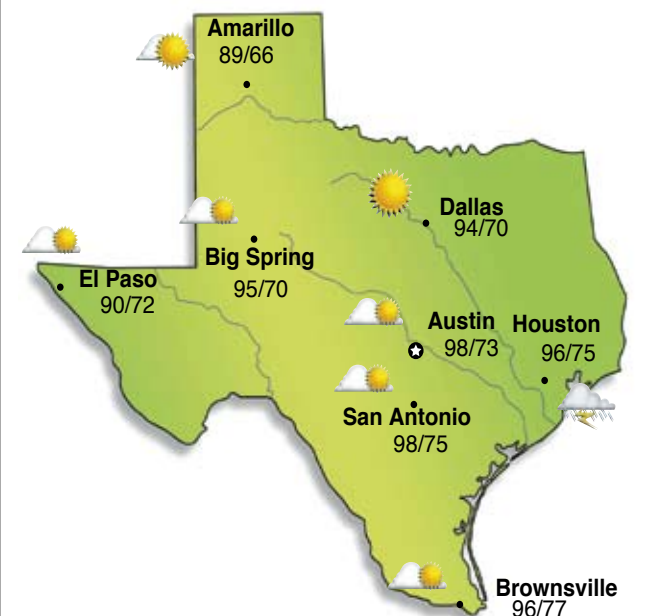
Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 8/13	Thu 8/14	Fri 8/15	Sat 8/16	Sun 8/17
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Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	More sun than clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	Partly cloudy. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.
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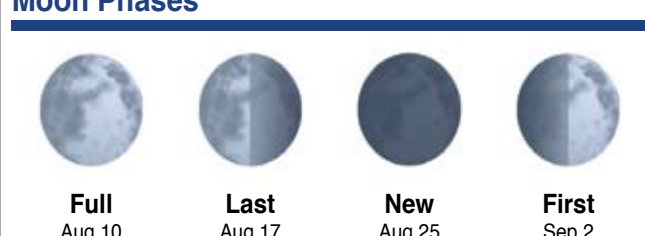
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	70	sunny	Kingsville	101	78	t-storm
Amarillo	89	66	mst sunny	Livingston	96	72	mst sunny
Austin	98	73	pt sunny	Longview	91	65	sunny
Beaumont	94	72	t-storm	Lubbock	91	67	mst sunny
Brownsville	96	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	95	71	sunny
Brownwood	97	69	sunny	Midland	93	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	97	79	t-storm	Raymondville	99	78	mst sunny
Corsicana	95	67	sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	t-storm
Dallas	94	70	sunny	San Antonio	98	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	100	74	pt sunny
El Paso	90	72	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	65	sunny
Fort Stockton	92	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	95	70	sunny
Gainesville	90	66	sunny	Tyler	91	67	sunny
Greenville	90	65	sunny	Weatherford	95	69	sunny
Houston	96	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	68	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	67	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	61	sunny
Boston	82	69	pt sunny	New York	77	73	t-storm
Chicago	70	57	rain	Phoenix	99	77	t-storm
Dallas	94	70	sunny	San Francisco	64	57	pt sunny
Denver	88	62	sunny	Seattle	81	64	t-storm
Houston	96	75	t-storm	St. Louis	79	59	sunny
Los Angeles	86	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	80	72	t-storm
Miami	89	79	mst sunny				

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CASA

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the system, and are instead placed with safe, loving families.”

In 2013, there were 173 children from Howard County in the foster care system. CASA of West Texas served 484 children in 2013 from seven West Texas counties. There are still many children without a CASA volunteer to advocate for their needs.

“CASA of West Texas, can’t help these children without compassionate, dedicated volunteers,” said Pisklak. “As the new school year approaches, consider stepping up to be a voice for children in need by becoming a CASA volunteer.”

For more information about CASA of West Texas and becoming a CASA volunteer, call Kathy Harmon, 432-683-1114 or visit www.casawtx.org.

BITES

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show off,” said Sandy Stewart, United Way executive director.

Any local restaurants, catering services, bakeries or individuals who would like to join in the event and show off their food can contact Tammy Schrecengost at the Heritage Museum for an entry form. There is no cost for the booth, but it is suggested that you provide samples for 300. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry

Tickets for the event will go on sale Sept. 15 and will be available at the United Way office and the Heritage Museum. Adult tickets are \$15, seniors (65 and older) and children (10 years and under) are \$10 and children 2 and under are free. Due to limited space in the museum, no strollers will be allowed during the event.

SHOOTING

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were circulating around the community about the fatal shooting.

The first rumor Parker contradicted was that Keck acted in self-defense. In a televised interview, Keck’s mother claimed her son was fired upon by Bricker, a claim Parker unequivocally disputed.

“The deceased was unarmed and never fired a shot,” the sheriff said. “Keck used deadly force when it was not called for.”

Another misconception, Parker said, was that Keck was responding to a carjacking or that some of his family members might have been in danger.

“The truck was taken without permission, but this was not a carjacking,” Parker said. “The vehicle was unlocked, unoccupied and running at the time it was taken. No force was used.”

Keck was in contact with 911 throughout Saturday’s incident. While Parker stopped short of saying dispatchers advised Keck to stand down, they did inform him that officers were en route to the scene and law enforcement personnel in other counties had been alerted, as well.

An autopsy on Bricker was performed Monday, Parker said.

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WILLIAMS

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harness it into richly nuanced work like his Oscar-winning turn in “Good Will Hunting,” died Monday in an apparent suicide. He was 63.

Williams was pronounced dead at his San Francisco Bay Area home Monday, according to the sheriff’s office in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The sheriff’s office said the preliminary investigation shows the cause of death to be a suicide due to asphyxia.

The Marin County coroner’s office said Williams was last seen alive at home at about 10 p.m. Sunday. An emergency call from his house in Tiburon was placed to the Sheriff’s Department shortly before noon Monday.

“This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken,” said Williams’ wife, Susan Schneider. “On behalf of Robin’s family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin’s death, but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions.”

Williams had been battling severe depression recently, said Mara Buxbaum, his press representative. Just last month, he announced he was returning to a 12-step treatment program he said he needed after 18 months of nonstop work. He had sought treatment in 2006 after a relapse following 20 years of sobriety.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show “Mork & Mindy,” through his standup act and such films as “Good Morning, Vietnam,” the short, barrel-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast and manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a

Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

He was a riot in drag in “Mrs. Doubtfire,” or as a cartoon genie in “Aladdin.” He won his Academy Award in a rare dramatic role, as an empathetic therapist in the 1997 film “Good Will Hunting.”

He was no less on fire in interviews. During a 1989 chat with The Associated Press, he could barely stay seated in his hotel room, or even mention the film he was supposed to promote, as he free-associated about comedy and the cosmos.

“There’s an Ice Age coming,” he said. “But the good news is there’ll be daiquiris for everyone and the Ice Capades will be everywhere. The lobster will keep for at least 100 years, that’s the good news. The Swanson dinners will last a whole millennium. The bad news is the house will basically be in Arkansas.”

As word of his death spread, tributes from inside and outside the entertainment industry poured in.

“Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien — but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most — from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets,” President Barack Obama said in a statement.

Following Williams on stage, Billy Crystal once observed, was like trying to top the Civil War.

In a 1993 interview with the AP, Williams recalled an appearance early in his career on “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.” Bob Hope was also there.

“It was interesting,” Williams said. “He was supposed to go on before me and I was supposed to follow him, and I had to go on before him

because he was late. I don’t think that made him happy. I don’t think he was angry, but I don’t think he was pleased.

“I had been on the road and I came out, you know, gassed, and I killed and had a great time. Hope comes out and Johnny leans over and says, ‘Robin Williams, isn’t he funny?’ Hope says, ‘Yeah, he’s wild. But you know, Johnny, it’s great to be back here with you.’”

In 1992, Carson chose Williams and Bette Midler as his final guests.

Like so many funnymen, Williams had dramatic ambitions. He played for tears in “Awakenings,” “Dead Poets Society” and “What Dreams May Come,” which led New York Times critic Stephen Holden to write that he dreaded seeing the actor’s “Humpty Dumpty grin and crinkly moist eyes.”

But other critics approved, and Williams won three Golden Globes, for “Good Morning, Vietnam,” “Mrs. Doubtfire” and “The Fisher King.”

His other film credits included Robert Altman’s “Popeye” (a box office bomb), Paul Mazursky’s “Moscow on the Hudson,” Steven Spielberg’s “Hook” and Woody Allen’s “Deconstructing Harry.” On stage, Williams joined fellow comedian Steve Martin in a 1988 Broadway revival of “Waiting for Godot.”

“Robin was a lightning storm of comic genius and our laughter was the thunder that sustained him. He was a pal and I can’t believe he’s gone,” Spielberg said.

More recently, he appeared in the “Night at the Museum” movies, playing President Theodore Roosevelt in the comedies in which Ben Stiller’s security guard

has to contend with wax figures that come alive and wreak havoc after a museum closes. The third film in the series is in post-production, according to the Internet Movie Database.

In April, Fox 2000 said it was developing a sequel to “Mrs. Doubtfire” and Williams was in talks to join the production.

Williams also made a short-lived return to TV last fall in CBS’ “The Crazy Ones,” a sitcom about a father-daughter ad agency team that co-starred Sarah Michelle Gellar. It was canceled after one season.

“I dread the word ‘art,’” Williams said in 1989 when discussing his craft with the AP. “That’s what we used to do every night before we’d go on with ‘Waiting for Godot.’ We’d go, ‘No art. Art dies tonight.’ We’d try to give it a life, instead of making ‘Godot’ so serious. It’s cosmic vaudeville staged by the Marquis de Sade.”

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and ‘80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the “Saturday Night Live” star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

Williams announced in 2006 that he was drinking again but rebounded well enough to joke about it during his recent tour. “I went to rehab in wine country,” he said, “to keep my options open.” The following year, he told the AP that people were surprised he was no longer clean.

“I fell off the wagon after 20 years and people are like, ‘Really?’ Well, yeah. It only kicks in when you really want to change,” he said.

Born in Chicago in

1951, Williams would remember himself as a shy kid who got some early laughs from his mother — by mimicking his grandmother. He opened up more in high school when he joined the drama club, and he was accepted into the Juilliard Academy, where he had several classes in which he and Christopher Reeve were the only students and John Houseman and John Houseman were the teacher.

Encouraged by Houseman to pursue comedy, Williams identified with the wildest and angriest of performers: Jonathan Winters, Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, George Carlin. Their acts were not warm and lovable. They were just being themselves.

“You look at the world and see how scary it can be sometimes and still try to deal with the fear,” he said in 1989. “Comedy can deal with the fear and still not paralyze you or tell you that it’s going away. You say, OK, you got certain choices here, you can laugh at them and then once you’ve laughed at them and you have exorcised the demon, now you can deal with them. That’s what I do when I do my act.”

He unveiled Mork, the alien from the planet Ork, in an appearance on “Happy Days” and was granted his own series, which ran from 1978 to 1982 and co-starred Pam Dawber as a woman who takes in the interplanetary visitor.

“I am completely and totally devastated,” Dawber said in a statement. “What more can be said?”

Following his success in films, Williams often returned to television — for appearances on “Sat-

urday Night Live,” for “Friends,” for comedy specials, for “American Idol,” where in 2008 he pretended to be a “Russian idol” who belts out a tuneless, indecipherable “My Way.”

Williams could handle a script, when he felt like it, and also think on his feet. He ad-libbed in many of his films and was just as quick in person. During a media tour for “Awakenings,” when director Penny Marshall mistakenly described the film as being set in a “menstrual hospital,” instead of “mental hospital,” Williams quickly stepped in and joked, “It’s a period piece.”

In addition to his wife, Williams is survived by his three children: daughter Zelda, 25; and sons Zachary, 31, and Cody, 22. Zelda took to Twitter late Monday to pay tribute to her father by posting a quote from Antoine De Saint-Exupery’s “The Little Prince.”

“I love you,” she wrote. “I miss you.”

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Bonnie Birmelin, died Saturday. A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Alfred Ray Lang, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

George Gamage, Sr., died Thursday. Services are pending.

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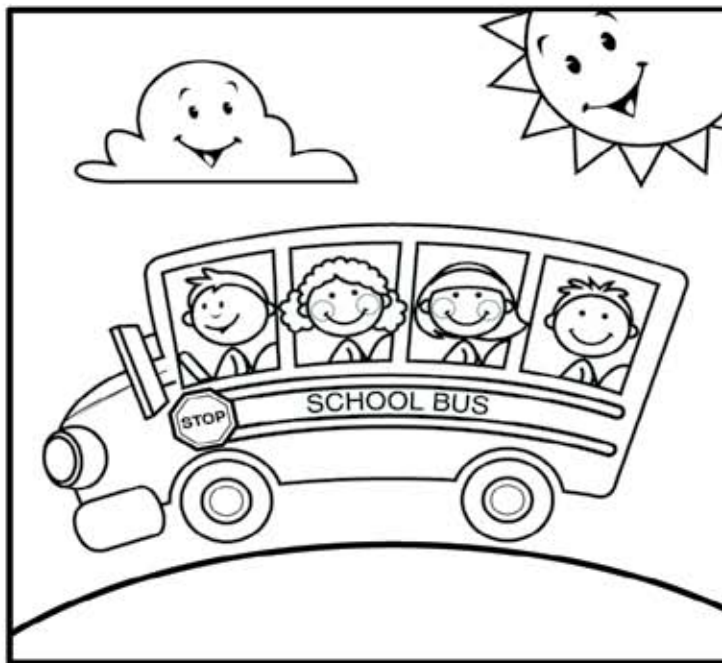
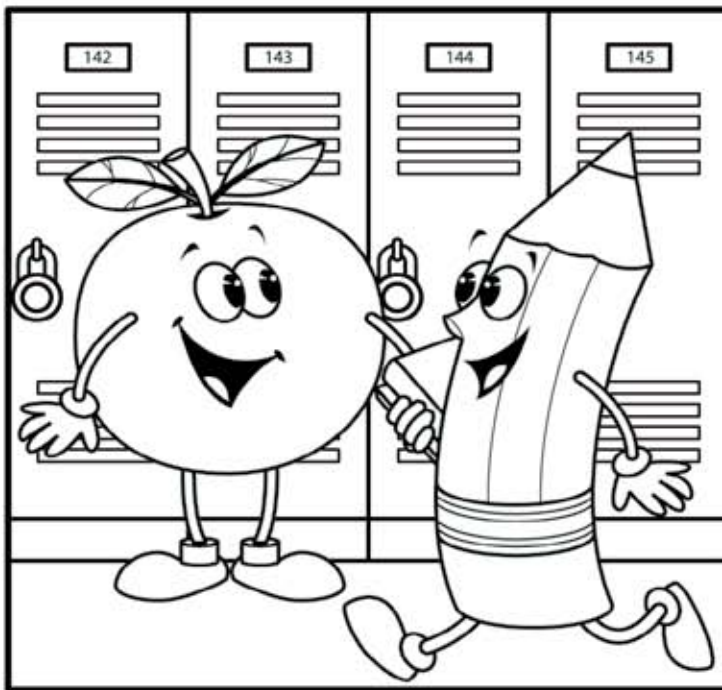
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- **1947:** PAKISTAN GAINS ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITISH RULE.
- **2003:** THE LARGEST BLACKOUT IN NORTH AMERICAN HISTORY HITS THE NORTHEAST.

BOOK FACT:



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ANSWER: PIGEON

New word

ELEMENTARY
easily dealt with

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Student
- SPANISH:** Estudiante
- ITALIAN:** Studente
- FRENCH:** Étudiant
- GERMAN:** Student

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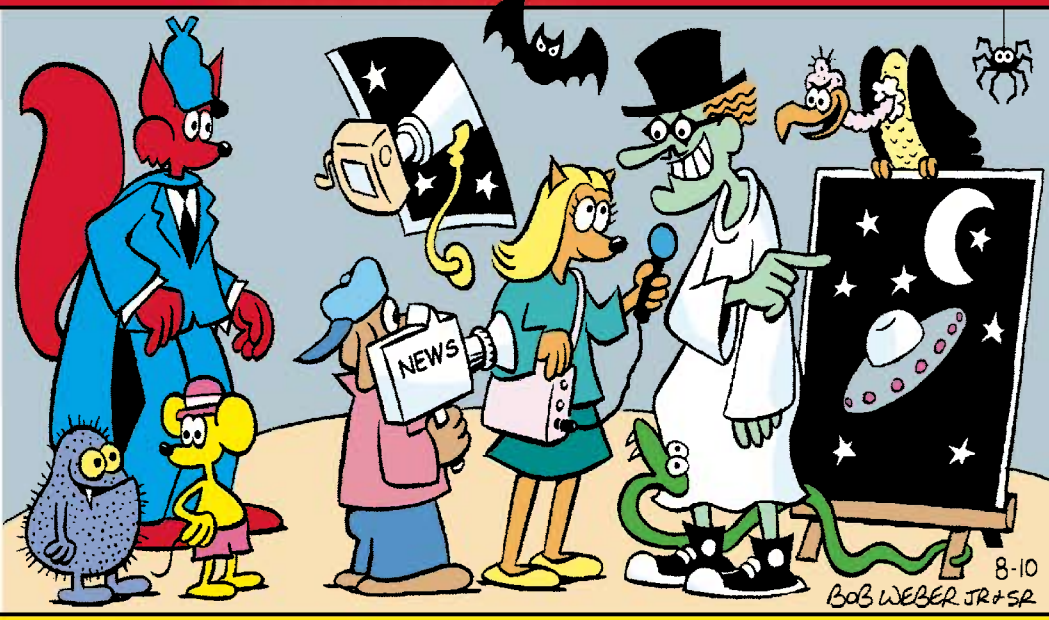
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ANSWER: SCISSORS

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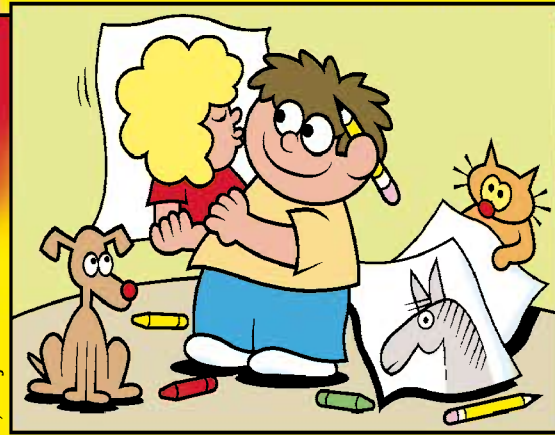
BY BOB WEBER JR.

Count Weirdly claims this is a photograph he shot of a flying saucer. Slylock Fox says the photo is a fake. What evidence did Slylock see that led him to that conclusion?



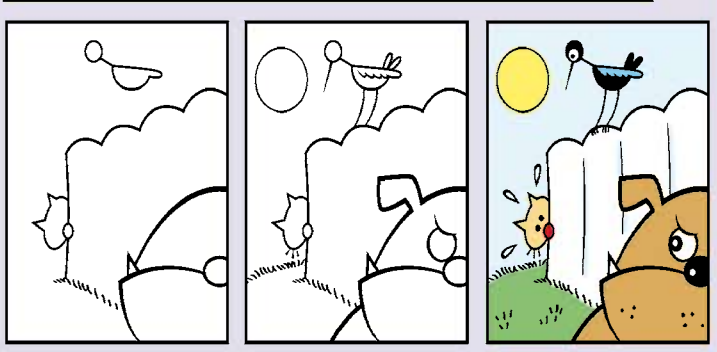
Solution -- If this were an authentic photograph, there would not be a star positioned inside the crescent moon. That area is a part of the moon that is not illuminated by the sun. This is just another attempt by Weirdly to attract attention with a phony claim.

Spot six differences between these panels.



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- 1) ELATPN
- 2) ONOM
- 3) AODSEIRT
- 4) MECTO

Answer -- 1) Planet 2) Moon 3) Asteroid 4) Comet

Answer -- Crayon, pants, dog's tail, paper, boy's hair and horse.

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Bird Poop:

The case of the cardinal that crashed

Inside the box was the casualty. The woman's concern was apparent as she handed it to me.

No movement could be detected. Carefully raising the lid allowed me to look inside. As if asleep, a male, Northern cardinal rested on a bed of tissues.

My looking back at her prompted a chilling story. From a nearby tree in her front yard, the bird had flown across the yard and into the street. At the last second it had veered to avoid colliding with a speeding, neighborhood truck.

Swooping upward, its feathered retreat took a sudden, twisted turn. After tumbling toward the gutter part of the street's curbing, the bird was lucky to have landed on its backside in the soft, sandy silt from a recent rain. "Another few inches and it would have wound up on a large pile of pebbles," she added.

"Up or down drafts from vehicles can cause strange accidents for birds," was my reasoning for the strange interruption of flight that she had seen. "With time, he could recover," was my answer to her worried query about his outcome.

During the rest of the morning, no sound was heard from the box.

After lunch, a welcome thump against the sides of the box echoed from the male cardinal's enclosure.

His long rest had ended when he awakened to find himself in a semi-dark place. Although daylight came through the air holes, the bird did not know where he was. He proceeded to

explore and escape if possible. To me, those were welcome noises and possible signs of recovery.

Soon, a long enclosure for his journey back to nature was prepared. Reaching into his box, my hand immediately felt the sand and grit coating his regal attire. Fortunately, my first attempt had been successful without being bitten.

No longer "out of it," or disoriented, my patient seemed to be intolerant of my assistance. In this new abode, he found a branch from which he could oversee his minions and look around the room. Never felt in other birds of his size was a vibrant energy emitting from his very presence.

Almost entirely red, except for the black patch of feathers surrounding the base of his large, thick bill, this male would raise and lower his crest as if to accentuate his feelings. He was vivid in comparison to a female cardinal that would be gray-brownish above, with reddish wings, crest, and bill. Her drab coloration had been nature's way of secreting her away while building her nest and brooding her young.

Sunflower seeds, cracked corn, wild birdseeds, crickets and mealworms were placed inside for his enjoyment. A large, shallow bowl of water would hopefully encourage him to repair his disheveled condition.

With the rigors of courtship and the constant supplying of food for his offspring successfully completed, I imagined the male



Courtesy photo

Federal protection for all wild birds, including the Northern cardinal pictured above, is provided by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Exempt are resident game birds that are managed by the states, the English sparrow, starling and feral pigeon.

had probably felt "foot loose and fancy free."

His roaming the neighborhood and procuring insects and berries at will had come to an abrupt halt.

By early afternoon, the cardinal had bathed and preened his royal coat. He exuded confidence and determination. Impatient to leave, he wanted no more of our hospitality.

Upon my opening the door to his temporary retreat, the bird glared at my very presence. Hav-

ing donned a soft pair of gardening gloves, I was able to grab him when he made the mistake of leaving an upper branch for a corner of his container. Fortunately, my glove took the wrath he had reserved for my finger.

Releasing him in familiar surroundings, we watched the cardinal fly to a nearby tree. Scanning his territory carefully, he then visited other trees before disappearing into the dense canopy of foliage provided by his neighborhood.

The truck that the Northern cardinal had tried to avoid as a perceived danger had led to a possible crisis.

What the bird had not hit, in a way, wound up influencing an outcome not even it could have anticipated. Fortunately, no injury occurred except a dent to his dignity.

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

Please listen for my bell, and I'll listen for yours

Booker T. Washington once said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." I read the following story recently which gives a good example of his meaning:



DARRELL RYAN

"Just up the road from my home is a field where there are two horses. From a distance they just look like regular horses. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind.

"His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him, which is amazing, considering his condition. What is interesting is, if nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking

around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the other horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

"As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to her, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

"Like these two horses, we are not thrown away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. Others are brought into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes, we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who have been placed in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

"Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. We never know

what obstacles others are facing or what problems have entered their lives, but we can be kinder to those we meet; we can smile and offer words of encouragement and try to be of assistance."

There is an old saying: Instead of giving

myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can. For if I refuse to embrace a unique opportunity, I lose the prize as surely as if I had failed.

So, when I feel like giving up, I must remember why I held on for so long in the first

place. Throughout life, we have the ability of being bells for one another. Please listen for my bell

and I'll listen for yours.

Darrell Ryan is director for school safety at Big Spring ISD.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Rabbit-in-the-Hat Trick

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ A K 8 5

WEST
♠ 4
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ J 10 9 2

EAST
♠ 10 7 6
♥ K 7
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 7 6 4

The bidding:
1♠ West 2♣ North East
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
6♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
A declarer can't pull a rabbit out of a hat if there isn't one in there, but sometimes the rabbit is there and declarer doesn't know it. As a case in point, consider this deal where South is in six spades and West leads a club.
Declarer wins with dummy's king and leads a diamond to the ace, followed by a low heart to dummy's queen. East wins with the king and returns a diamond, and South must

fail whatever he does next. He cannot successfully trump two hearts in dummy and eventually goes down one.

Oddly enough, after winning the opening club lead with the king, the play that offers the best chance to make the slam is to cash the ace of clubs at trick two and discard the ace of diamonds on it!

For practical purposes, this play assures the slam. It allows declarer to utilize dummy's Q-J-10-9 of diamonds regardless of which defender has the king of the suit.

In the actual case, South leads dummy's queen of diamonds at trick three and discards a heart after East follows low. West takes the queen with the king but cannot stop South from scoring 12 tricks consisting of six spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

The outcome is the same if East has the king of diamonds. In that event, his king is trapped as the diamonds are led from dummy, regardless of when he elects to play it, and declarer again scores three diamond tricks. Of course, when South sooner or later draws trumps, he cashes the A-K before leading a third round to the queen to collect whatever diamonds remain in dummy.

Tomorrow: First things first.

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Lady Steers set to begin regular season today

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The preseason officially came to an end for the Big Spring High School Lady Steers this morning. Every thing from this point will count in the win-loss column.

The Lady Steers, fresh off one of their most successful seasons in the school's history, kick off regular season play

today with games against Abilene High and Abilene Cooper. The games are slated to get under way at 5 p.m.

Despite losing several key pieces from a team that advanced to the Class 3A state semifinals last fall, BSHS Head coach Lynn Osborne said Big Spring fans could be surprised at the talent the team returns. In fact, based on where the Lady Steers are heading into the season as

compared to a year ago, they could be better.

"I think we're starting a step up from where we were last year," said Osborne. "At this point, we have probably the best ball control of any team I have coached. I see a bright future ahead for this team."

The Lady Steers will be led into today's action by a talented class of seniors that includes Erin Pollard, Lexi Yar-

bar, Stevi Ward and Julianna Rodriguez.

A mainstay in last season's run to the state tournament, Pollard leads the team as a hitter. Yarbar and Ward also return as middle hitters, while Rodriguez will see time as a setter.

The seniors won't have to shoulder the entire load for the Lady Steers, Osborne said. The team has a ton of talented underclassmen that

are expected to shine. Among the players that could battle for the considerables that are juniors Emily Smith and Kiowa Lesser and sophomore Katie Wash.

Big Spring will become very acquainted with Abilene over the next week. Following their games with Abilene High and Abilene Cooper today, the team will return to the Key City on Friday for the Bev Ball Classic.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Smashing start ...

Despite dark clouds above the Figure 7 Tennis Center on Monday afternoon, the Big Spring High School tennis teams began preparations for their upcoming fall season. Above, Morgan Paction practices her serve while a teammate watches on. The BSHS team will swing into action on Wednesday when it faces off against Brownwood in Abilene.

Steers alter scrimmage starting times

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

High school football fans rejoice. The football season is going to get started quicker than everyone expected.

Officials with the Big Spring and Burkburnett athletic departments announced earlier this week that the starting time for their preseason opener had been changed, meaning the two teams will take to the field a few hours earlier than originally planned.

According to BSHS, the Steers' first preseason outing will get under way at 10 a.m. at Chesley Field in Cisco. Chesley Field, the home of the Class 2A state champion Cisco Lobos and Cisco Junior College, was recently refurbished and now sports a synthetic turf similar to Memorial Stadium.

The BSHS freshman and junior varsity teams will get the scrimmage started. The two teams

Preseason Football

Preseason Scrimmage
Big Spring vs Burkburnett
Aug. 15 at Chesley Field in Cisco. Freshman Scrimmage starts at 10 a.m.

will face off with Burkburnett first.

The Big Spring varsity will get its chance to face off against a live opponent starting at 11 a.m.

The scrimmages had originally been scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Following the scrimmage with Burkburnett, the Steers will return home for their final week of preseason [practices before closing out the preseason on Aug. 22 with a scrimmage against Estacado High School in Lubbock.

Big Spring kicks off the regular season in San Angelo on Aug. 30 against Kerrville High School.

Bufs, Bulldogs to hold scrimmages on Friday

The Coahoma and Forsan football teams will both be in action on Friday with scrimmages.

Coahoma is scheduled to hold the first of its two preseason scrimmages on Friday when they face Jim Ned, starting at 10 a.m.

Forsan will also be scrimmaging on Friday. The Buffaloes' junior varsity squad will lead off the action at 6 p.m. at Buffaloes Field. The FHS varsity team will scrimmage immediately following the conclusion of the JV matchup.

Smyly pitches Rays past Rangers, 7-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — Drew Smyly was well on the way to his first win since joining the Tampa Bay Rays in the trade that cost them David Price.

The left-hander wanted to get it without allowing any runs, and he did thanks to a little help.

Smyly allowed three hits and struck out the final batter he faced in his only shaky inning. Matt Joyce had a two-run single and the Rays

beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 on Monday night.

Smyly struck out nine in a career-high 7 2-3 innings to beat the Rangers for the second time this season. The left-hander hasn't allowed Texas an earned run in three appearances, including a start and a relief outing when he was still with Detroit.

Smyly (7-10), who lost at Oakland five days after the Price deal at the non-waiver trading deadline July 31, got

Shin-Soo Choo swinging for the second out with runners at second and third in the eighth.

"He was so good," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "He was in command of everything. He was still throwing 92 when he punched out Choo at the end."

Reliever Joel Peralta preserved the shutout by getting Jim Adduci on a bases-loaded ground.

Before Adrian Beltre's line-drive single to left center in the seventh

inning, the only hit for the Rangers was a bunt by Daniel Robertson in the third. Rowned Odor had a bloop double off Smyly in the eighth.

"It was the longest game of my career, so it might have been my best," Smyly said. "Some days you're really feeling it."

Colby Lewis (8-9) couldn't build on the momentum of his second career shutout, giving up five runs in five innings.

Mauer leads Twins to win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Monday was a day of ups and downs for Joe Mauer.

Luckily for Minnesota's star first baseman the long day ended on a positive note.

Mauer had two hits in his return from the disabled list, including a go-ahead RBI single in

the ninth inning, to help the Twins to a 4-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Mauer was elated to rejoin his team after a 34-game stint on the disabled list with a strained muscle in his right side.

A pair of walks by Josh Fields (2-5) left runners at first and sec-

ond with two outs in the ninth when Mauer hit a groundball single to left field that scored Jordan Schafer. Brian Dozier also scored on the play when rookie left fielder Domingo Santana held the ball for several seconds before throwing it in.

"I just panicked," San-

tana said. "I was just trying to throw the ball to the cutoff man, but I just panicked."

Chris Carter and Jose Altuve both had solo homers for Houston and Jake Marisnick had a career-high four hits. Carter connected for his 26th homer to make it 2-2 in the fifth inning.

CC teams change schedules

The Big Spring High School cross country teams made a few adjustments to their upcoming schedule.

According to the BSHS athletic department, the BSHS harriers girls will be competing in the Snyder Invitational on

Sept. 6 instead of running in the McMurry Invitational.

Also, on Sept. 20, the BSHS boys and girls will be attending the Forsan Invitational. They had been scheduled to run in Monahans.

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The residence of KENNETH ALAN POPE is 901 Scott Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 4th day of August, 2014. KENNETH ALAN POPE #8409 AUG. 12, 2014

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Connie Underwood, Deceased, were issued on August 4, 2014, in Cause No. P-14314, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Paula J. Underwood.

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Estate of Connie Underwood c/o Paula J. Underwood, Executor **2004 Runnels Big Spring, Texas 79720**

DATED the 4th day of August, 2014

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Dances Into Leo

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Must there be one winner and one loser? If that is the case, it's a very small game. Open it wider. Invite more players. Your skills deserve a bigger venue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The tension is mostly between you and a certain someone. You are not adversaries, just two people addressing individual needs. There is a way to get both needs met, so keep talking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is stiff competition for the goal you have your eye on. Set the bar higher than you think you can achieve, because this is the kind of ambition it takes to succeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The one who seems emotionally unreachable will have the most appeal now. Everyone loves a

challenge, but you are the one best equipped to reach out to those remote souls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Expect perplexing entanglements and ridiculous disagreements. Maybe it's just more fun when it's a bit complicated, but you'll feel compelled to stick to your guns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some enjoy debate for its own sake -- but not you, at least not now. The ones who take issue just for the fun of verbal volleying will get on your last nerve. Flee the scene. Go to your happy place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pause before you illuminate the facts. Here's a metaphor: Flash photography is harmful to some animals and ruinous to some artifacts and fine art, too. Ultra-bright light tends to change things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You used to feel you were so far away from another person's point of view, but now the gaps will close without compromise to your integrity. You'll find this liberating. There's more than one right way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Small accomplishments lead to bigger ones. Expansive energies are working in your favor. Your exceptional observational skills give you an edge, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An alluring new person could distract you from your main focus -- and it's so much more fun when you wander off course. But what about your intentions? Just don't let things go too far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an all-for-one-and-one-for-all feeling to the day. At the very least, most people are open to asking, accepting or offering help. Why try to do it all yourself when there are others who can do it faster and better for a small fee?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no such thing as "acting normal"; there's only "doing you." It's clear to you what that means today. Among the conforming masses, you remain happily, uniquely yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). There's a numbers game going on in September. You'll wish the digits were higher or lower and then do what it takes to make that happen. October is for professional advancement. You'll brush up on your skills until they are razor sharp. December brings family reunions. Singles experience exciting new love. Scorpio and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 39, 3 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "This is embarrassing. I suddenly had an overwhelming crush on a certain guy, and it lasted for three weeks. He was all I thought about. I couldn't even look at him without turning red. Then I got up the nerve to talk to him. And he was really nice. We went on one date -- to the sandwich shop and the movies -- and it was just OK. But now he's calling me all the time, and honestly I feel almost grossed out by him. My friends are

amazed. They even called me 'ditzzy'! How could I be soooo into someone one day and then just drop him like a hood the next day? And will I always be this way? Sometimes I wish I weren't a Gemini."

The twins can definitely be two minds, but that's not a bad thing -- and it's certainly not 'ditzzy.' The ancient Greek brainiac Aristotle said, "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." That is what you were doing in this case: entertaining the idea of this relationship. And you couldn't really know what it would be like to date him until you actually did date him. Now you know. So tell your friends to stop being so hard on you!

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I'm a young woman with a degree in education. After spending several years as a student teacher and co-teacher, I decided that I really don't want to remain in teaching. I know I should have switched majors in college, but I hoped this would work out. I also was worried about what my

family would think.

These same well-meaning family members are now actively pushing me to accept a teaching position in a nearby small town. I went to the interview to please them, but the entire time, I was wishing I were somewhere else. I have told only my immediate family that I'm going to turn down the job if offered.

So what do I tell these other relatives about my job decision? How do I keep them off my back? I'm already suffering health issues due to anxiety, and I don't know how much more I can take. I'm tempted to move out of the area, but I love living in my town. Any help would be much appreciated. -- *Ready To Run Away*

Dear Ready: You have to develop a stronger spine. Your career choices belong to you, and although some folks may be disappointed, that's their problem. Their disapproval should not determine your future. Practice saying, "I'm sorry you are unhappy with my choice." You don't have to talk about the reasons, nor do you need to create excuses. But you have to be able to withstand the fallout, which will be temporary in any case. This, too, shall pass.

Dear Annie: Last year, my son married a girl we adore. He and his new wife live in the same town. But ever since the wedding, he barely speaks to us. It's as if he started his new life and forgot about his old one.

He'll respond when I call or text, but he never initiates contact. He treats his siblings the same way, which makes me sad. The only way we see him is when I invite them over for dinner. We got along fine when he lived at home, so I don't understand how he has seemingly forgotten us. I don't know how to address this with him without coming across as rude. -- *Lonely Mom*

Dear Mom: You are making this an emotional crisis, and it doesn't have to be. Your son still loves and cares about you. Let us explain: When your son lived at home, you saw him every day, and contact didn't require any effort from him. Now that he lives away, it doesn't occur to him to call or text, because he never had to think about it before. He is conditioned to let someone else do the work.

Here's how you fix it: Let him know you miss him and would love it if he'd remember to call or text once or twice a week. But understand that you'll still have to do most of the work. Then make friends with his wife. Call her. Text her. Ask her to go shopping with you or meet you for lunch. But also be sure to give them their space. While they are both part of your family, they are first and foremost a unit unto themselves.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "My Heart Is Breaking," whose father-in-law wanted to have a second memorial service for his late wife, even though they already had one when she died two years ago.

My mother passed away two years ago and was cremated. We only recently put her ashes where she wished, because we wanted the whole family to be there, and many of them lived far away or had other commitments.

We had a wonderful time remembering the good times. It's never too late to commemorate your parents. Mine are always in my heart. -- *A Grateful Daughter*

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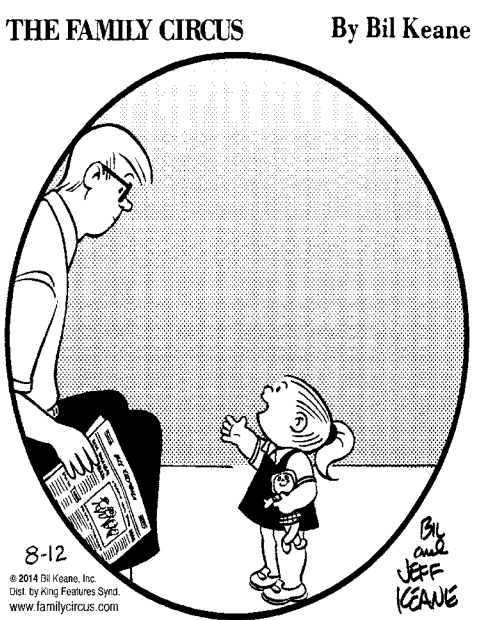
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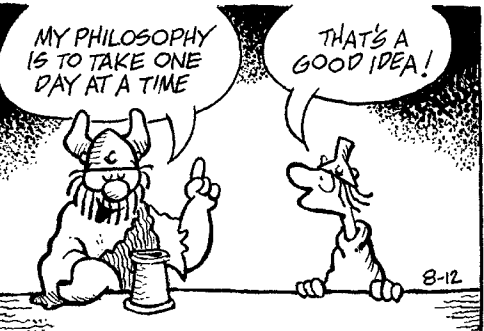
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"Daddy, how much above average am I?"

By and Jeff Keane

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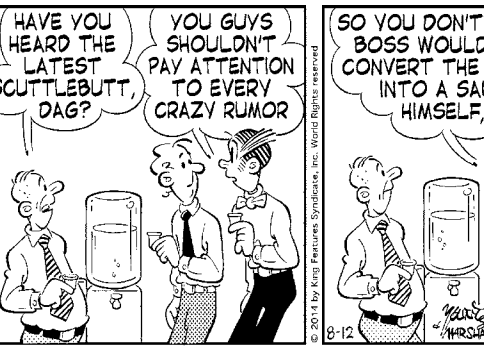
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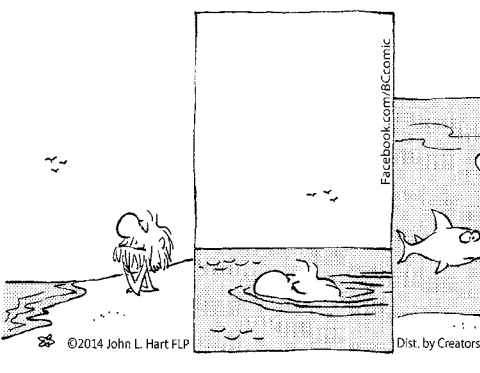
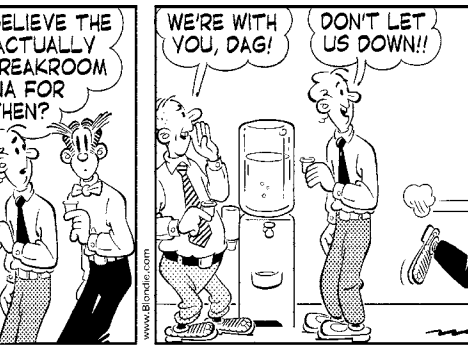


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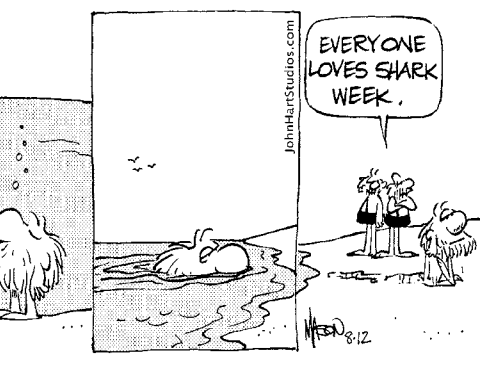
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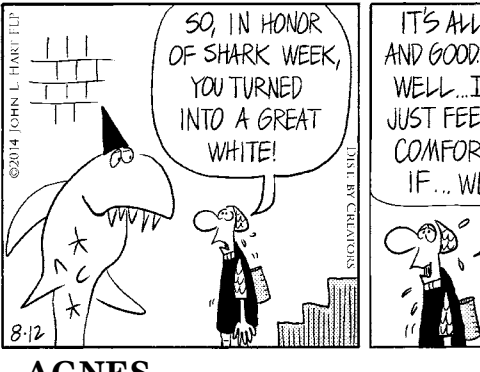
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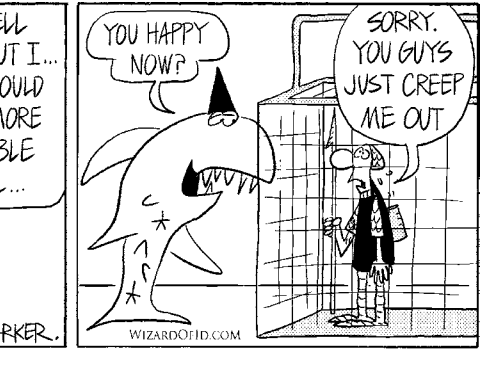
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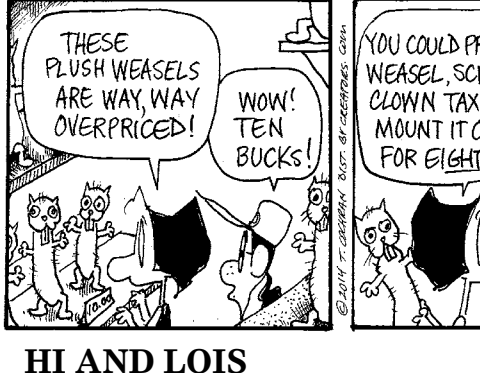
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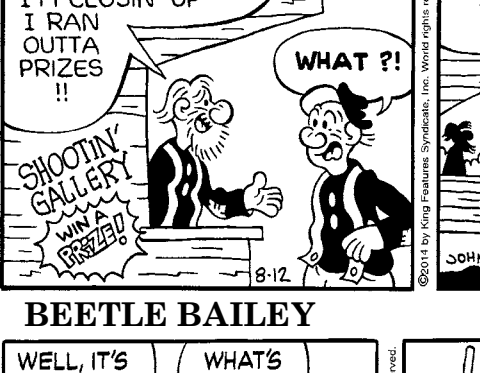
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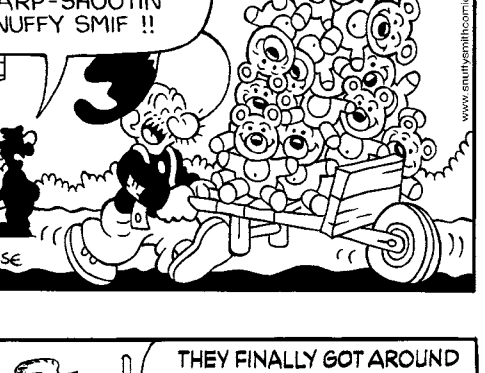
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, August 12, the 224th day of 2014. There are 141 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 12, 1939, the classic MGM movie musical "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland, had its world premiere at the Strand Theater in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, three days before opening in Hollywood. (Oconomowoc was apparently chosen to test the film's appeal to Middle Americans.) On this date: In 1813, Austria de-

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Adhere (to)
- Fuzzy image
- Joints swayed
- by hula dancers
- Instrument from India
- Not on time
- China's continent
- Maytag alternative
- "Quickly!" in a memo
- Cabbie's vehicle
- Did pioneering work
- Direction opposite WSW
- Female relatives
- Agreement
- Made a choice
- Clumsy person
- In progress
- Espionage org.
- Outstanding performance
- Hurricane's center
- Nintendo enthusiast
- "Toodle-oo!"
- American buffalo
- Unpleasantly surprise
- Stress musically
- Mom and Dad's boy
- Complete waste of time
- Race track shape
- Worry
- In a fitting way

DOWN

- "Gray" Civil War side: Abbr.
- Tree branch
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- Grass-eating beast
- Razor or knife
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- Great Salt Lake state
- Atone for
- Deep dislike
- Sir __ Newton
- Mischievous sprite
- Goes boating
- Conclusion
- Link with
- Post-workout soreness
- Pottery material
- Center of an apple
- Peculiar
- Again and again
- Low-quality
- Prefix meaning "air"
- Chowder morsel
- Tiny bit
- Not at home
- Maturing
- Possessions discarded
- Sgts.' superiors
- Mass confusion
- Nickname for a physician
- Take a breath
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- Misleadingly polite
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Royals get Willingham from Twins for minor leaguer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Royals bolstered their offense Monday by acquiring outfielder Josh Willingham from the Minnesota Twins, a move the long-suffering franchise hopes will help them end a playoff drought that stretches back nearly three

decades. Kansas City had won seven straight games entering its series opener against Oakland, climbing into the second wild-card spot and a half-game back of AL Central-leading Detroit. The Royals have not been to the

postseason since 1985, when they beat St. Louis to win the World Series. "Obviously the goal was to win with the Twins," Willingham said from Houston, where the Twins were preparing to play the Astros. "Unfortunately, we weren't

Now I have a chance to go help another club and hopefully make the playoffs." Willingham is expected to arrive in Kansas City in time for Tuesday night's game. The Twins picked up minor league pitcher Jason Adam in the trade, while the Royals

agreed to take on the remainder of Willingham's contract — about \$1.8 million. Willingham was hitting just .210 for the Twins this season, but his 12 homers in limited at-bats were appealing for a Royals club that has struggled to find power.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Atlanta	17	14	.548	—
Washington	15	16	.484	2
Chicago	14	17	.452	3
Indiana	14	17	.452	3
New York	13	17	.433	3½
Connecticut	12	20	.375	5½

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Phoenix	26	4	.867	—
x-Minnesota	24	7	.774	2½
Los Angeles	14	17	.452	12½
San Antonio	14	18	.438	13
Seattle	12	20	.375	15
Tulsa	12	20	.375	15

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Phoenix at New York, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Atlanta (Minor 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 14-6) at Miami (Cosart 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
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Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-2) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 7-8), 10:15 p.m.

Texas League

North Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas	30	19	.612	—
NW Arkansas	24	25	.490	6
Springfield	21	28	.429	9
x-Tulsa	21	28	.429	9

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Frisco	29	21	.580	—
Midland	29	21	.580	—
San Antonio	23	27	.460	6
Corpus Christi	21	29	.420	8

x-clinched first half

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Midland at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
Frisco at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	63	53	.543	—
Atlanta	60	58	.508	4
Miami	58	60	.492	6
New York	57	62	.479	7½
Philadelphia	53	66	.445	11½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	66	53	.555	—
Pittsburgh	63	55	.534	2½
St. Louis	62	55	.530	3
Cincinnati	60	58	.508	5½
Chicago	50	67	.427	15

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	68	52	.567	—
San Francisco	62	56	.525	5
San Diego	55	62	.470	11½
Arizona	51	67	.432	16
Colorado	46	72	.390	21

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 11, Detroit 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Atlanta 2
Miami 6, St. Louis 5
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 4, Colorado 3

Tuesday's Games
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Boston (J.Kelly 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 9-9) at

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Pittsburgh 0 1 .000 16 20

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	1	0	1.000	21	16
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	41	39
San Diego	1	0	1.000	27	7
Oakland	0	1	.000	6	10

National Conference

East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	2	0	1.000	16	29
Washington	1	0	1.000	23	6
Dallas	0	1	.000	7	27
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	28	34

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	16	10
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	26	24
Carolina	0	1	.000	18	20
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	10	16

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Chicago	1	0	1.000	34	28
Detroit	1	0	1.000	13	12
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	10	6
Green Bay	0	1	.000	16	20

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	1	0	1.000	32	0
San Fran.	0	1	.000	3	23
Seattle	0	1	.000	16	21
St. Louis	0	1	.000	24	26

Thursday, Aug. 14
Jacksonville at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15
Philadelphia at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16
Green Bay at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Baltimore at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Giants at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Tampa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Cleveland vs. Arizona, 8 p.m.

Canadian Football League

East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Toronto	2	4	4	141	154
Hamilton	1	5	2	129	155
Montreal	1	5	2	98	177
Ottawa	1	5	2	111	189

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	5	1	10	161	94
Edmonton	5	1	10	163	107
Winnipeg	5	2	10	185	163
Saskatchewan	4	2	8	157	124
B.C.	4	3	8	163	145

Tuesday, Aug. 12
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15
Edmonton at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16
Calgary at Hamilton, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17
B.C. at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

(IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Chris Leroux from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Erasmo Ramirez to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled OF James Jones from Tacoma.
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned C Chris Gimenez outright to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned 2B Ryan Goins to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Brad Mills from Buffalo.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Pedro Baez to Albuquerque (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Released OF Bobby Abreu. Sent RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Tony Gwynn Jr. on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF Andrew McCutchen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 4. Recalled RHP Casey Sadler from Indianapolis (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Joe Wieland to El Paso (PCL). Designated OF Jeff Francoeur for assignment. Recalled OF Rymer Liriano from El Paso. Sent RHP Andrew Cashner to El Paso for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated 1B Joe Mauer from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Tommy Milone from Rochester

BASEBALL

American League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	68	50	.576	—
Toronto	63	57	.525	6
New York	61	57	.517	7
Tampa Bay	58	60	.492	10
Boston	52	65	.444	15½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	64	53	.547	—
Detroit	63	53	.543	½
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5½
Chicago	56	63	.471	9
Minnesota	53	64	.453	11

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	72	46	.610	—
Los Angeles	68	49	.581	3½
Seattle	63	55	.534	9
Houston	49	70	.412	23½
Texas	46	72	.390	26

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FOOTBALL

National Football League

Preseason

American Conference

East Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1.000	13	10
Buffalo	1	1	.500	33	35
Miami	0	1	.000	10	16
New England	0	1	.000	6	23

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	16	10
Tennessee	1	0	1.000	20	16
Houston	0	1	.000	0	32
Indianapolis	0	1	.000	10	13

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	23	3

Transactions

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned LHP Eric Surkamp to Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Recalled RHP Justin Miller and LHP Ian Krol from Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Acquired INF Josh Willingham from Minnesota for RHP Jason Adam. Waived RHP Wilking Rodriguez.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated 1B Joe Mauer from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Tommy Milone from Rochester

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