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Local man gets 12-year term

Jury finds Zubiata guilty of assault with a deadly weapon

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury on Thursday sentenced Leroy Zubiata to 12 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding a Big Spring man late last year.



Zubiata

tence after finding Zubiata guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the Nov. 27 shooting of Juan Diaz.

Diaz, 23, suffered serious

gunshot wounds to the face and legs during the incident. The shooting is believed to be the result of a domestic dispute between Diaz and Zubiata, police said at the time.

Zubiata had faced a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the second degree felony.

District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson expressed satisfaction with the sentence.

"We were pleased with the verdict," he said. "We felt the jury made a statement about violence in our community, that no matter who the victim is, no matter who the perpetrator is, we are not going to

tolerate something like this."

Under Texas law, Zubiata must serve at least half of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

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Fans, food needed by Salvation Army

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Fans and food. Big Spring's Salvation Army needs both and is urging local residents to donate those items to help the less fortunate in this community.

Ada Lafler, social services coordinator for the local Salvation Army, said the organization currently has a shortage of both fans — which

it donates to low-income families having trouble beating the summer heat — and canned food.

"With more people migrating to town looking for jobs in the oil field, the demand for our services keeps going up," Lafler said. "As a result, our food pantry has been pretty much depleted."

Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items — almost anything "except corn, green beans and cranberry sauce, which we don't need," Lafler said — are asked to bring those items by Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Cash donations to the food bank also will be accepted, she added.

And with summer temperatures climbing toward triple figures every day, the

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State ratings, proposed budget get look from board

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Independent School District may not feel comfortable about whistling "Blue Skies" around campus

yet, but the newest round of state accountability ratings are giving them a little more confidence that district academics is improving.

"I always say we didn't get to where we are overnight,"

Superintendent Chris Wington said during the board of trustees meeting Thursday. "I know our teachers are doing a great job, our principals are doing a great job, the curriculum department and

everybody. They are working hard, and we are heading into the right direction. We see some improvement. We know there is improvement

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Howard County Community Health Center invited the public to help celebrate National Health Center Week Thursday at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. Clockwise from top left: Diego Gomez enjoys the bouncy house; Carlos Vargas supervises the grill and Susan Brown mans the information booth while pharmacist Jasper Iлека visits with director of operations Socorro Flores.

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Obituaries

Becky Salgado



Becky Salgado, 47, of Big Spring, died Tuesday Aug. 12, 2014, at her residence. A prayer service will be held Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Kevin Knudson officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Becky was born to Josie and Armando Salgado on Feb. 23, 1967 in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Simon Alcantar, who preceded her in death in 1999. She worked as a baker for Great Western Dining. She loved baking, collecting bears and snowmen. She also enjoyed decorating cakes.

She is survived by four children, Adrienne Di-one Salgado, Samantha Jo Rodriguez and her husband David, Danielle G. Alcantar and her husband

Clara Hernandez



Clara Hernandez, 92, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clara was born July 13, 1922, in San Antonio, Texas to Lucia and Bernardino Gal-

Ronnie E. Leal and Zachery M. Salgado, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Hailey M. Salgado, McKenzie Calderon, Brandon R. Rodriguez and Helena K. Rodriguez; her mother and father, Josie and Armando Salgado of Big Spring; two sisters, Margaret Sumner of Big Spring and Olga Williamson of Dallas; one brother, Armando Salgado Jr. and wife Suzanne of Big Spring; many nieces and nephews, including Robert Sumner, who was like a brother to her.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her grandson, Landon Joshua Leal; nephews Brandon Sumner and Joshua Williamson; and brother-in-law Bobby Sumner.

Those serving as pallbearers are A.J. Ontiveros, Alan House, Bobby Rivera, Macedonio Landin, Marcus DeLeon, Marcus Porras, Pat Rodriguez, Richard Alcantar, Ronnie Leal and Jacob Kimball.

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

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indo. She retired from the Big Spring Independent School District. She was a volunteer with RSVP, served on numerous boards in the community and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth H. Baquera and husband Nick of Cloudcroft, N.M.; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Hernandez in July 2002, and daughter Peggy Ann Hernandez in May 1949.

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March 12, 1990. He then married Ouida Arant Watznauer May 19, 1990. She preceded him in death July 14, 2014.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. When first moving to Big Spring, he worked in the oil fields and later owned and operated a filling station on the east edge of Big Spring.

He is survived by eight siblings, Laverne Boeding, Vera Boeding and Raymond Watznauer of West Point, Iowa, Pauline Blint, Lucille Fedler, Floyd Watznauer and Bernard Watznauer of Fort Madison, Iowa, and Rita Miller of Burlington, Iowa; step-children, Paula Abbott of Terrell, Texas, Jerry Moncrief of Canyon Lake, Texas and preceded in death Wayne McCannon. He has eight step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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

Ike (Clarence)

Francis Watznauer



Ike (Clarence) Francis Watznauer, 84, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, at the Alive In Christ Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ike was born June 15, 1930, in Fort Madison, Iowa to William and Genevieve (Kramer) Watznauer. He married Eva Woodall McCannon June 24, 1953, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 at the time of this report.

- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM was booked by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with previous conviction.

- TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON II was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$1,500 with 2 plus convictions.

- PIERRE JEAN GORDON was booked by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.

- AQUANESHA DESIREE REED was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and on a warrant for theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 a Midland County warrant.

- KEITH LEE BAIZE was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

- GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- FRANCISCO JESUS

NIETO was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of S. Birdwell. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Yale. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1300 block of Scurry. One patient

transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of E. 13th St. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA reported at the 900 block of Golf Course Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.

Friday:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 600 block of George. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 200 block of Circle. Service refused.

- GRASS FIRE reported at the 1800 block of Wallace. Extinguished.

- GRASS FIRE reported at the intersection of Channing and NW 2nd St. Extinguished.

Ronald Dugan

Ronald Dugan, 57, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

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

- ANDRES NIETO, 44, of 610 NW 8th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 46, of 1100 W. 2nd St. was arrested Thursday on a charge of evading arrest/detention previously convicted.

- PIERRE JEAN GORDON, 24, of 1609 Oriole, was arrested Thursday on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.

- TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III, 34, of 407 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft less than \$1,500 2 or more convictions any theft – shoplifting.

- AQUANESHA DESIREE REED, 22, of 1219 Frazier, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and a warrant from another agency.

- KEITH LEE BAIZE, 45, of 3301 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III, 24, of 1205 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass – property, building, aircraft, vehicle.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 67, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

- FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 35, of 212 Circle Dr., was arrested Friday on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 700 block of E. 13th St.

- THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported at the 500 block of W. 6th St.

- ASSAULT was reported at he 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 1400 block of E. Interstate Highway 20, the 1000 block of Hearn and the 3000 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 800 block of Douglas.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 4100 block of Dixon.

- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the 2600 block of Gregg.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 200 block of Circle.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

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Farmer's Market slated Saturday at Elbow Creek

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

ELBOW — Elbow Creek Hay & Feed Farmers Market will host a second Farmer's Market this Saturday with promises of additional vendors this time.

"It's going to be bigger and better," said Nancy Raney, owner of Elbow Creek Hay & Feed. "We have some of the same vendors coming back and have added some new ones. We are starting early this time from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with an expanded tent area which will allow customers a little more room than our last outing.

"We are hoping to have as big a crowd as last time," Raney continued. "On sale, we will have lots of different types of produce, including watermelons, cantaloupe, sweet corn, squash. The newest featured item will be Israeli melons."

The market will be located at the Elbow Creek Hay & Feed, 5101 W. FM 818 (2 miles west of the Elbow School).

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

- The Cross Roads Young Marines are now taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 bring-

ing books to the Howard County Library.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. The cost is \$8 per person.

- 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. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org.

BSISD

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that we've got to continue to work for."

"I am proud at what we did," Wigington continued. "Of course, I wanted to win, but we didn't get in this mess overnight, and we are not going to get out of it overnight. That's what I wanted to do and everyone wanted us to do, but it didn't happen, so we are going to continue striving for excellence and continue to do whatever we need to do to make it happen."

The Texas Education Agency released ratings last week showing the district again received a "improvement required" rating although two schools—Big Spring Junior High and Moss Elementary, changed ratings from "improvement required" to "met standards" this year. Big Spring High School earned a "met standard" rating for the second time, which also means the school will not be under the scrutiny of TEA.

Goliad Elementary, Marcy Elementary, and Washington Elementary all received "improvement required" ratings for 2014.

During the meeting, Kristen Joslin, district testing coordinator, went through some of the complex data the state uses to calculate the ratings. TEA based ratings on four indexes: student achievement (testing), student progress, closing the performance gap (how different ethnic and minorities groups fared) and post secondary readiness (how well students are prepared to attend college). Each school must meet all four indexes in order to receive a "met standards" rating.

Joslin said the data shows each campus narrowed the gap this year, in some instances coming very close. That was the case at Washington Elementary, Joslin said, which failed to meet the student achievement index by one point and post secondary readiness by four points.

"When I was looking through these earlier, I want to commend Charlie (Crisp, principal) and Washington Elementary because I think they were so very close," said trustee Ken McIntosh. "There were two indications to me, first of all, the points earned for STARR score is higher than any of the elementary schools. The

other thing this number in index two in which Moss (Elementary) got distinction (student progress index) earned for, they actually had a higher number and a higher index score than Moss did."

In order for a campus to earn a distinction, the school must receive a "met standard" rating, Joslin informed the board.

"TEA gives us a comparison group," Joslin said. "They put us in a group of 40 schools. They are the same type—elementary, they are the same size—same number of students—same percent economically disadvantaged students, same mobility rate percent, same percentage of limited English professionally students. Washington hit the top of that list. Even at that, they were four points higher than the second school and Moss is right there at six, so we are really happy to have two of our campuses at the top 25 percent."

In other business, trustees held a public hearing over the 2014-2015 budget and tax rate which drew no interest from the public. Officials are basing the budget on a \$1.3605 per \$100 valuation tax rate. A property owner with a median average home in Howard County valued at \$60,215 this year

will pay \$12.73 more in taxes to the BSISD than last year.

One of the items still not decided in the budget are raises for teachers. Currently, a 3 percent raise has been worked into the proposed budget, but trustees are considering increasing that to 4 or 5 percent.

"Be looking at this, and ideas that you might have, things you'd like to see done," board president Chad Wash said to trustees. "Visit on those and come back to them when we go over the final budget on the (Aug) 28th."

Trustees will meet on that date at 5:15 p.m. to consider final adoption of the tax rate and 2014-2015 budget.

In other financial matters, the district saved about \$731,000 by refinancing the bonds issue in the construction of the Big Spring Junior High. This is the second refinance on those bonds. And this time, the district was able to lower the interest rate from 4 to 5 percent to a

rate of 1.09 and shorten the maternity of the bond debt by one year. Also the district can pay off the debt early without any fines.

Trustees also:

- Agreed to a memorandum of understanding with the Big Spring Police Department to take over drug dog searches in the school.

"The police department has met with Mr. Wigington, and we all know that the police department is short-handed, so they are no longer able to conduct drug dog searches" said assistant superintendent Danny Ferrell. "They have asked the district to take that on, so they are donating one of their dogs to us as part of the MOU and it states in the MOU our handler ... has to go to a drug canine handling school to get certification."

- Approved a \$405,200 expenditure to continue with the Lead Your School professional services; a \$458,415.00 expenditure for purchase of textbooks in the sci-

ence and math area; and an expenditure over \$50,000 for legal services regarding the Invenergy negotiations. Debbie Green, chief financial officer, emphasized that the cost is allowed to be offset by fees received from Invenergy going through the process. Green also mentioned the district will receive reimbursement from the state for the textbook purchase.

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FANS

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need for electric fans is particularly acute, she added.

Donations of new or used (no spliced wires, though) box fans will be accepted, she said.

For more information

on the drives, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us give thanks for good friends and neighbors.

Amen

But even the winners get sick

When the news ripped out on Monday that Robin Williams had committed suicide, even I thought — for a moment — “but he had everything.” As if suicide is a “choice.”

I say “even I” because I know better. My mother was seriously depressed for much of her life. A close friend’s husband committed suicide years ago, and he had everything, too. Then there was our neighbor’s son, whom I babysat for — I heard it was a psychotic break.

When it comes to illness, what you have doesn’t matter very much. At a certain age, it sometimes seems like everyone’s running over the hill, and some people won’t make it, and who those people will be — who will be felled by an aggressive cancer, a sudden aneurysm, a rare infection — seems almost random. Sure, there’s genetics, preventive care and exercise, and sometimes we can comfort ourselves by finding out that a lost friend never got colonoscopies or that a lost relative still smoked. But often there is no reason at all. My friend Kath used to laugh about how much I worried that a stray lump or an ambiguous test result was a sure sign of aggressive cancer. She never worried about rare ag-

gressive cancers, until she was diagnosed with one; she died months later.

News of my friend Dotty Lynch’s death also hit the wires on Monday. The longtime political director of CBS News, Dotty belongs in heaven if anyone does. In her decades in politics and journalism, she managed to handle some of the biggest egos in the business, always with sheer brilliance and amazing grace. The melanoma just wouldn’t quit. And while you might be comforted to know that Dotty was a fair-skinned redhead, there are plenty of fair-skinned folks — John McCain comes to mind — who have not been slowed down by repeated bouts with melanoma.

Why Dotty?

Not for a second would anyone suggest that Dotty had a choice in the matter.

So why do even those of us who know better spend even a second when we hear of a suicide saying things like “He had everything” or “How could he do this to his family?”

Suicide isn’t something you “do” to your family. It is the terminal stage of what is often a lifelong illness. Why some people end up at this stage of despair and others, like my mother, are crippled by depression for decades but cling to life, no one knows. Some people respond to treatment; some are able to live with deep depression, as some people live with illnesses that kill others. I inherited my mother’s blue genes. I

have fought depression and have been helped by wonderful doctors. My depression, at least, has never been coupled with suicidal thoughts.

But even the best doctors can’t help some people who are ill. Indeed, even the best doctors don’t necessarily know when their own patients are in danger. I remember, so many years ago, when my friend’s husband became deeply depressed. She consulted his psychiatrist, who advised her that he was not suicidal. It turned out he was mistaken. So, I imagine, was whoever didn’t tell Robin Williams’ wife that he needed to be hospitalized, that his illness was beyond his control or tolerance.

Robin Williams brought joy and laughter to so many of us. And my friend Dotty... Well, Dotty was ahead of her time, a brilliant pollster, an amazing analyst, a wonderful person. I might say they both lost their fights with illness, but terminal illness is not an opponent you can vanquish. It’s not a fair fight. And to suggest that either of these people “lost” a contest misses the point. They were winners. But even winners get sick.

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‘Remember the Alamo’ a Spanish Mission

Its original name was Mision San Antonio de Valero. It was built by Native Americans and Spanish Franciscan priests in 1724. But you probably know it better because of what happened there in 1836, when it was no longer a Spanish mission. You probably just “remember the Alamo.”

Yet for about 70 years, before it became the Alamo, San Antonio de Valero served as a Spanish mission designed “to teach the Indians all that should be required to be useful and capable citizens.” It was one of the first of dozens of such missions Spain would build throughout North America.

Though the 1836 siege and battle at the Alamo rightfully stands as a symbol of sacrifice, patriotism and freedom — “The Shrine of Texas Liberty” — that battle’s huge historical significance tends to overshadow its huge Hispanic heritage.

Yes, Hispanics fought and died for Texas independence from Mexico at the Alamo in 1836, and yes, their names are duly noted on the impressive monument outside the Alamo. But the Hispanic contributions to this area go back more than a century before that battle against Mexico. They go back to the time when Texas was part of the Spanish colony New Spain.

Some historia: The river known to Native Americans as the Yanaguana was christened “el Rio San Antonio de Padua,” in honor of St. Anthony, by Franciscan Father Damian Masanet, who arrived in this area June 13, 1691. San Antonio de Valero was originally founded by Father Antonio Olivares in 1718, a few miles from its current site. (It was relocated twice before it settled at its present location in 1724.) It was named for the viceroy of New Spain, Don Baltasar de Zuniga, Marques de Valero. The move brought the mission closer to the presidio (fort) and villa San Antonio de Bejar, which had been founded a couple of years earlier in honor

of the viceroy’s brother, the Duke of Bejar.

“By 1745, a well-organized community of skilled Coahuiltecan Indians lived in the adobe huts that lined the mission,” according to the exhibit at the Alamo museum. “Adjoining the two-story stone convent, where the priests lived and kept of-fices, were workshops, a granary where grains from the mission farms were stored, and a textile shop where the Indian women wove cotton and wool fabrics. Tools for Indian stonemasons were forged in the mission blacksmith shop.”

Though their numbers fluctuated over the years, at the mission peak year in 1756, it is estimated that some 300 Native Americans lived there. “The Spanish used the missions to transform the native people of the frontier regions into Spanish subjects by converting them to Catholicism and teaching them European crafts,” the Alamo exhibit explains.

“Each mission was self-sufficient, with its own church, granary, living quarters, workshops, fields, and pastures.”

Yet battered by Spanish policies that made economic survival much more difficult and by diseases that wiped out huge portions of the native population, San Antonio de Valero ceased to be used as a mission in 1793, when its native population was down to 57 people. Its fortress and hospital “continued to play an important role in the protection of the northern frontier of New Spain,” the Alamo exhibit explains.

It also notes that mission archives were transferred to the nearby San Fernando parish and that “much of the property was distributed to the Indians who continued to live nearby.”

As the Great Hispanic American History Tour moves through the Southwest, I have seen countless examples of Spanish efforts to improve the lives of Native Americans and gained a wealth of ammunition to dispel the myth that the conquistadors came here only to seek gold and exert cruelty. And I’ll be using that ammunition as the tour continues.

When we “remember the

Alamo” as a historic battle, we should also remember its rich Hispanic heritage — before, during and after the battle of 1836. Even when the mission became the Alamo and even when the fort reached its most trying moments, as noted in this column last week, Texas Hispanics also gave their lives fighting against Mexican dictator Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

Recognizing that the Alamo is more than just one battle, the museum exhibit commendably notes that “even though the Alamo has a special place in Texas history, these two buildings embody a story whose roots reach into Spain, France, and Mexico and out across the American Southwest, and whose consequences have helped to shape today’s world. It is a story that is much bigger than Texas.”

Of course, though the Alamo now is mostly a shrine to the fallen in 1836, in San Antonio, Hispanic heritage is everywhere — and on display! Just a few blocks away is San Fernando Cathedral, founded by Spanish settlers in 1731, the oldest continuously functioning religious community in Texas and the burial site of the Alamo defenders. And just down the street is the 1749 Spanish Governor’s Palace, a museum that “tells the story of San Antonio’s Spanish colonial history and culture.”

San Antonio de Valero was one of five missions built by Spain in the San Antonio River valley, and the way of life Spain provided the natives is part of our hidden Hispanic heritage. It’s a story that must be told when the Great Hispanic American History Tour goes to Sunday Mass at a still-active mission church and continues exploring San Antonio next week.

Are you following my Great Hispanic American History Tour? Hop aboard at www.hiddenhispanicheritage.com.

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Suicide: No one dares acknowledge

The world was stunned this week by the news of Robin Williams' suicide. According to reports of those close to him, Williams had been struggling with depression. The sad and tragic end to his life seemed incongruous for one who brought so much laughter to



BILL TINSLEY

those of us who watched him perform on stage and screen. Like his life that loomed large on the screen, Williams' death loomed large on the world stage. Millions joined his family in mourning his loss. Celebrities from across the spectrum struggled for words to express their grief at the shocking news. Perhaps it is a reminder that there are deadly undertows in life that suck any person beneath the surface and drown their desire to live. Like the rip tides that drag swimmers into the

deep, the undercurrents of anger, guilt and despair can drag anyone into the depths of depression from which they cannot survive. Almost every family is touched by this tragedy that is often buried in memories too sensitive to touch. A little more than a year ago I wrote a column about suicide. One of my readers sent it to his friends whose son had taken his own life. They wrote in response: "Thank you. No one other than our closest relatives, and there are very few left; has mentioned our son's suicide in conversation or written word since it happened. That alone, being the elephant in the room that no one dare acknowledge, is sometimes the most painful emotion. We are used to it

and we understand ... it is just very strange. It pleases me so for someone to actually mention what happened. Death is a part of life just as other things. "Trust that my wife and I are stronger now than we were then. We have been married 42 years and we have become the "union" that the Bible speaks of. We have full faith of our reunion with our son. Suicide can be a complex issue to a theologian. It is a simple fact of love and faith for those close to it. Feel free to share our story to those who know us, or even to those who do not. It is through the grace of God that we survived. It is through the grace of God that we love life and have a genuine peace that passes all

understanding." Their response reminds me of Paul's response to a Roman guard who was about to commit suicide. After Paul admonished the soldier to "do yourself no harm," the man asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul responded, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. You and your whole household." The man dropped his sword, took them to his house and washed their wounds. (Acts 16:25-34). David, wrote, "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:13-14).

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 is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. The Service Committee thanks everyone for the generous response to our annual school supplies collection which has been taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to help school children in need in our community. The Service Committee does a number of things to help those in need throughout our community. The committee is headed by Patti Horton, and she would welcome other members to the group, which meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, every other month. Using funds collected in the Noisy Offering and other donations, they help keep the Northside Community Food Pantry stocked and hold an annual food drive to stock the pantry at the church. That committee provides snacks once a week for the Boys and Girls Club at the Salvation Army. Our church makes a monthly donation to the Food2Kids Program and enlists members to help sack food for that program. Anyone interested in volunteering time or money to the Food2Kids Program should contact Patti Horton.

Sunday, the Church Life Committee is hosting a potluck meal after worship to visit with and say farewell to our dear friends and fellow members Donna and Randy Amonett and Janie Conley. The Amonetts are moving to San Antonio, and Janie is in the process of selling her house in preparation for moving. The committee will furnish the meat; everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Come send our friends off with our love and blessings.

The Session will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the church library Tuesday, Aug. 19. Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Danny Kennemur is Lay Lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15 10-20) 21-28. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Set Me As a Seal" by Rene Clausen as the anthem and "Most Glorious Lord of Life" by William Harris as the offertory anthem.

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.

First Christian Church News

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our musicians, Teresa and Larry Archambo, because they moved to Plainview. Fortunately, we have found two new musicians to lead our worship services on Sunday mornings. Tara Trowbridge will start Aug. 20 as our music director and Larry Thibeault starts this Sunday as our organ and piano accompaniment. Choir will resume after a summer break on Aug. 20 to meet Ms. Trowbridge, as well as to start on our music for the fall.

This Sunday, our minister, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will continue his August sermon series on 21st century faith with a sermon titled "21st Century Questions." Dr. McIntosh will respond from the pulpit to questions submitted by church members over the past two weeks.

Finally, the third annual Community Prayer Breakfast for Teachers and Paraprofessionals will happen on Friday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 a.m. Even though the breakfast will happen at First Christian, it is sponsored by four congregations: First Baptist Church, First Church of the Nazarene, First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church. The program will feature music by George Bancroft and words of encouragement from Tom Koger, retired



educator, coach, pastor and active Cowboy poet.

Forsan Baptist Church

On Monday evening our fellowship hall suffered significant but not catastrophic storm damage. The roof of the new addition was torn off in the high wind, causing collateral damage to several sections of the roof, gutters and some of the flashing. The interior of the new addition plus a portion of the old fellowship hall is going to need an almost complete overhaul. Our insurance will cover the cost and the contractor is already beginning the repairs. However, the rear of the fellowship hall will not be usable for the next few weeks. We will continue to have air conditioning, nursery and ladies' Sunday school, as these rooms and equipment were not damaged.

Sunday morning our message is titled, "Cleansing the Temple," and comes from John 2:13-20.

Wednesday evenings we are studying the Book of Genesis. We have one more week in our Tuesday evening study, culminating with the Book of Revelation. We will meet in the ladies' Sunday school classroom at the church at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings we have begun 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 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. Sun-

day 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.

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(Psalm 103:11)

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DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Noah's Descendants

We have talked about ancestry before. I have heard so many people groups accused of bearing the mark of Cain while the person accusing feels so smug and self-assured. I was happy that we established that all of Cain's descendants died in The Flood.

Since Noah and his sons were the only men to survive The Flood, all people on earth have to be descended from



EUNICE FILLER

Noah's sons, Japheth, Ham and Shem. From these three families, God established 70 nations. Fourteen of these nations descended from Japheth. Thirty nations descended from Ham; and 26 nations descended from Shem.

How long did this take to establish 70 nations? Some dates can be established with certainty because of the writings of the sages down through the years, so let's use the information we have to estimate how long this took. Using Adam, who lived 900 years, as an example, we must keep in mind that a number of generations could have been born within his lifetime.

But, things changed considerably after The Flood; men did not live as long as before. Remember that during Creation, God said, "Let the waters above be separated from the waters below"? The shortening of man's lifespan could correspond with the rain that fell during The Flood. The moisture in the atmosphere which surrounds the earth

shields it from the rays of the sun.

The Flood occurred in 1656, counting from Creation. Let's use the "begots" in Gen 11 to help with our timeline. When Shem, Noah's youngest son, was 100 years old, he begot Arpachshad. When Arpachshad was 35 years old, he begot Shelah. When Shelah was 30 years old, he begot Eber; Eber means "across the river."

Abraham was called a Hebrew, from the word Eber, because after Abraham understood that there was only one god, he was so far separated from the rest of the people, it was as if he lived on the "other side of the river" and couldn't be reached. When Eber was 34 years old, he begot Peleg. When Peleg was 30 years old, he begot Reu. When Reu was 32 years old, he begot Serug. When Serug was 30 years old, he begot Nahor; Nahor was Abraham's grandfather. When Nahor was 29 years old, he begot Terah; and when Terah was 70 years old, he begot Abram. It is docu-

mented that Abram was 48 years old at the time of the Dispersion because of the Tower of Babel. That Dispersion occurred in 2006, counting from Creation. This was only 342 years after The Flood.

All the people from these 10 generations lived on the large plain called Shinar which is centered near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in the center of the Asian Continent. Just 10 generations after The Flood; and people were growing more evil and more disrespectful to God all the time. There also had been 10 generations before The Flood.

This shows how patient God is, always allowing us time to repent and change our ways.

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.

CHURCH NEWS

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"The Cost of Following." Drawn from Luke 9:51-62, Jesus reminds us that He came to save men's lives, not to destroy them, and to truly follow Him we must not be distracted by the activities of this world. Interact with the sermon live through You Version on your iPad, smart phone or Kindle Fire.

During the morning service, we will be presenting Bibles to our promoting kindergarteners, as they move into first grade in our Children's Department.

Sunday school groups meet at 9:30, with children on the first floor and youth and adults on the second floor. Greeters at each door are happy to help you find your class.

At 2 p.m., we will have our Deacon Ordination Ceremony in the Chapel. Come be in prayerful support of these candidates during this special time.

Sunday evening at 5:30, the Missionary Community Groups meet in homes throughout the community. Call 267-8223 for details.

Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will be leading the youth Wednesday evening in a "City Serve Mission Night" as they join other churches for service to area communities. For more information, contact Jonathan at 267-8223.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by activities for all ages. Go to fcbigspring.org for additional information.

Join us for BBQ chicken Aug. 20

If you are curious about God or are in need of a word of encouragement, call 267-8223 or stop by the church and we will be glad to listen, pray with you and share about the one true unchanging hope — which is Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. The Adult Bible Class is watching a Lutheran Hour Ministry video titled "The Intersection of Church & State." Our youth are studying different bible stories, activities and crafts. Rally Day will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Comanche Trail Park at the Old Settlers Pavilion.

Jill Alsbrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Matthew 15:21-28.

Our Wednesday night Bible study will begin again on Sept. 17.

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."

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Meeting at 809 Scurry, Saturday morning 10 until 11.

We want to make another invitation this time. Seems like everyone at times is tired of feeling broke. Seems also, there is just too much month left at the end of the money. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 4, representatives from Woodforest bank will conduct money management classes. There will be a different class each Thursday for 10 weeks. There is no charge, and the public is invited. There will also be two classes in Spanish. We will use the same meeting room we use at 809 Scurry for our weekly Sabbath Bible study class.

However, we do want also to make our regular invitation to come on Saturday morning at 10 and enjoy our studies from the Bible. There is no sermon and no collection plate. However, we do start a bit early with singing along with the keyboard. Is what you believe important? Does God care what you think? If you read your Bible, you will find out that He is very much concerned about what you believe.

Remember, what man says is unim-

portant; what God says is vital.

Bob and Marla Rainwater, moderators. 432-264-9937

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

August 24, we will be honoring the workers of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. All college staff and their families are invited to join us for the worship service and a luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by Aug. 20 to Celia Railey by videophone at 432-218-4057 or call 264-3700.

We are pleased to announce that beginning Aug. 31, we will begin offering two worship services: a morning service at 10:50 and an afternoon service at 2.

Wednesday evenings we will also have a Bible study at 6.

Join us this Sunday at 2 p.m. for worship services as we thank God for His unchanging love, mercy and grace.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim Waltherhouse at jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Forsan Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:00 PM CST, August 25, 2014 _____ in _____ Board Room, Forsan ISD JHHS Building, 411 W. 6th St. _____ Forsan, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.34928	/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	12.31 % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	12.75 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	12.40 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 930,992,529	\$ 996,278,471
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,407,360	\$ 1,151,428
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 721,615,467	\$ 941,582,238
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,274,656	\$ 1,075,558

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 23,375,000

* Outstanding principal.

Crestview Baptist Church



Crestview Baptist Church will be celebrating 50 years of being at 2305 Gatesville Road in Big Spring, Texas! Join us for a Gospel Jam Session, Gospel Singing, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Games and all kinds of fun and festivities!

Pastor Tom Lassiter will also be sharing his testimony. You are invited to join us on August 16, 2014, beginning at 11 AM and ending around 4 PM. Come be with us as we celebrate 50 years of the Lord's grace!

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.34928 *	\$ 1.38928	\$ 10,732	\$ 2,502
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.20177	\$.27985 *	\$ 1.48162	\$ 12,201	\$ 334
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.34928 *	\$ 1.38928	\$ 13,289	\$ 334

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 79,194	\$ 82,198
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 49,224	\$ 57,083
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.38928	\$ 1.38928
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 683.86	\$ 793.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 109.18

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.38928. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.38928.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,902,173
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 142,345

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News in brief

Turmoil, tear gas give way to hope as police pull back from protests over Ferguson shooting

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — County police in riot gear and armored tanks gave way to state troopers walking side-by-side with thousands of protesters as the St. Louis suburb where an unarmed black teen was shot by a city police officer overwhelmingly avoided violence Thursday after nearly a week of unrest and mounting public tension.

The dramatic shift came after Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon assigned oversight of the protests to the state Highway Patrol, stripping local police from the St. Louis County Police Department of their authority after four days of clashes with furious crowds protesting the weekend death of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

"All they did was look at us and shoot tear gas," said Pedro Smith, 41, who has participated in the nightly protests. "This is totally different. Now we're being treated with respect."

The more tolerant response came as President Barack Obama spoke publicly for the first time about Saturday's fatal shooting — and the subsequent violence that shocked the nation and threatened to tear apart Ferguson, a town of 21,000 that is nearly 70 percent black and patrolled by a nearly all-white police force.

Obama said there was "no excuse" for violence either against the police or by officers against peaceful protesters.

Ferguson fallout: Lawmaker urges tighter controls on military giveaways to local police

WASHINGTON (AP) — Images of police outfitted in paramilitary gear clashing with protesters in suburban St. Louis after the weekend shooting death of unarmed black teenager is giving new impetus to efforts to rein in a Pentagon program that provides free machine guns and other surplus military equipment to local law enforcement agencies.

Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., says he plans to introduce legislation when Congress returns in September to curb what he describes as an increasing militarization of police agencies across the country.

"Our Main Streets should be a place for business, families and relaxation,

not tanks and M16s," Johnson said Thursday. "Militarizing America's Main Streets won't make us any safer, just more fearful and more reticent."

Attorney General Eric Holder said he's concerned that use of military equipment by police in Ferguson, Missouri, is sending a "conflicting message." Holder said authorities there have accepted the Justice Department's offer of crowd-control help as it continues to investigate the Saturday shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Ukraine says dozens of its border officials in Russia inspecting aid convoy with Red Cross

KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKY, Russia (AP) — Ukraine said its customs and border service officials on Friday began inspecting a Russian aid convoy parked just beyond its border, a sign that the two countries were taking steps to ease mounting tensions over the shipment.

Sergei Astakhov, an assistant to the deputy head of Ukraine's border guard service, said the cargo would be inspected in the presence of representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The group of 41 Ukrainian border service representatives and 18 customs officials began inspecting the Russian aid at the Donetsk crossing on Friday morning, defense officials in Kiev said in a statement.

Russian news agencies said Russia was prepared to present all necessary documentation and to hand over the cargo to the Red Cross.

The roughly 200 Russian white-tarped trucks have been parked since Thursday near Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, about 28 kilometers (17 miles) from the border. Much of the border in this part of eastern Ukraine has been under the control of the pro-Russia separatists.

Iraq's al-Maliki steps down as PM, giving post to rival and opening way for new government

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's embattled Nouri al-Maliki has stepped down as prime minister, caving in to international and domestic pressure to give up his post to a rival politician.

The move defuses a political deadlock that has plunged Iraq into uncertainty and opens way for the forma-

tion of a new government that could take on a growing insurgency by Sunni militants that has engulfed much of the country.

Al-Maliki made the announcement on national television late Thursday, standing alongside senior members of his Islamic Dawa Party, including rival Haider al-Abadi. He said he was stepping aside in favor of his "brother," in order to "facilitate the political process and government formation."

The premier-designate al-Abadi, a veteran Shiite lawmaker, now faces the immense challenge of trying to unite Iraqi politicians. The country's major political factions deeply distrust each other and the army seems unable to regain territory in the north and west taken by militants from the Islamic State group.

Pope makes tough sell in SKorea, urges young people to reject materialism, competition

DAEJEON, South Korea (AP) — Pope Francis urged Catholic youth on Friday to renounce the materialism that afflicts much of Asian society today and reject "inhuman" economic systems that disenfranchise the poor, pressing his economic agenda in one of the region's powerhouses where financial gain is a key barometer of success.

Francis received a boisterous welcome from tens of thousands of young Asians as he celebrated his first public Mass in South Korea, a country with a small but growing church that is seen by the Vatican as a model for the rest of the world.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. on August 28, 2014, in the board room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$1.0371 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$0.07000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in preceeding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	19.30%	increase	or	0.00%	(decrease)
Debt service	51.20%	increase	or	0.00%	(decrease)
Total expenditures	20.70%	increase	or	0.00%	(decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$3,249,859,811	\$3,844,828,097
Total appraised value* of new property**	<u>\$3,481,687</u>	<u>\$2,627,740</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$2,964,559,489	\$3,538,091,117
Total taxable value*** of new property**	<u>\$3,371,779</u>	<u>\$2,540,871</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$31,413,248

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.03710	\$0.05490	\$1.09200	\$25,063	\$335
Rate to Maintain Same	\$1.01643	\$0.07943	\$1.09585	\$27,635	\$345
Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service					
Proposed Rate	\$1.03710	\$0.07000	\$1.10710	\$30,890	\$345

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$84,565	\$76,563
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$67,652	\$61,250
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.092	\$1.1071
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$738.76	\$678.09
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$60.67)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years or age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.095. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback of \$1.095.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balances(s)	\$4,548,550
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances(s)	\$230,276



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Lady Steers tip off play in Bev Ball Classic today

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers are hoping their second trip to the Key City is a bit more rewarding than their first.

They won't have long to wait to find out if those hopes will be answered. Just three days after opening the season with back-to-back losses to Abilene High and Abilene Cooper, the Lady Steers will

return to Abilene to participate in the Bev Ball Classic. The 18-team tournament was scheduled to get under way at 11 a.m. this morning in the Abilene High and Abilene Cooper gymnasiums.

The tournament is divided into four divisions, with two being held at each school.

Big Spring will be one of four teams competing in the Gold division, which will be played in the AHS auxiliary

gym. The Lady Steers will be joined in the division by Dumas, Wylie and San Angelo Lake View.

Big Spring is scheduled to face its third straight Abilene-based team in its first game of the tournament by facing off with Wylie. The BSHS-Wylie match is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Following their showdown with No. 3-ranked Wylie, the Lady Steers take a short

break before facing Lake View, starting at 4 p.m. From there, they will conclude round-robin play in the Gold division with a 5 p.m. showdown with Dumas.

Each game of the tournament will be a best-of-three format.

The Sterling City Lady Eagles will be among the teams competing in the Black division at AHS. The Lady Eagles will be compet-

ing against Abilene High, Temple, Breckenridge and Graham.

Cooper High School will host the Red and Blue divisions of the tournament. Teams comprising the Red division include Cooper, Krum, Trinity Christian, South Hills and Jim Ned.

Burleson, Lubbock High, Brownwood and Sweetwater will be competing in the Blue division.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

The Forsan Buffaloes went through several drills aimed at improving the blocking abilities of their backs on Wednesday during afternoon workouts. The Buffaloes will join Big Spring and Coahoma in holding scrimmages today.

Area teams kick off preseason schedules with scrimmages

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Whew!

Area sports fans will finally be able to return to the fields and bleachers today as Texas' official fall religion gets under way at a football stadium near you.

The Big Spring High School Steers, Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes will all usher in the prep football preseason with scrimmages. The scrimmages will mark the official beginning of a two-week run in which teams will make their final preparations for the start of the 2014 regular season on Aug. 30.

The Big Spring Steers will be the first of the Crossroads teams to take to the field. The Steers will face off against Burkburnett beginning at 11 a.m. at Chesley Field in Cisco.

Big Spring, fresh off a trip to the third round of the Class 3A state playoffs a season ago, will

Preseason Football	
Preseason Scrimmages	
Big Spring vs. Burkburnett	10 a.m. at Chesley Field in Cisco
Coahoma vs. Jim Ned	10 a.m. at Bulldog Stadium
Forsan vs. Grape Creek	6 p.m. at Buffalo Stadium

be looking to make accomplish several things in their scrimmage, including fine-tuning an offense that could be among the best in West Texas and, maybe even more importantly, fill a few holes in a defensive unit that could be one of the younger squads in the area.

Defensively, Big Spring brings back just two starters from last year's team that went 9-4.

The BSHS-Burkburnett scrimmage will start at 10 a.m. with the freshman and junior varsity scrimmages.

Like Big Spring, Coahoma's coaching staff will be watching their players closely in hopes of finding capable replacements for several key offseason losses.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to face off with Jim Ned beginning at 10 a.m.

Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said his team, too, will be using their scrimmage against Grape Creek to determine what changes his staff will need to make.

"We're like every other coach in the state right now," he said. "We all thing we look right now since we've been practicing against our own JVs and younger players. This scrimmage will help us see where we are and what we need to do to get better."

Forsan's scrimmage will begin at 6 p.m. with the JV programs. The varsity squads will get on the field at approximately 7 p.m.

Forsan community pep rally to be held on Friday

Forsan High School faithful will get the opportunity to show their support for the FHS football and cheerleaders today when the 2014 Forsan Community-wide Pep Rally is held.

The days' event will get started

at 6 p.m. when the Forsan junior varsity football team scrimmages Grape Creek. The Buffaloes' varsity squad will begin its scrimmage with Grape Creek at 7 p.m.

The pep rally is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

Pep rally organizers have said random drawings will be held throughout the evening. Face painting, tricycle races, hot dog eating contest as well as other events will also be held in conjunction with the pep rally.

Junior high volleyball tryouts slated for Aug. 25-26

Big Spring Junior High School students wishing to participate in the volleyball program will get their chance to take to the court in the coming days.

The BSJHS coaching staff announced it would be holding junior high school volleyball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls on Aug. 25-26

in the west gym.

The tryouts will begin on Aug. 25, starting at 4 p.m. The tryout will run through 6 p.m.

Two tryout sessions will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The first session will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Those unable to attend the morning tryout period can attend the af-

ternoon session which will get under way at 4 p.m. and run until 6 p.m.

All students wishing to try out for the BSJHS seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams must have a physical prior to the tryouts.

The BSJHS volleyball teams are scheduled to face Sweetwater and Snyder in

scrimmages on Aug. 28 before opening the 2014 season on Sept. 4 with home games against Lamesa.

The Big Spring A Team Tournament will be held on Sept. 27. Teams from throughout the area will be participating in the event.

Young returns to UT with PR role

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas has hired former Longhorns quarterback Vince Young for community relations and fundraising, a \$100,000-a-year job created specifically for him that wasn't posted to attract other applicants.

Young led Texas to the 2005 national championship before turning pro. He hasn't played in an NFL regular-season NFL game since 2011.

Young earned his bachelor's degree in applied learning and development from Texas in 2013. Starting Sept. 1, he'll be a development officer for program alumni relations within the University's Division of Diversity and Community Excellence, which works with first-generation college students and others from low-income backgrounds.

In a statement released by the school, Young called the job "a great way to stay connected to the university and help make a difference in the lives of underserved kids across the state."

Young was hired through a direct-appointment basis, which requires approval by the school's human resources department but not a job posting.

Gregory Vincent, vice president for diversity engagement, called such hires "rare" and said the school got Young was a "unique opportunity."

"He is one of the iconic figures in UT history, but what we are really impressed with is his connection with communities and young people that we serve," Vincent said.

Young has a history of volunteering with school engagement programs, including the Neighborhood Longhorns academic incentive program geared toward children in 2nd through 8th grades, since his days in college, Vincent said.

"We feel like he'll be a great ambassador and fundraiser for that program," Vincent said.

Young didn't have to fill out an application or submit a resume. He was interviewed by Vincent and another department official.

"We knew firsthand the work he'd done with us," Vincent said.

Vincent called Young's \$100,000 salary fair and "far from the top of the range in what development officers make."

BSHS spikers to play in Sweetwater

The Big Spring High School junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams will be competing in tournaments in Sweetwater this weekend.

The BSHS junior varsity will begin play in the Sweetwater JV Tournament at 9 a.m. by joining Abilene High, Levelland and Snyder in Pool 1 play.

The Lady Steers will play Abilene at 9 a.m. From there, they will face Snyder at noon and Levelland at 2 p.m.

The BSHS freshman team will compete in the Sweetwater Freshman Tournament against teams from Jim Ned, Snyder and Sweetwater.

The Lady Steer freshman squad will open the tournament at 10 a.m. with a game against Sweetwater. They will face Jim Ned at 11 a.m. and Snyder at 2 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE, 2905 Goliad, Saturday only 7:00am-12:00pm. Baby items, furniture, home decor, exercise equipment, bedding and much more.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday 8:00-12:00 at 420 Westover. Living room set, dining set, range, hutch, washer/dryer, misc items. Cash sales only.

GARAGE SALE 2803 Apache Dr. Saturday 8:00-4:00. Houseware, garageware, teenage bedding and stuff, 31 years of collecting items for your to by so I can clean my nest.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD sale - 738 Baylor Boulevard Sat. 8/16, 7am - ?. NO EARLY BIRDS

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Earthy Energy Takes Over

The moon enters Taurus, and then less than an hour later, Mercury enters Virgo. It's time to come

back down to earth. Just because something is reasonable doesn't make it correct, though today that will probably be the case. No need to look for hidden meanings or alternative methods; just do what needs doing in the way it was taught to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be happy if you strike a fair compromise,

but an overly accommodating decision will bring displeasure. If someone tells you that he is willing to meet you halfway, make sure you both know the actual distance between you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are invisible bonds between you and a certain someone, and these lines pulse with love today. Trust it while dealing with more tangible and practical issues that affect the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be better able to concentrate on what you're doing when you first work out why you're doing it. Write it out so you can remind yourself when you hit the more difficult parts of the job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Should you let someone in on your secret thoughts and wishes? This really needs to be kept to the innermost sanctum of associations. Let people prove themselves to you before you're this intimate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll run out of daylight before your plans are executed, but the night holds opportunity. One poet noted, "As the evening twilight fades away, the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day." -- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your vision is specific, and yet it will not benefit you to hold fast to uncompromising ways. Ask for input and really listen to it. Your work will be better when you let others influence

it. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whatever you are feeling, it will be important to express it, if not directly, then artistically or through physical work. Bottled-up feelings aren't good for you now, even if they happen to be very good feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will be interested in what you do, but if you explain too much about it, you won't have the degree of privacy and independence you cherish. Keep the enigma going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If there's one thing that turns you off today, it's arrogance. You worked for what you have, but you don't believe that gives you the right to look down on those in a different

position. Your humility will teach others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a history buff, but even you have to admit history's main flaw: It repeats itself. If history was a fellow partygoer, you might avoid it after a few drinks. Today, you'll have no interest in visiting with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a carrot-on-a-stick situation today. Is it possible to have what you want? One definition of impossibility: a temporary stage in the development of everything that was, is and ever will be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have your own way of reading the omens, and when you see the signs, you'll find they don't lie to you. Your interpretation today will be accurate, but just know that it's not the only interpretation that is.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15). Slow down and enjoy this year. There will be gifts to unwrap each and every month. You'll be drawn to the glamour, bright lights and music of September. October will bring an exchange of ideas that leads to a new business and/or, for singles, a hot love affair. What you learn in November will help the whole family. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 14, 3 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: There's a delicate balance to be struck in love. You want to be direct enough to get your message across, but not so direct that you ruin the fun of interpretation. **TAURUS:** A primitive drumbeat is moving the action forward. **GEMINI:** Love is a game of instinct, not intellect. Play accordingly. **CANCER:** The things that are stressful to you will

change as you expose yourself to new levels of stress. **LEO:** You have few complaints about a loved one, but you feel the need to air them. Just be careful whom you choose as a confidante. **VIRGO:** Doing something will be better than winging it -- so plan and plan big. **LIBRA:** You will exceed your own performance expectations -- it's a great time, indeed. **SCORPIO:** If you're going to be weird, do it big. Or awkward. Or just really yourself. **CONFIDENCE** will sell it. **SAGITTARIUS:** If someone annoys you just a little now, imagine how this might be compounded over years. **CAPRICORN:** Your physical flaws are minor and probably don't even need correction or disguise. **AQUARIUS:** Your worldview will match that of another, creating a whole new worldview filled with possibility. **PISCES:** You don't need to check in with a "how are you doing," because you're so good at reading the body language.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Leo sun and the Taurus moon are happy companions, eager to take on the world together. This isn't a case of like minds or compatible skills. This is a filling-in-the-blanks for each other kind of relationship. Leo brings a sense of drama, excitement and plot to the life of Taurus, and Taurus brings a grounded reality, an emotional stability and a deep sensuality to Leo.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North, who opened the bidding with three spades, leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

West
♠ K 4
♥ A 10 4
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ 10 9 6 3

East
♠ A 7
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ K Q J 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the heart ten. How would you play the hand?

West
♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 7 4
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q J 10

East
♠ K 9 6
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 8 4
♣ A K 8 5 3

1. North probably has seven spades and either the club ace or heart king. If he has them both, your cause is hopeless, so you start by assuming he has only one of them.

The key is to eliminate North's entry before his spades become established, and the question is which suit to attack first. Strange as it might seem, the proper approach is not to force out the ace of clubs but to win the spade lead in dummy and finesse the queen of hearts.

If North has the king, he is then out

of the picture, and you later drive out South's club ace to make four notrump. If South has the king, the finesse succeeds, and you score at least 10 tricks.

Thus, it is clearly correct to attack hearts before clubs. If you were to attack clubs first, you would go down whenever South had the ace of clubs and North the king of hearts.

2. Oddly enough, the best play is to let North's ten of hearts hold the first trick! This assures the contract if the trumps are divided no worse than 4-2, since you have 10 tricks — three hearts, two spades and five clubs — waiting to be cashed after you duck the heart.

If you won the first heart, the contract would be in jeopardy. Suppose, for example, you took the trick and led a diamond, hoping to ruff one later in dummy. The defense would win and play another heart, and if you took this also and played another diamond, the defense would lead a third round of trumps.

If the trumps then turned out to be divided 4-2, you could try to run the clubs in an attempt to dispose of your last diamond on the fourth club. But if the first, second or third club got ruffed by the defender with the fourth trump, he would cash a diamond to put you down one.

Tomorrow: Basic card-reading.
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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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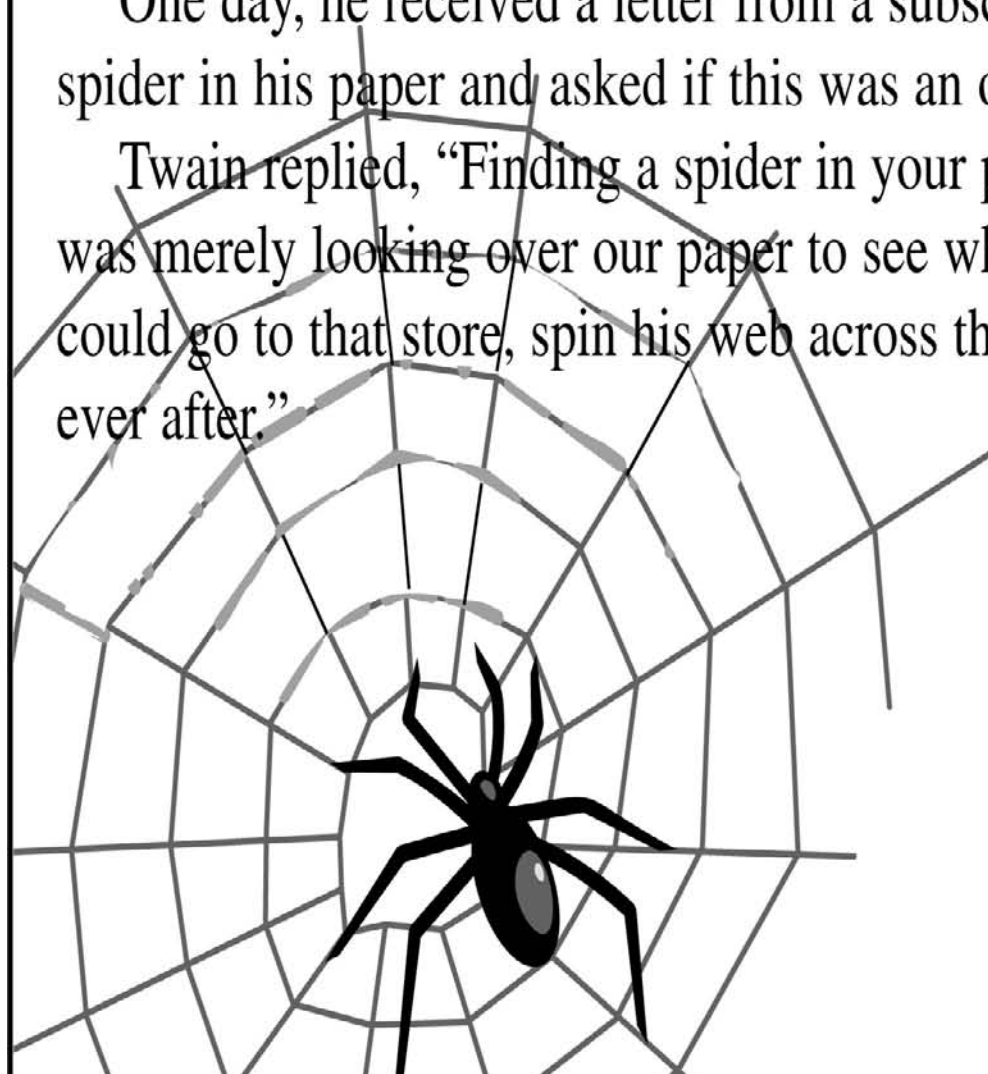
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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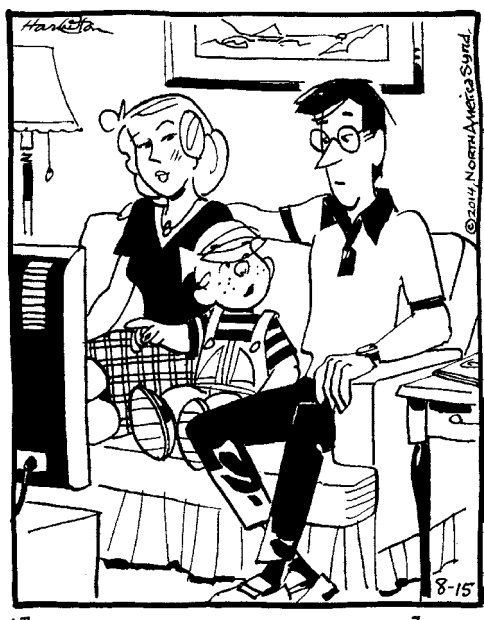
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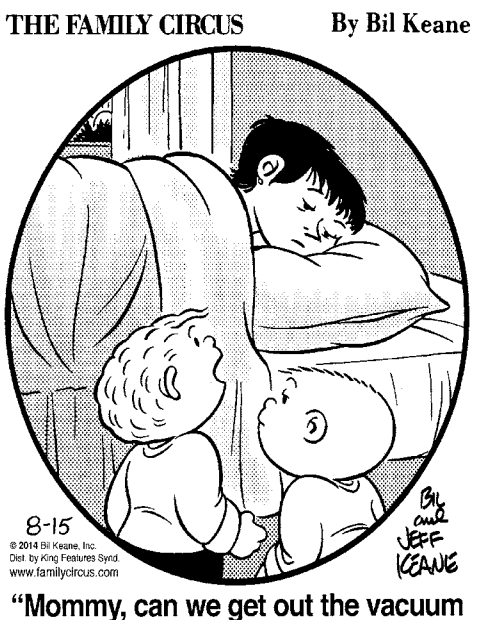
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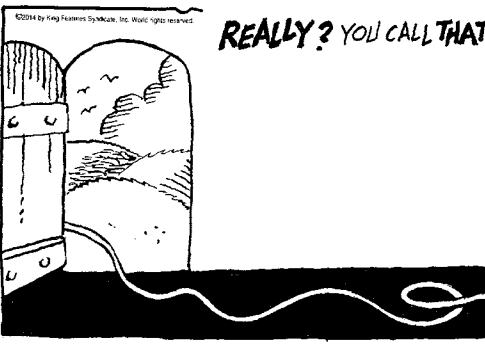
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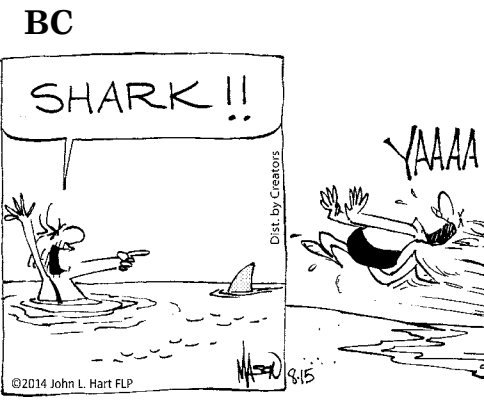
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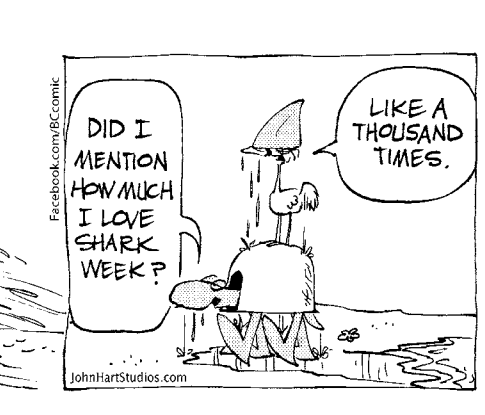
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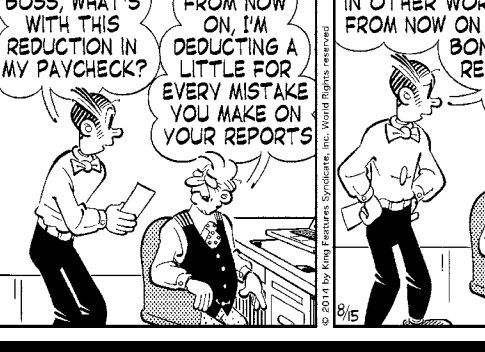
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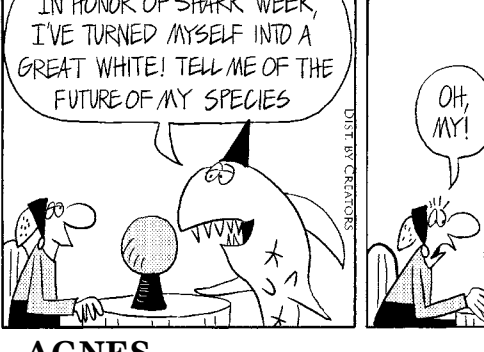
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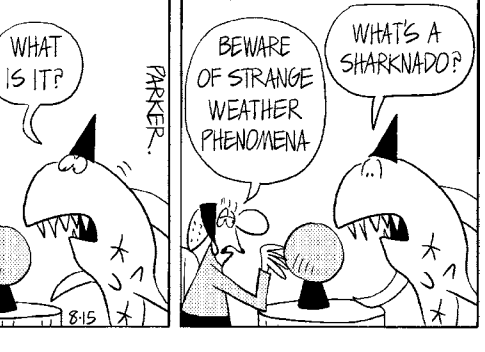
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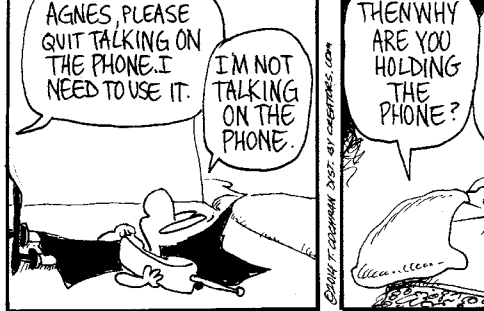
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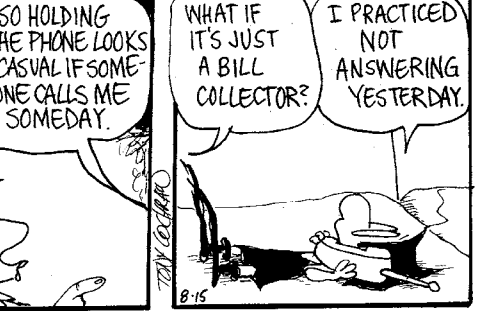
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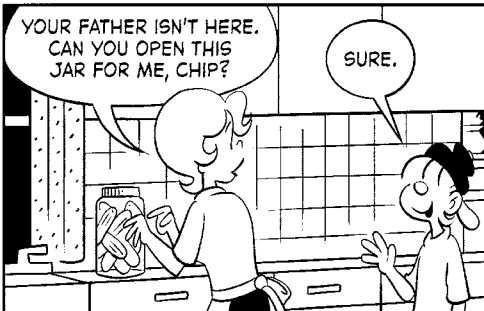
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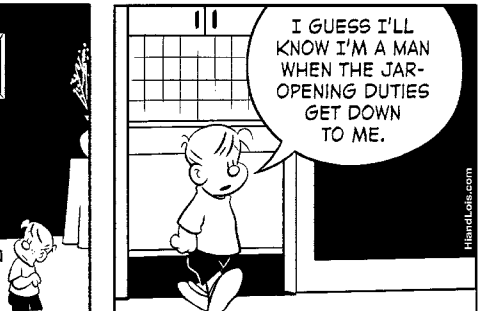
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, August 15, the 227th day of 2014. There are 138 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 15, 1914, the Panama Canal officially opened as the SS Ancon crossed the just-completed waterway between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. On this date: In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain. In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1812, the Battle of Fort Dearborn took place as Potawatomi warriors attacked a U.S. military garrison of about 100 people. (Most of the garrison was killed, while the remainder were taken prisoner.) In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory. In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" opened at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon. In 1945, in a radio ad-

dress, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II. In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. In 1967, a 50-foot-tall sculpture by Pablo Picasso was dedicated in Daley Plaza in Chicago by Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Answer to previous puzzle

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AMBLE	NBC	TALON
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DNA	BARE	MINIMUM
TAC	ASTRAL	NORA
ORE	TASTY	INFO

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Articulated
 - 5 Grime fighter's job
 - 9 Sum symbol in math
 - 14 Valjean creator
 - 15 Color close to turquoise
 - 16 Philharmonic assignments
 - 17 "Wonderfilled" sweet
 - 18 Pascagoula pronoun
 - 19 Counts (on)
 - 20 Coca-Cola board member
 - 23 Tar, to Pilar
 - 24 Pen name
 - 25 Minor player
 - 28 Superman Returns character
 - 31 Bollywood costume
 - 32 Med. plan
 - 33 Vex
 - 34 Puts on a schedule
 - 36 Spec for some pumps
 - 37 Metalsmiths' tools
 - 40 Safari transportation
 - 41 Certify
 - 42 City east of Turin
 - 43 Evita narrator
 - 44 Ruckus
 - 45 Spot-free
 - 46 "She's the one"
 - 47 Add, with "up"
 - 48 Docked digital device
 - 50 Nighthawk cousins
- DOWN**
- 1 Word before cat or cause
 - 2 Special something
 - 3 Exec who oversaw Pixar's acquisition
 - 4 Visitor's device
 - 5 Gotham City VIP
 - 6 Jordanian port
 - 7 Star Trek officer
 - 8 Closet-size rooms, perhaps
 - 9 Grammatical glitch
 - 10 "Don't make me laugh"
 - 11 Greek salad ingredient
 - 12 Tub trio
 - 13 Talking Bible beast
 - 21 Ending for Midwest
 - 22 Strafe
 - 26 Puzo novel
 - 27 Penetrates
 - 28 Onetime Law & Order star
 - 29 Want nothing to do with
 - 30 What to eat with
 - 31 Less ludicrous
 - 34 Place for cable boxes
 - 35 Forgive and forget
 - 38 Hodgepodge
 - 39 Indian Ocean nation
 - 45 Female whale
 - 48 Particles
 - 49 Response to grazie
 - 51 Millinery
 - 52 More than suspicious of
 - 53 Fruit from Mexico
 - 54 Ineffectual
 - 55 Lay into
 - 56 UPC symbol inventor
 - 57 Come to understand

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MLB owners select Manfred to Selig as commissioner

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rob Manfred was elected baseball's 10th commissioner Thursday and will succeed Bud Selig in January.

A labor lawyer who has worked for Major League Baseball since 1998, Manfred beat out Boston Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner in the first contested vote for a new commissioner in 46 years. The third candidate, MLB Executive Vice President of Business Tim Brosnan, dropped out just before the start of voting.

The 55-year-old Manfred, who grew up in Rome, New York — about an hour's drive from the Hall of Fame — must address issues that include decreased interest in baseball among younger people and longer games. He has served as MLB's

chief operating officer for the past year.

Selig turned 80 last month and has ruled baseball since September 1992, when he was among the owners who forced Commissioner Fay Vincent's resignation. He said he intends to retire in January.

Manfred fell one vote shy of the 23 out of 30 owners needed in the first ballot earlier Thursday. On the second ballot, he won unanimously, several owners confirmed.

Each candidate spoke to owners for about an hour Wednesday and met in sessions Thursday morning with groups of 10 teams.

Werner was supported by Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf and Los Angeles Angels

owner Arte Moreno. Other teams have said Reinsdorf wanted a commissioner who would take a harsher stance in labor negotiations.

Selig is the second-longest-serving head of baseball behind Kenesaw Mountain Landis (1920-44). The trio of candidates was picked by a seven-man succession committee chaired by St. Louis Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr.

Manfred has been involved in baseball since 1987, starting as a lawyer with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius who assisted in collective bargaining. He became MLB's executive vice president for labor relations and human resources in 1998, received an expanded role of executive vice president of economics and league af-

fairs in 2012 and last September was promoted to chief operating officer. He helped lead negotiations for baseball's last three labor contracts with players and the joint drug agreement that was instituted in 2002 and has been repeatedly strengthened.

Werner, 64, was the controlling owner of the San Diego Padres from 1990-94, triggering fan criticism for the payroll-paring departures of Fred McGriff, Gary Sheffield, Tony Fernandez, Randy Myers and Benito Santiago. He has been part of the Red Sox ownership group since 2002, a period that included three World Series titles. While working at ABC, he helped develop Robin Williams' "Mork & Mindy" and later was ex-

ecutive producer of "The Cosby Show" and "Roseanne" at The Carsey-Werner Co.

MLB's last contested election for commissioner was after Spike Eckert was fired in December 1968. With the requirement then a three-quarters majority in both the American and National leagues, teams split between San Francisco Giants vice president Chub Feeney and Yankees president Michael Burke and failed to elect anyone during 19 ballots.

Bowie Kuhn, counsel to baseball's Player Relations Committee, was elected commissioner pro-tem on Feb. 4, 1969, with a one-year term. He was voted a seven-year term that August and remained in office until October 1984, when he

was replaced by Los Angeles Olympics head Peter Ueberroth.

Former Yale President A. Bartlett Giamatti took over from Ueberroth in April 1989, died later that September and was replaced by his deputy commissioner, Fay Vincent. Selig, then the Milwaukee Brewers owner, teamed with Reinsdorf to head the group that pressured for Vincent's forced resignation in September 1992.

Selig led baseball as head of the executive council for nearly six years, including the 7 1/2-month strike in 1994-95 that canceled the World Series. He repeatedly said he wouldn't take the job fulltime before he formally was voted commissioner in July 1998.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				
WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Atlanta	18	14	.563	—
Chicago	15	17	.469	3
Washington	15	17	.469	3
Indiana	14	17	.452	3½
New York	13	18	.419	4½
Connecticut	12	20	.375	6
Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Phoenix	27	5	.844	—
x-Minnesota	24	8	.750	3
Los Angeles	15	17	.469	12
San Antonio	14	18	.438	13
Seattle	12	20	.375	15
Tulsa	12	20	.375	15

x-clinched playoff spot
Thursday's Games
 New York at Indiana, late p.m.
Friday's Games
 Washington at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
 Tulsa at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	69	50	.580	—
Toronto	63	59	.516	7½
New York	61	58	.513	8
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	10½
Boston	54	65	.454	15
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	66	54	.550	—
Detroit	65	54	.546	½
Cleveland	60	60	.500	6
Chicago	57	64	.471	9½
Minnesota	54	65	.454	11½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	73	48	.603	—
Los Angeles	70	49	.588	2
Seattle	65	55	.542	7½
Houston	50	71	.413	23
Texas	47	73	.392	25½

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 5, Pittsburgh 2
 Kansas City 7, Oakland 3
 Houston at Boston, late p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Texas, late p.m.
Friday's Games
 Baltimore (W.Chen 12-4) at Cleveland (Kluber 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Paxton 2-0) at Detroit (Porcello 13-7), 7:08 p.m.
 Houston (Keuchel 10-8) at Boston (Buchholz 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 7-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Hammel 1-4) at Atlanta (A.Wood 8-9), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Richards 12-4) at Texas (N.Martinez 2-8), 8:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (D.Duffy 7-10) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-7), 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Stroman 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 6-8), 8:10 p.m.

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	65	53	.551	—
Atlanta	61	60	.504	5½
Miami	59	61	.492	7
New York	57	64	.471	9½
Philadelphia	53	68	.438	13½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	67	55	.549	—
St. Louis	63	56	.529	2½
Pittsburgh	64	57	.529	2½
Cincinnati	60	60	.500	6
Chicago	52	68	.433	14
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	70	53	.569	—

San Francisco	63	57	.525	5½
San Diego	57	62	.479	11
Arizona	52	68	.433	16½
Colorado	46	74	.383	22½

Thursday's Games
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Atlanta 4
 Detroit 5, Pittsburgh 2
 Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 2
 Arizona at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh (Morton 5-11) at Washington (Roark 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Cahill 2-8) at Miami (Hand 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-9) at N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Hammel 1-4) at Atlanta (A.Wood 8-9), 7:35 p.m.
 San Diego (T.Ross 11-10) at St. Louis (Lynn 12-8), 8:15 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Cueto 14-6) at Colorado (F.Morales 5-6), 8:40 p.m.

Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 12-8), 10:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Hamels 6-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 13-9), 10:15 p.m.

Texas League				
North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas	31	20	.608	—
NW Arkansas	25	26	.490	6
x-Tulsa	22	28	.440	8½
Springfield	22	29	.431	9
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Frisco	30	22	.577	—
Midland	29	22	.569	½
San Antonio	24	28	.462	6
Corpus Christi	22	30	.423	8

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

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

National Conference					
East					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	23	3
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	39	41
Cleveland	0	1	.000	12	13
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	37	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

National Conference					
West					
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

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.

Arena Football League
Playoff Schedule
Arena Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Cleveland vs. Arizona, 8 p.m.

Canadian Football League					
East Division					
W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Toronto	3	4	6	179	175
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	3	10	206	201
Saskatchewan	4	2	8	157	124
B.C.	4	3	8	163	145

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.

TRANSACTIONS
Major League Baseball
 Owners elect Rob Manfred as 10th commissioner of Major League Baseball.
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Anthony Ranaudo and C Ryan Lavarney to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Alex Wilson from Pawtucket (IL).
 DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHPs Buck Farmer and Kevin Whelan to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Melvin Mercedes from Toledo.
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS

— Placed SS Jed Lowrie on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Andy Parrino from Sacramento (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Sexton on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned INF Cole Figueroa to Durham (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Gomes from Durham.
 TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Nate Adcock to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled LHP Robbie Ross Jr. from Round Rock. Sent LHP Derek Holland to Round Rock for a rehab assignment.

National League
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHP Andrew Chafin to Reno (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Bradin Hagens from Reno.
 ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Juan Jaime to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled LHP Luis Avilan from Gwinnett.
 CHICAGO CUBS — Released OF Nate Schierholtz.
 CINCINNATI REDS — Released OF Ryan LaMarre.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Extended their player development contract with Helena (Pioneer) through the 2018 season.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned C Ramon Cabrera to Altoona (EL). Assigned RHP Ernesto Frieri outright to Indianapolis (IL). Claimed RHP John Axford off waivers from Cleveland.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed 1B Yonder Alonso on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled INF Jace Peterson from El Paso (PCL).

American Association
 AMARILLO SOX — Released RHP Coleman Stephens.
 GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Signed C Ryan Gasparra. Released C Vince DiFazio.
 WICHITA WINGNUTS — Sold the contract of RHP Matt Nevarez to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Desmond Bishop to a one-year contract.
 CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB Caleb McCurdy.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released TE Ben Hartsock.
 WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released DE Doug Worthington. Signed TE Matt Veldman.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed executive vice president and general manager Ken Holland to a four-year contract.
American Hockey League
 GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed Fs Kyle Bonis and Mark Zengerle to one-year contracts.
 HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed F Ryan Potulny.
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 ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed D Zach Tolkinen to a one-year contract.

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Forsan head coach Jason Phillips talks to his team following an afternoon practice. The Buffs will scrimmage Grape Creek tonight and then close out the preseason next Thursday with their second outing.

American football will be heading to China in 2015

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hey, China: Are you ready for some American football?

The China American Football League plans to begin in the world's most populous country in 2015. The announcement Thursday comes less than a year after Marty Judge, co-owner of the Arena Football League's Philadelphia Soul, sponsored the first American football game in China.

The indoor league is expected to start with six to eight teams. The franchises will be in major Chinese cities and feature American and Chi-

nese players.

Judge said they'll follow Arena league rules and have 20-man rosters that will include 12 Chinese players. Many AFL players, coaches and referees are expected to participate in the CAFL, which will start in the fall after the AFL season ends. Judge already set up coach/referee camps at six sports universities around China in 2013.

"They really don't have

contact sports there," said Judge, who replaced rocker Jon Bon Jovi as the Soul's owner. "The Chinese government loved the idea, appreciate the work we've put in and that's why it got approval."

Former Super Bowl-winning coach Dick Vermeil and former Pro Bowl quarterback Ron Jaworski partnered with Judge to help make it happen.

Cowboys' D leaves camp with even more questions

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are coming home from training camp in California with even more questions about their shaky defense than when they left Texas three weeks ago.

Cornerback Morris Claiborne is out with a shoulder injury after missing the first preseason game with knee tendinitis. He skipped the final camp practice Thursday and was unlikely to play in the exhibition home opener

Saturday night against Baltimore.

Orlando Scandrick will miss the first four games of the season after the cornerback was suspended for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

A revamped defensive line is far from settled, and it's unclear who will replace Sean Lee at middle linebacker on the unit that allowed the most yards in the league last year.

Stewart to sit out Michigan

(AP) — Tony Stewart says he will not race Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, skipping a second straight NASCAR Sprint Cup race since striking and killing a driver in a dirt-track race at a small

New York track.

Stewart announced the decision Thursday. His plans for the rest of the season have not been determined.

Jeff Burton will drive Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet in Michigan.

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