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Family Medical Center among hacked facilities

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Family Medical Center was among several healthcare operations nationwide that had patient information hacked by a cyber-criminal attack, hospital officials said.

Amanda Duforat, marketing director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, said limited personal information — names, addresses, birthdates, telephone numbers and social security numbers — belonging to “some” patients

seen at Family Medical during the past five years was hacked during the cyber-attack, believed to be orchestrated by a group in China in April and June.

The stolen information did not include any medical or credit card information, nor were any of SMMC’s patient records hacked, Duforat said.

The cyber attack was launched against SMMC’s parent company, Community Health Systems Inc.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Darrell Ryan, Big Spring ISD director of school safety, shakes hands with Manny Negrón of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and staff served orange juice, coffee and bottled water to Big Spring ISD educators last Monday attending the teacher professional development day held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Area school districts are getting ready for another academic year which begins next Monday.

New type of classroom teacher prevalent at Big Spring ISD

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

New teachers will be abundant in Big Spring schools come Monday when classes begin with around 70 of the more than 250 teaching positions new hires, according to Big Spring ISD officials.

Many of those new hires are people turning to the classroom after a career in

another profession by way of an alternative certification program instead of the traditional university route.

“A lot of people that we’ve hired are people with bachelor’s degrees who are entering an alternative certification program,” said George Bancroft, BSISD public relations coordinator and in charge of teacher recruitment. “Based on my experience on hiring people, I’ve hired more people who’ve

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Employees weld 20-inch pipes together this morning as part of a large crude oil pipe line project by Plains All America. The Sun Rise pipe line, which is being constructed by Two Rivers Pipeline & Construction, will extend to Colorado City.

BSEDC discusses policies, possible raise, other items

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

After wrestling once again with “policies and procedures” and getting virtually nowhere, Economic Development Corporation board members moved on to other business Tuesday evening.

Board members learned the sales tax is up 3 percent. A

6 percent pay increase was discussed for EDC Secretary Teresa Darden. Board members seemed in agreement but the proposal was not on the agenda as an action item. Also discussed was a proposal to replace the roof on the Chamber of Commerce building which houses the

Visitors Bureau, EDC and United Way and repair the stucco on the structure. An upgrade for the website was also recommended by the Director Terry Wegman and could potentially cost \$11,000.

It is debatable whether

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DPS to enhance patrols for Labor Day

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Public Safety is increasing DWI patrols through September 2, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend.

DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced pa-

trols that target impaired drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

“DPS is committed to helping keep Texas roadways are safe for all travelers, and these enhanced patrols are aimed at saving lives by getting impaired drivers off the road,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “The De-

partment urges all drivers to do their part this Labor Day holiday — and every day — by obeying traffic laws and not drinking and driving.”

During the Labor Day enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 1,682 DWI arrests, and approximately 218 of those were

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Obituaries

Rob Alden Shive



Rob Alden Shive, 62, of Lubbock passed away Aug. 3, 2014 in Warsaw, Poland. Rob was born Dec. 12, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shive. He graduated from Coahoma High School where he excelled in public speaking, winning state competition as a junior. He then graduated from Texas Tech, and after graduation spent 15 years working for the Texas Tech University School of Allied Health, becoming an Assistant Dean of Admissions. He served as a recruiter for Tech, traveling the state meeting with prospective students. He moved to Austin, where he worked for the State of Texas before returning to Lubbock. Rob was a writer, a published poet and a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend.

Rob is survived by his mother, Cleo Shive of Coahoma; two sisters, Sharon Van Den Houten and hus-

band, Walter of Abilene and Janene Shive Gryder of San Angelo; and three nieces, Kimberly Godines and family of Abilene, Lisa Vasile and family of San Antonio and Amy Gryder of San Angelo. He is also survived by dear friends, Tim and Melissa Baker of Warsaw, Poland and their son, David and daughter, Madison of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rex Shive; and grandparents, Percy and Ruth Shive and William and Susie Little.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at Nalley Pickle and Welch funeral home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, at the First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma. A family graveside service will be held at a later time.

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

Paid obituary

E. D. 'Wimp' Holcomb



E. D. "Wimp" Holcomb, 81, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

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

Wimp was born Nov. 28, 1932, in Martin County to the late Earl and Gurtha (Lewis) Holcomb. He married Evelyn Roberts Jan. 24, 1951, in Knott, Texas.

He graduated from Flower Grove High School and farmed in that area for 54 years. Wimp sat on the

Flower Grove School Board, Martin County Hospital Board and ASCS. He served as a county commissioner for Martin County. He also lobbied for federal farm policy improvements in Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Holcomb of Big Spring; one daughter, Beth Phinny and husband, James of Coahoma; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Don Holcomb of Lamesa and Vernon Holcomb of Martin County.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deana Smith; and two brothers, Mike Holcomb and Delbert Holcomb.

The family suggests memorials be made to the New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130.

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

Iona M. Hardison



Iona M. Hardison, 91, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Andy Miller officiating.

She was born March 3, 1923, in Waco, Texas to Ada Lee and Dewey Miller Martin. She married Edwin Glen Hardison Sept. 2, 1939 in Aquilla, Texas (Hill Country). He preceded her in death. She had been a

resident of Big Spring for more than 54 years. She was a member of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Carroll Hardison and wife Pat of Big Spring; two daughters, Suzanne Montague and husband Jim of Guffy, Colo. and Debbie Burrow and husband Guy of Big Spring; son-in-law, Chalmer Wren and wife Norma of Stanton; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two daughters, Kathy Wren and Baby Hardison; one sister, Oleta Burton; and a brother, Dewey Martin.

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

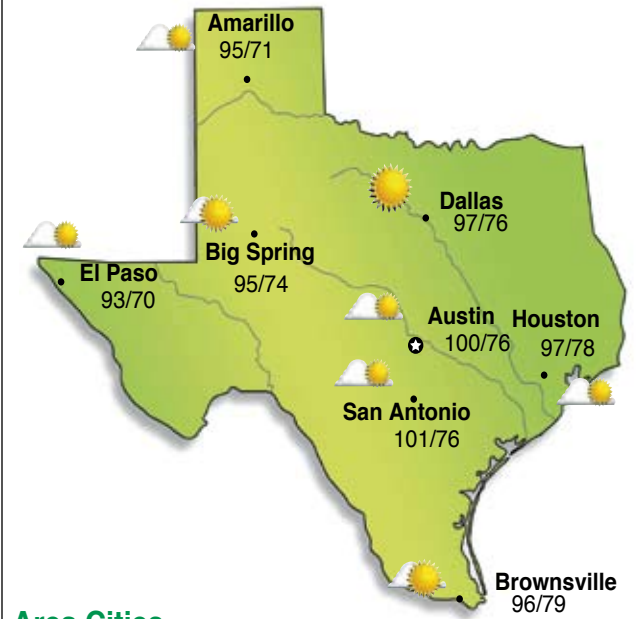
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Thu 8/21 | Fri 8/22 | Sat 8/23 | Sun 8/24 | Mon 8/25 |
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| 95/74 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. | 96/72 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/73 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/73 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 96/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. |
| Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM | Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM | Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM | Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM | Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM |

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Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Abilene | 96 | 75 | sunny | Kingsville | 97 | 79 | windy |
| Amarillo | 95 | 71 | pt sunny | Livingston | 95 | 75 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 100 | 76 | pt sunny | Longview | 96 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 93 | 76 | t-storm | Lubbock | 95 | 71 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 96 | 79 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 97 | 75 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 98 | 74 | sunny | Midland | 94 | 75 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 93 | 81 | mst sunny | Raymondville | 100 | 80 | sunny |
| Corsicana | 98 | 74 | pt sunny | Rosenberg | 97 | 77 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 97 | 76 | sunny | San Antonio | 101 | 76 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 99 | 79 | pt sunny | San Marcos | 102 | 77 | pt sunny |
| El Paso | 93 | 70 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 97 | 75 | sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 93 | 73 | pt sunny | Sweetwater | 95 | 74 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 95 | 75 | sunny | Tyler | 96 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Greenville | 97 | 74 | sunny | Weatherford | 98 | 74 | sunny |
| Houston | 97 | 78 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls | 98 | 76 | sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---------|----|----|-----------|---------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 96 | 74 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 90 | 70 | t-storm |
| Boston | 72 | 61 | cloudy | New York | 79 | 68 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 89 | 76 | t-storm | Phoenix | 93 | 75 | sunny |
| Dallas | 97 | 76 | sunny | San Francisco | 66 | 59 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 85 | 60 | pt sunny | Seattle | 71 | 56 | pt sunny |

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

• KESSANDRA LOUISE URBINA, 23, 2107 Grace, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting.

• HARVEY LYNN STEGMAN, 28, 1204 N. 13th, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

• ROBERT JIM GRANADO JR., 22, 1511 Bluebird, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to yield right of way and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK, 46, 9016

Kay, was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 100 block of E. FM 700, the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive, the 3200 block of E. Interstate 20, the 1400 block of W. Second Street and the 400 block of N. Salem Road.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Drive.

• HIT AND RUN was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of E. Highway 350.

The Howard County

Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 at the time of this report.

• KASSANDRA URBINA was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

• DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK was booked by HCSO on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection and violate promise

to appear.

• HARVEY STEGMAN was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct language.

• ROBERT GRANADO was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, fail to yield right of way at an open intersection and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• LEONA JEAN RADASA was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM BRYAN

HUTCHESON was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• JOE PAULRUSHING was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

• MEDICAL call re-

ported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1300 block of Wright. One patient transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing

to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want



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What's Up

• Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Oct.17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

• The third annual Community Prayer Breakfast for Teachers and Paraprofessionals will happen at 7:30 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church. The event is sponsored by 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.

• 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, 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.



A large crude oil pipe line project by Plains All America is running through Howard County. The Sun Rise pipe line, which is being constructed by Two Rivers Pipeline & Construction, will extend to Colorado City.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

HACKED

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In a report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on the cyber attack, CHS officials said they are taking aggressive steps to prevent any future hacking of patient records. "Since first learn-

ing of this attack, the company has worked closely with federal law enforcement authorities in connection with their investigation and possible prosecution of those determined to be responsible for this attack," the report stated. "Immediately prior to the filing of this report, the company

completed eradication of the malware from its systems and finalized the implementation of other remediation efforts that are designed to protect against future intrusions of this type." CHS is providing appropriate notification to affected patients and regulatory agencies and will offer identity theft

protection services to individuals affected by this attack, the report added.

"We take very seriously the security and confidentiality of private patient information and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience this event may cause for our patients," a company news release

stated. "Though we have no reason to believe that this data would ever be used, all affected patients are being notified by letter and offered free identity theft protection."

Those who have been effected will be receiving communication from CHS in the coming days, Duforat said. The

letter contains an 800 number patients can call beginning today that will able to provide guidance and answers for those affected by this incident.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 236 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

EDC

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there will be Big Spring Day in Austin, Wegman said, but it will remain in the budget until the he can confer with State Sen. Kel Seliger about the climate in Austin. "We'll get a commit-

tee together and we'll have more information in September, October. It's a good way to tell the people in Austin to not forget us," Wegman said.

The \$175 rent paid at the chamber building by the United Way was discussed with board member Francis Hobbs suggesting a study be

done to determine a fair market value per square footage to determine a possible increase in rent.

"When the United Way moved into the building we decided to charge them a flat rate. It's pretty easy for the Chamber of Commerce to divide up the utilities," said Wegman.

"My only reservation is that they are a volunteer organization and the more money we take from them the less they have to distribute to one of their agencies."

Board Vice President Nati Saldivar commented that the CVB was under the same agreement and could afford the increase, suggesting

the same for the United Way.

A performance agreement between the EDC and the city, to help the contractor with the sewage upgrade in the northwest sector of Big Spring was changed from three years to five years.

In other news - there will be a new tenant at

the air park north of Fort Worth Pipe.

"Employment will be small initially, but will increase over time," said Wegman.

The next EDC meeting is scheduled to take place in September.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

TEACHERS

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turned out good from this method than from the conventional university path.

"Teaching is a unique profession," Bancroft explained. "You don't know how someone is going to do in the classroom until they get in and get started. They can come out of the Harvard education school, but until they are in the trenches with the kids, you don't really know

how they will fare."

Some parents will be receiving letters from the district informing them that their child is in a classroom with a teacher who has not passed his or her content area test, a hurdle those going through an alternative certification program must pass. However, Bancroft said, those teachers will not receive a contract with the district until they pass that test.

"We've sent letters out before and for most parents it doesn't bother

them," Bancroft said. "We get a phone call or two. I think most know these people are college graduates, they just haven't done student teaching. For what it is worth, I have a marketing degree. I've been a classroom teacher for 15 years. I took an unconventional path into the classroom. It is not really that uncommon, and we are not the only school district doing this."

A new teacher in the classroom is always a worry, Bancroft said,

whether that teacher took the university route or through an alternative certification program. Determining a potential candidate's character is far more important during the interview process in regards to how the candidate will perform in the classroom, Bancroft said.

"It doesn't concern me as much if someone that is local has a bachelor's degree than someone who is coming from anywhere else that I don't know," Bancroft said.

"In this profession, you all really have to look to character first. Some of these people we've hired, we've known for a long time. We know their character."

A growing population, rising housing costs and severe housing shortage have made teacher recruitment problematic for school districts in the area. Bancroft told BSISD trustees last week, once the bell rings on Monday, the district should be very close to or fully staffed in that area.

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

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DPS

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the direct result of the increased patrols.

Last year during this same time period, DPS enforcement also resulted in 24,443 speeding citations, 3,541 seat belt/child safety seat citations. In addition, troopers made 1,223 fugitive arrests and 977 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Labor Day holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Eliminate distractions, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.
- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire and EMS vehicles as well as tow trucks and TxDOT vehicles stopped on the

side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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Opinion

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Will we ever live in a riotless society?

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Rioting is the stupidest way in the world to do it. All rioters do is make fools of themselves and bring negative attention to their cause. Oh, sure it heightens public awareness to a perceived injustice, or whatever the cause may be, but the bottom line is that it is sheer idiocy on display.

The riots that are taking place in Ferguson, Missouri are the latest example of the foolishness, lunacy, and outright stupidity the human race is capable of when provoked.

Now, lest I be misunderstood, I am not discrediting the horrible and inexcusable tragedy that cost a young man his life in the St. Louis suburb that Leah and I called home for more than two years. That is heart wrenching and absolutely regrettable. I pray there will be justice for every party involved in this latest tragic event. I know from living in Ferguson for 26 months, a time we greatly enjoyed, that there are thousands of quality people and outstanding citizens who call it home and have pride in their city. We made many great friends while living there and never had one moment's concern for our safety.

As is most often the case in situations like this, it is a miniscule percentage of the population causing the trouble, many of which are not even from Ferguson according to police reports. While many justifiably feel strongly about the tragedy and want to publicly demand justice, most of the rioters are just immoral rebels stealing and looting because the opportunity exists. When you throw in the race-baiters and celebrity commentators, the situation becomes much more explosive.

It's not a new problem in America. Riots have been going on since the 18th Century, such as the Pennsylvania Mutiny of 1783, an Anti-government protest by soldiers of the Continental

Army against the Congress of the Confederation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1921, America witnessed the worst example of racial rioting in history. When a white female elevator operator in Tulsa claimed that a black man had sexually assaulted her in the elevator, violence broke out. The man fled the scene and a man-hunt begun for his capture.

This precipitated a riot that claimed the lives of hundreds of people. The rioting got so bad that the opposing sides of blacks and whites, many of whom were WWI veterans, began forming battle lines and digging trenches, waging a makeshift war against each other.

Overall, 35 city blocks were destroyed by fire, leaving 10,000 homeless and costing estimates of \$1.8 million (this would amount to approximately \$26 million today).

On 29 April 1992, a jury acquitted two white police officers of charges stemming from the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. As a result of this verdict, thousands of citizens rioted for six days. Mass amounts of looting, murder, arson and assault took place. Fifty-three people died during the riots, including 10 shot dead by the army and police, with as many as 2,000 people injured.

Estimates of the material losses vary between about \$800 million and \$1 billion. Approximately 3,600 fires were lit, destroying 1,100 buildings, with fire calls coming once every minute at some points. Stores owned by Korean and other Asian immigrants were widely targeted, although stores owned by Caucasians and African Americans were as well.

History has recorded thousands of riots in America and around the world, but there are plenty more waiting to happen. Will we ever live in a riot-less society? Probably not. The reasons are numerous, not the least of which is there will always be rabble-rousing lunatics who know violence and destruction gain them an audience.

What's frightening is that some experts predict the worst is yet to come. Food riots are predicted for the near future right here in our own land. One percent of the U.S. population grows all of the food for all Americans.

Nearly all Americans know essentially nothing about where the food they eat every day comes from. How it gets from the ground to them. And they don't want to know about it. It's cheap, as close as their local store, and of high quality. So no worries.

The bulk of the food we eat comes from grain. Although they raise a lot of fruits and vegetables in California, Arizona, Florida, Oregon and Washington, those things don't compose the main part of the average diet. Half of what a meat animal is raised on is grain so when you eat meat you are really eating grain. And, of course, we eat grain directly as bread, bagels, doughnuts, pasta, etc. Milk (and milk products like cheese) comes from cows that eat grain. A lot of grain. And much of the grain they eat is not produced where the cows are located.

The lion's share of grain produced in the U.S. is done in a concentrated part of the U.S. Midwest. The grain is moved to the coasts, where 70 percent of the population live, by only two railroads.

Nothing is stored for very long in a supermarket. One day grain travels by rail from Kansas to Seattle to a flour mill. The next day the flour mill makes the flour and sends it to a bakery. The next day the bakery makes it into bread and the next day it is at the store where it is purchased that day. Nobody stores anything. The grain is produced and stored in the Midwest and shipped daily in a single railroad pipeline to the rest of America where the people live.

If a drought such as has lingered over other parts of the U.S. where little grain is grown were to move over the grain-producing states in the Midwest where few people live, it would seriously damage the food supply of the country, making survival a cause for rioting. Maybe I'm wrong, but it's scary to think how some Americans would handle such a scenario.

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

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DAILY PRAYER

As we get ready for a new school year, Lord, let us work together for the good of the children.
Amen

Can oil and sanctimony mix?

When Al-Jazeera bought Current TV for \$500 million in January 2013, former Vice President Al Gore, who co-founded Current, praised the deal. Both Al-Jazeera, a network owned by Qatar's oil-rich royal family, and his far-left Current TV, Gore said, were founded "to give voice to those who are not typically heard; to speak truth to power; to provide independent and diverse points of view; and to tell the stories that no one else is telling."

Last week, Gore and Current TV shareholders sued Al-Jazeera for fraud because, Gore attorney David Boies told reporters, "Al-Jazeera America wants to give itself a discount on the purchase price that was agreed to nearly two years ago."

The dispute raises the question: Can oil and sanctimony mix?

After he lost the White House, Gore resumed his role as anti-global-warming activist in the film "An Inconvenient Truth." As a senator, Gore wrote the 1992 book "Earth in the Balance," in which he argued that global warming represented such a dire threat that only a "wrenching transformation of society"

could spare the planet, such as a government mandate to eliminate the internal-combustion engine in a 25-year period.

It's almost 25 years later, and the wrenching transformation instead seems to be that Gore and company cannot get enough Middle East oil money.

Liberal fans of Current TV, you got used.

Launched in 2005, Current TV provided safe landing for current and former Democratic politicians. In the past few years, the network hired former Democratic Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, former Democratic New York Gov.

Eliot Spitzer and California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who apparently had no trouble juggling two jobs.

Alas, the viewing public did not tune in to watch current and former Democratic politicians pontificate like politicians. About 31,000 viewers were tuning in daily.

Current TV nonetheless was worth millions because cable and satellite companies granted the network access to some 40 million households. And why was that? New York Times media reporter Brian Stelter credited Gore with pushing cable and satellite providers to include his untested network "through a combination of personal lobbying and arm-twisting of industry giants."

When cable bigs such as Time Warner started to squawk about

dropping the barely watched Current TV, Gore and company sold their lefty investment to Al-Jazeera.

After the deal was announced, you might think that Gore would have chosen to modulate his criticism of the oil industry, given his personal debt to Qatar crude. Wrong. That month, Gore went on NBC's "Today" to promote his book "The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change." In the book, Gore wrote, "Virtually every news and political commentary program on television is sponsored in part by oil, coal and gas companies" — as if that's a bad thing.

Gore told host Matt Lauer it's wrong to criticize him, because Al-Jazeera is "a really distinguished and effective news-gathering organization."

Now Al-Jazeera America has even fewer viewers — 17,000 during prime time nightly — than Current TV. And lawyers are involved.

So Al Gore and company are suing Al-Jazeera for fraud. But who gets to sue Gore?

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EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Check this out: What's at the library

"China Dolls" (F SEE L) is by Lisa See, a New York Times bestselling author, who also wrote "Shanghai Girls" (F SEE L). It's 1938 in San Francisco — a world's fair is preparing to open on Treasure Island, a war is brewing overseas and the city is alive with possibilities.



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Grace, Helen, and Ruby, three young women from very different backgrounds, meet by chance at the exclusive and glamorous Forbidden City nightclub. The girls become fast friends, relying on one another through unexpected challenges and shifting fortunes. When their dark secrets are exposed and the invisible thread of fate binds them even tighter, they find the strength and resilience to reach for their dreams.

But after the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, paranoia and suspicion threaten to destroy their lives and a shocking act of betrayal changes everything. "China Dolls" has received excellent reviews from several well-known sites and I think many of you will enjoy reading See's book.

Here is a Clive Cussler special for you — "Ghost Ship" (F CUS C). When Kurt Austin is injured attempting to rescue the passengers and crew from a sinking yacht, he wakes up with a fragmented and conflicted memories. Did he really see an old friend drown or was the yacht aban-

doned when he came aboard? For reasons of his own, Kurt doesn't trust either version of his memory.

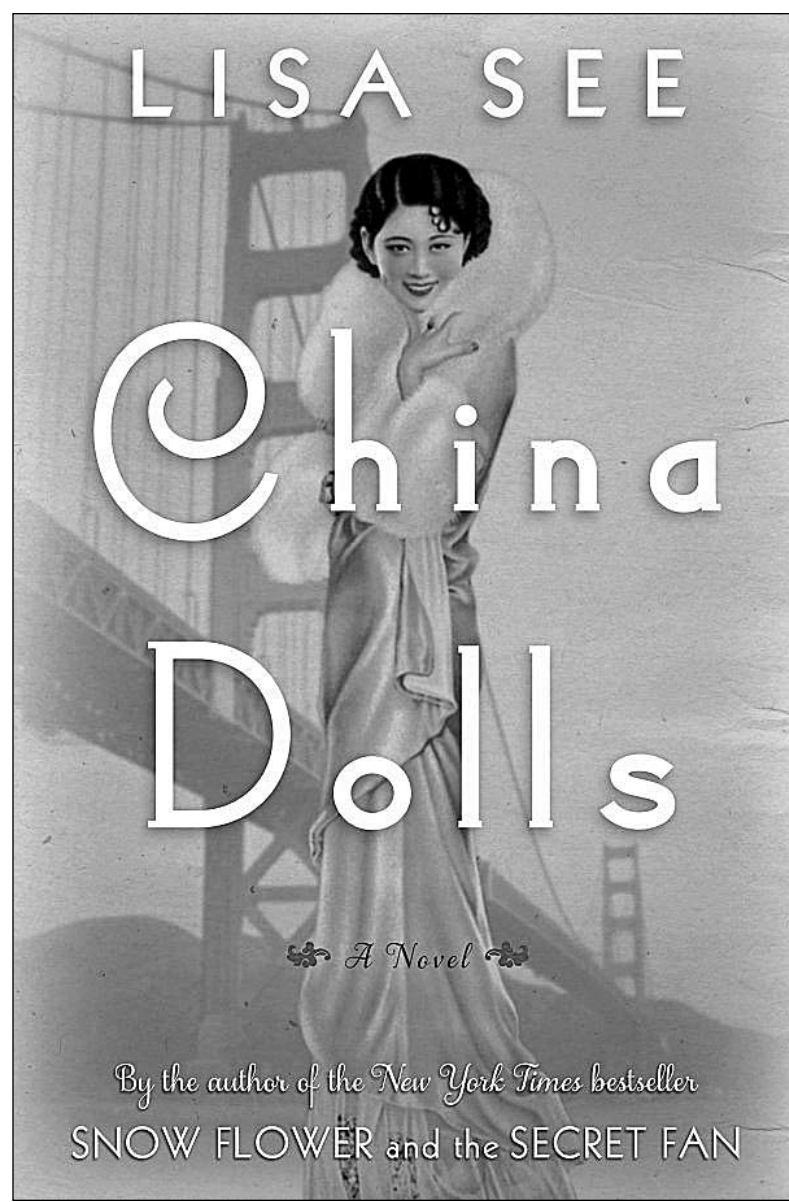
And then the thinnest of rumors sets him off on a search for answers. Filled with wild derring-do and technical wizardry, trademarks of Cussler's books, "Ghost Ship" is a masterpiece from the grandmaster of adventure.

Jeffrey Deaver's newest, "The Skin Collector" (F DEA J), will connect a case of Lincoln Rhymes' from 10 years ago known as the Bone Collectors. NYPD's Amelia Sachs and Rhymes will join together to race against time to answer the many questions the investigation will uncover. As time begins to run out, Rhyme discovers that the past has returned to haunt him in the most disturbing way.

Paris in 1939 is under the shadow of war in Europe. Cristian Ferrar, a brilliant Spanish émigré in Paris, is a lawyer in the Paris office of a prestigious international law firm and is approached by the Spanish republic embassy to help supply weapons to the beleaguered army. This will put him at great risk in the battle against fascism.

Joining him are an unlikely group of men and women: they range from shady Parisian nightclubs to a white shoe New York law firms; brothels in Istanbul to dockyards of Poland. Ferrar and his allies battle the secret agents of Hitler and Franco. In "Midnight in Europe" (F FUR A), Alan Furst has painted a portrait of a continent marching into a nightmare and those heroes who fought back against it.

Sheryl Woods has written a series called 'Sweet Magnolia' (which is a group of wom-



en); and all the books seem to take place in the South Carolina town of Serenity. They all feature either a woman or man who has sustained a loss of some kind and who has come back home to lick their wounds. You can find these particular titles in the Large Print section (many are in the Fiction section): Bk. 5 is "Home in Carolina" (LP F WOO S); Book 7 is "Honeysuckle Summer" (LP F WOO S); Book 8 — "Midnight Promises" (LP F SOO S); Book 9 — "Catching Fireflies" (LP F WOO S) and Book 10 is

"Where Azaleas Bloom" (LP F WOO S).

Here are a couple of Large Print Mysteries, one from Craig Johnson and it is a Walt Longmire one. In "Kindness Goes Unpunished" (LP M JOH C), Longmire has been sheriff of Absaroka County, where he has solved many crimes. But even that didn't prepare him for the savage attack on his daughter, Cady, a Philadelphia lawyer who had become embroiled in a political cover-up.

Scouring Philadelphia with

the help of Henry Standing Bear and Victoria Moretti, along with Cady's police friends, Longmire is determined to find the truth. Longmire may be a country sheriff, but he has a few tricks left in his saddlebag for these city folks.

The second mystery is rather intriguing: The title is "Inherit the Dead" (LP M CHI L), edited by Lee Child, and each chapter is written by a different mystery writer. You have Alafair Burke, C.J. Box, Marcia Clarke, John Connolly, Val McDermid and many others who each take a chapter and give their unique slant on it. The aim of the book is not just a mystery, but rather to draw attention to Safe Horizons, the largest victims' support charity in the United States, that provides assistance of every kind to victims of crimes, long after the legal dust has settled.

So, the story line is this: Pericles "Perry" Christo is a PI with a past, a former cop who lost his badge and family in a corruption scandal. He is asked by a wealthy Upper East Side matron for a seemingly straightforward case. However, it will twist and turn the mean streets of New York City and the Hamptons' back roads until the shocking, explosive finale.

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Odds and ends

His 101st birthday present?

Another day at work

EAST HANOVER, N.J. (AP) — Herman "Hy" Goldman turned 101 this weekend and won't quit after 73 years working at the same New Jersey job.

Goldman still shows up four days a week at light fixtures company Capitol Lighting in East Hanover.

His co-workers celebrated his birthday with him on Monday.

Aside from a brief absence to serve in the U.S. Army in World War II, Goldman has worked at Capitol Lighting since 1941. The store says he was first hired to sell items and stock and clean the displays.

Co-worker Sandy Ronco says Goldman now specializes in rebuilding items that were damaged or unusable.

Goldman lives in nearby Whippany and still drives himself to work.

86-year-old Utah woman writes romance novel

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An 86-year-old Utah woman became a first-time novelist by writing a steamy romance novel about a bored housewife.

Georgia Gorringer said it took her five years to write the tale of a woman who listens to talk radio and is turned on by the voice of a man she hears.

"And that voice on the radio, oh, he had a magic voice! And it just turned her on!" Gorringer said laughing during an interview with KUTV.

Her adult daughter, Bobbie Posey, is proud of her mother's accomplishment but says she was taken aback by the amount of steaminess in the book.

"Sometimes I'm like, mother, how could you do that? How can you write that?" said Posey. "But she did!"

The 176-page book, titled "No Good-Bye," came out in February and is available on Kindle and Amazon. It isn't available in book stores. Gorringer wrote it under her pen name, Georgie Marie, and released it using a company that helps authors self-publish.

"Sometimes, the sound of a voice is all it takes to dial up a fine romance," the tease on Amazon says. "But can you really fall in love with someone when you have never been in the same room?"

Gorringer, who is a great-great grandmother, insists the story is all fiction, but her daughter isn't buying it.

"A lot of it is actually real-life," said Posey. "I mean, we know who she's talking about."

Man shows up for jail in T-shirt with mug shot

MADISON, Maine (AP) — A Maine man who served a 48-hour sentence for drunken driving

wore something special for his jail booking photo: a T-shirt featuring his mug shot.

Nineteen-year-old Bobby Burt, of Pittsfield, had the mug shot from his June arrest printed on the orange shirt, along with the words, "Sponsored by Bud Light and Somerset County Sheriff."

The mug shot is making the rounds online thanks to The Smoking Gun, which posted it Monday.

Sean Maguire, the jail's compliance manager, said there's no policy on what inmates can or cannot wear for booking photos.

Burt, who's using the mug shot for his Facebook profile picture, didn't immediately return a call left at his place of employment Tuesday.

Ring, ring: London statues want to talk to you

LONDON (AP) — Calling all London tourists: Peter Pan, Sherlock Holmes and Queen Victoria want to have a word with you.

A new interactive arts project is giving a voice to dozens of statues of historical and fictional characters in London, allowing them to tell their stories and entertain curious visitors and weary commuters as they pass by.

"Every city everywhere has statues that go ignored," Colette Hiller, creative director of arts producers Sing London, said Tuesday at the project's launch.

"So we thought about how we could work with the writers, the actors, the comedians from that city to bring them to life."

To get an instant "call" from one of the statues — say from one depicting Isaac Newton at the British Library — people can swipe their smartphones on a plaque to scan a digital code, or type in a web address.

They can then listen to a monologue from the character, played by actors including Patrick Stewart and Hugh Bonneville, famous from the British TV series "Downton Abbey."

Stewart voices the Unknown Soldier at Paddington station, while Bonneville speaks for Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the engineer best known for building many of England's most important railways and tunnels.

In total, 35 statues in London and Manchester are featured.

The choices are eclectic: Along with Holmes, who laments the absence of Dr. Watson by his side at Baker Street station, there's author Samuel Johnson's cat Hodge and an unnamed couple on a bench. Some educate with a bit of history, but most come with a healthy dose of humor.

Queen Victoria's starts: "Thank you for calling me on this strange machine. I have become very bored sitting here all day holding an extremely heavy scepter and orb."

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Stanton sends Marlins over Rangers in 10

MIAMI (AP) — The Texas Rangers had a great opportunity to take the lead in the ninth inning, but an unsuccessful squeeze play proved to be costly.

Daniel Robertson was unable to get the bunt down leaving the charging Elvis Andrus in a rundown ending the threat and the Miami Marlins took advantage of the blunder when Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning to lift the Marlins to a 4-3 win on Tuesday night.

Robertson pulled the bat back on the outside pitch with one out.

"He's got to get a piece of that ball," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "That ball did not hit the ground so he's got to go out there and get that ball, at least foul it off. He can't pull his bat back."

Robertson said: "The pitch had nothing to do with it. The manager makes the call, calls a squeeze, you've got to get it down. If you have to dive, dive. If you have to jump, jump. You've got to get it down."

The Rangers were 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

"That's what we definitely have to get better on, driving in runs when they're out there," Washington said. "We put our-

selves in position but we just don't cash them in."

Stanton wanted to make up for a blunder in right field in the seventh, but walked the next two at-bats before hitting an RBI single on a 1-2 count with two outs in the 10th inning off of Neftali Feliz for their third straight win.

"I didn't like the sliders that were called so I was already fired up about that, I knew that we were in extra innings because of me so I was already fired up about that, so when I saw (Feliz) dragging in I was just like, 'You put us in this situation, just make sure you're calm and collected and get us out,'" Stanton said.

Miami (63-62) surpassed last year's total of 62. The Marlins moved over .500 for the first time since June 20.

Jeff Baker reached with one out in the 10th on first baseman Mike Carp's error. Donovan Solano's infield single with two outs moved Baker to second.

Neftali Feliz relieved Neal Cotts (2-7) to face Stanton, who singled to right field.

"We had the right guy there and he had a heck of an at-bat and hit a bullet to right," Marlins manager Mike Redmond said.

Sam Dyson (2-0) struck out the side in the 10th.

Carter's 9th-inning HR lifts Astros by Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Anyone who thought Houston would be a Yankee Stadium pushover hasn't been paying attention to Chris Carter at the plate.

After striking out four straight times, Carter snapped a ninth-inning tie with a colossal three-run homer Tuesday night that extended his second-half power surge and sent the Astros to a 7-4 victory over the New York Yankees.

"I was just trying to hit it and put it in play. My

first four at-bats, I didn't do anything," Carter said with a smile. "I went up there in the last at-bat and just tried to forget about it and regroup."

Marwin Gonzalez knocked in two runs with a pinch-hit single, and the fourth-place Astros (53-73) won for the third time in four meetings with the Yankees this year. Despite a \$154 million difference in opening-day payroll, Houston took two of three at home against New York to begin the season.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring standout Erin Pollard soars into the air for a spike during the Lady Steers' impressive outing against state-ranked Abilene Wylie on Tuesday in the Steer Gym. Despite winning the first game, the Lady Steers suffered a 3-1 loss to Wylie.

Wylie rallies past Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs did what state-ranked teams are expected to do on Tuesday night in front of a large crowd in the Steer Gym: They won.

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers made it anything but an easy — or enjoyable — win. In fact, the 10th-ranked Lady Bulldogs found themselves playing from behind for much of the contest.

Big Spring put Wylie on its heels early in the non-district showdown, claiming the first game of the best-of-five match.

Julianna Rodriguez ignited the Lady Steers' efforts early in Game 1. The BSHS senior, backed by a hard spike at the net from Emilie Smith, served up the first three points of the contest.

After Wylie had fought back to within 5-3, Erin Pollard came up huge for the Lady Steers. She led a 4-0 run that stretched Big

Spring's lead to 9-3.

Wylie managed to fight back midway through the game. They used a 8-3 three run over the next few minutes to cut Big Spring's lead to one, at 12-11.

Rodriguez and Pollard answered the challenge, however. The two combined to serve up six points late in the game and spurred the Lady Steers to a 19-15 advantage.

Rodriguez picked up the game-winner moments later, drilling a spike from the left side of the net that bounced off the hands of a WHS defender to seal a 24-19 win.

Rodriguez and Smith both turned in outstanding efforts as setters in the contest. Rodriguez finished with a team-high 18 assists, while also notching five kills, three aces, 14 digs and a block. Smith had 14 assists, six kills, two aces, 11 digs and a pair of blocks.

The Lady Steers, now 4-5 for the year, kept up the pressure in

Game 2. Big Spring fought its way to an 11-10 lead before Wylie managed to get its game untracked.

Trailing by one, the Lady Bulldogs reeled off a 7-0 run midway through the game and raced to a 25-16 win.

Wylie closed out the game with wins of 25-17 and 25-17 in the ensuing two games to notch the victory.

Big Spring also collected solid performances from Pollard and Alyssa Armentrout in the contest. Pollard pounded out 16 kills, two aces and six digs, while Armentrout added seven kills.

Katie Wash and Leksey Yarbar paced the BSHS defense. Wash notched eight digs, while also adding two kills, six assists and an ace.

Yarbar had three digs and blocks, as well as four kills and a pair of aces.

The Lady Steers will return to action this weekend by participating in the Granbury Invitational.

BSHS junior varsity, freshmen fall to Wylie

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' junior varsity and freshman teams both suffered tough losses to Abilene Wylie on Tuesday.

The BSHS freshmen, despite solid play from Rachel McCalister and Alyssa Ornales, dropped a 25-10, 25-17 decision to Wylie in front of a large crowd in the BSJHS gym.

With the loss, the Lady Steers fell to 0-6 for the season.

The Big Spring JV came out on the short end of a 25-13, 25-17 decision in the Steer Gym.

Despite the loss, the Lady Steers picked up solid play from several players, including Jori Hanlan and Addie Jimenez.

With the loss to Wylie, the Lady Steers dipped to 3-4 for the season.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Addie Jimenez celebrates a point during the Lady Steers' JV game against Wylie on Tuesday.



Suiting up ...

Big Spring coach Kevin Hathaway checks the fit of Jacob Ludington's shoulder pads while helping members of the Big Spring Junior High School football team get their equipment on Tuesday afternoon.

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Dear Annie: Eight months ago, our highly educated 43-year-old daughter informed my wife that she hates her. She put on a humiliating performance in front of her two children, a stepchild, her husband and us. We don't understand this at all, but she now wants nothing to do with us.

We do not deserve such treatment. We have been good, helpful parents and grandparents. In March, I phoned my daughter and asked why she hates her mother. She refused to discuss it. Three months later, I wrote her a letter and asked again. She has not responded.

Our daughter's first marriage was not good, and we helped her emotionally and financially. Is a therapist giving her bad advice? Does she have a split personality? Might she be in a cult? Is her husband pushing her to do this? Please help us find a reason for this shabby, disrespectful treatment. -- *Bewildered Dad in Illinois*

Dear Dad: Your concerns are all interesting possibilities, but extreme. More likely, your daughter blames her mother for things that have gone wrong in her life. You may see it differently, but this is your daughter's version, and to her, it is the truth. Please don't argue with her. Instead, ask whether all of you can go for counseling together to work through whatever issues are troubling her, so you can be a family again. We hope she will agree.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My neighbor's tree hangs 15 feet over my property line and shades my crabapple tree. When I asked "Ralph" to trim his tree so that mine could get some sunlight, he went ballistic and refused.

Whenever Ralph and his wife go on vacation, I water their dozens of plants and take in their mail. I no longer want to do either of these things, because they obviously don't appreciate it. I once asked them to watch my dog when I needed to go to the emergency room, and they wouldn't do it.

Ralph got into a fistfight with the neighbor on the other side when the man wanted to install a fence on his property. He once physically pushed the cable installers when they tried to lay down cable for another neighbor.

All I want is for Ralph to trim his tree so that mine can survive. Do you think I should water their plants and take in their mail in the future? -- *Unhappy Neighbor*

Dear Neighbor: Ralph sounds like a loose cannon. It's your decision whether or not to take care of his mail and plants. You are not obligated to do so, and he certainly does not reciprocate.

But about the tree: In most cases, it is legal for you to trim the branches that hang over your property line, provided you do not harm the tree. However, we don't recommend you confront Ralph directly with

this because he is so volatile. Do you have a neighborhood association that can help mediate the issue? Would his wife intercede? As a last resort, you can take Ralph to court. And if he is causing your crabapple tree to die, you can sue for damages.

Dear Annie: I felt compelled to respond to "Miss Lonely," whose ex left her with two kids and she's looking for love.

I was in her situation, divorced with two children. I started working part time, which built up my self-esteem. My friends and family encouraged me to return to school, which I did. I also got counseling for my children and myself, which helped.

Tell her to get involved with group activities. Surround herself with good friends and family. I am involved with my local church and belong to two knitting groups. Check your newspaper or meetup.com for local information, and step out of your comfort area. You never know who you will meet and the friends you could make. -- *Florida*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon Goes Home

The moon checks back in to her home base in Cancer and starts getting cozy. There's a sense of relief in the air, like we no longer need to pretend. All of the uncomfortable clothes come off, metaphorically speaking, and we feel free to exist in a more natural form. Let down your guard and just be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Should you stray from the path? Of course! But only when your whole body and soul make it nearly impossible not to do so. The path resonates with you for a reason. Don't leave it until you're compelled to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get pleasure from defying reason, passing notes in the classroom of reality and refusing to be a slave to logic. As a result, your experiences may verge on the bizarre, but they will be a whole lot of fun, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Learning can be uncomfortable and often is. Irritating

circumstances and people teach us about tolerance. Frustration is the start of ambition. Seeing the positive side of negative emotions will help you bear them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The ideal and the real find a meeting place. You'll create exactly what you wanted on some level. When you want something else, you'll create that, too. It's good to be you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you are living life fully, you're going to make mistakes. So maybe you should feel good about them. If you're ashamed, look into the situation and figure out what you need to forgive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have high standards, but are they broad, as well? Open your mind. There are many ways to reach a desired outcome. Gemini and Sagittarius will be your allies on the matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your social set is slowly shifting. The good friends you've made will remain your loyal crew, but you'll also enjoy what comes with learning about someone new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life on Mars is not so hospitable. As long as you're on Earth, don't hurry past the pleasure. You deserve to savor it. Even if you didn't deserve

it, it still would be a tribute to the universe to appreciate it in all its plentiful glory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Napoleon Bonaparte said that we should never interrupt our own enemy when he is making a mistake. Today, through pursed lips, you'll witness the other side doing what they should not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In every poker game, there comes a point when even the one with the best cards feels the need to get up and go home. Anyone can cut their losses. You show grace by knowing when to cut your gains.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The one who makes you promises is not the same one who will keep them. The promise-keeper is understated and shy. Look for that person, and sense the deep wells of integrity within.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cynicism is evil, or maybe it's worse than evil. Guard against it. There's no reason to become jaded now. You still can be a part of a triumph. Don't stop dreaming, or you'll freeze up inside.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). You're lighter and brighter. What used to bother you no longer will. Next month brings

new people and much love into your life. You'll take a family victory personally in October -- indeed, you are largely to credit for the win. The best financial months are November and April. You'll break free of self-imposed limits in December. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 11, 18 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries, born March 25, 1981. I recently said goodbye to a Libra man who was born on Oct. 12, 1973. I thought we were meant for each other. But he wants to be friends right now and can't give me what I want. Why do I still want it from him then? Should I try harder?"

Absolutely not. Your warrior spirit rages with the mantra "never say die," but truly you cannot keep love alive by willing it to be so. Just know that this is not a case of having given up too soon. There's no amount of work you could do to revive this. The most graceful thing is to walk away and find other ways to make yourself happy. He has made up his mind. Trying to force a relationship after one person has already made up his or her mind is pretty sad. Be happy

instead. The next six weeks will support you in your efforts to heal old wounds, release grudges and recognize the difference between a helpful and unhelpful partnership. You'd be wise to devote your time to your own interests instead of trying to get involved with anyone new.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Disney star turned pop princess Demi Lovato has a big voice and an even bigger ambition to entertain. This Leo was born when both the sun and Mercury, the communication planet, were in the sign of show business. Lovato has her moon in Taurus, the sign that rules the throat and vocal cords. This is a common astrological placement for those with big and/or unique voices.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 3

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Eliminating the Guesswork

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6 3
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A Q J 10 3
♣ J 2
WEST
♠ K Q 10 9 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ 4
♣ 10 7 5 4
EAST
♠ J 8 7 4 2
♥ 6
♦ 7 6 5
♣ A 9 8 6
SOUTH
♠ A
♥ Q 10 8 5 2
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ K Q 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♦ 4♠
5♦ Pass 5♥
Opening lead — four of diamonds.
There is often considerable guesswork during the play, and if you are by nature a good guesser, you will do well in the long run.
All the same, a good cardplayer tries to avoid subjecting himself to a guess if he can. He might guess as well as the next fellow when he has to, but his chief stock-in-trade is a talent for dodging guesses and solving his problems by other — and

more reliable — means.
Assume you're West, defending against five hearts. You could lead a spade, of course, because partner raised spades, but your best chance of defeating the contract lies in leading a diamond. Your hope is that partner has an ace, in which case you're apt to beat the contract when you get in with the ace of trumps, but partner on lead with his ace and get a diamond ruff for a one-trick set.
Declarer wins the diamond with the ace and leads a low heart to the queen at trick two. It would be easy to go wrong at this point. If you take the ace and lead a spade to partner's presumed ace, you wind up behind the eighth ball. Declarer wins, draws trumps and concedes a club to the ace to make the contract.
You could plead that East was more likely to have the spade ace than the club ace, but that would not be a good excuse for failing to guess which one he actually had.
Instead of consigning the guess to pure chance, it is far better to duck the first trump lead and take the second. This gives your partner a chance to signal with a high spade or a high club, depending on his hand, and in that way all guesswork is eliminated.

Tomorrow: Never say die.
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In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

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- Take our back-to-school movie and TV quiz

AmericanProfile

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
WNBA
(x-if necessary)
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-3)
Eastern Conference
Atlanta vs. Chicago
Friday, Aug. 22: Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 24: Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Aug. 26: Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana vs. Washington
Thursday Aug. 21: Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23: Indiana at Washington, 5 p.m.
x-Monday, Aug. 25: Washington at Indiana, TBD
Western Conference
Phoenix vs. Los Angeles
Friday, Aug. 22: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 24: Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Aug. 26: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Minnesota vs. San Antonio
Thursday Aug. 21: San Antonio at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23: Minnesota at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, Aug. 25: San Antonio at Minnesota, TBD

BASEBALL
American League
East Division
W L Pct GB
Baltimore 72 52 .581 —
New York 63 60 .512 8½
Toronto 64 62 .508 9
Tampa Bay 61 64 .488 11½
Boston 56 69 .448 16½
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Kansas City 70 55 .560 —
Detroit 67 56 .545 2
Cleveland 63 61 .508 6½
Chicago 59 67 .468 11½
Minnesota 55 69 .444 14½
West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 74 50 .597 —
Oakland 74 51 .592 ½
Seattle 68 57 .544 6½
Houston 53 73 .421 22
Texas 48 77 .384 26½
Tuesday's Games
Houston 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
Seattle 5, Philadelphia 2
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 6, 11 innings
L.A. Angels 4, Boston 3
Miami 4, Texas 3, 10 innings
Baltimore 5, ChiSox 1
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5
Milwaukee 6, Toronto 1
Kansas City 7, Colorado 4
Oakland 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Wednesday's Games
Texas (N.Martinez 2-9) at Miami (Eovaldi 6-7), 12:40 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 3-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 9-12) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-3), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 8-8) at Oakland (Samarzija 3-2), 3:35 p.m.
Houston (Feldman 6-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 13-8) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 9-9), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 13-4) at Boston (Buchholz 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 12-4) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 7-8), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (House 1-3) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-8), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-10) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 12-8), 8:40 p.m.

National League
East Division
W L Pct GB
Washington 71 53 .573 —
Atlanta 66 60 .524 6
Miami 63 62 .504 8½
New York 59 68 .465 13½
Philadelphia 55 71 .437 17
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 71 55 .563 —
St. Louis 68 57 .544 2½
Pittsburgh 64 62 .508 7
Cincinnati 61 65 .484 10
Chicago 55 70 .440 15½
West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 71 56 .559 —
San Francisco 65 59 .524 4½
San Diego 58 66 .468 11½
Arizona 53 73 .421 17½
Colorado 49 76 .392 21
Tuesday's Games
Washington 8, Arizona 1
Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 3
Seattle 5, Philadelphia 2
Miami 4, Texas 3, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 2, San Francisco 0, 5 innings

Milwaukee 6, Toronto 1
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4
Kansas City 7, Colorado 4
Oakland 6, N.Y. Mets 2
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 6
Wednesday's Games
Texas (N.Martinez 2-9) at Miami (Eovaldi 6-7), 12:40 p.m.
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Arizona (Cahill 3-8) at Washington (Roark 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Cole 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 15-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 13-8), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Peavy 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 6-13), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-10) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 12-8), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 5-13) at L.A. Dodgers (R.Hernandez 7-8), 10:10 p.m.

Texas League
North Division
W L Pct GB
Arkansas 32 24 .571 —
NW Arkansas 26 30 .464 6
Springfield 26 30 .464 6
x-Tulsa 24 32 .429 8
South Division
W L Pct GB
x-Frisco 34 23 .596 —
Midland 32 25 .561 2
Corpus Christi 26 31 .456 8
San Antonio 26 31 .456 8
x-clinched first half
Tuesday's Games
Midland 15, Corpus Christi 2
Springfield 9, Northwest Arkansas 8
Frisco 5, San Antonio 4
Tulsa 3, Arkansas 2
Wednesday's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7:30 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 8 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

Canadian Football League
East Division
W L Pts PF PA
Toronto 3 5 6 196 208
Hamilton 1 6 2 149 185
Ottawa 1 6 2 119 199
Montreal 1 6 2 109 193
West Division
W L Pts PF PA
Calgary 6 1 12 191 114
Edmonton 6 1 12 173 115
Winnipeg 5 3 10 206 201
B.C. 5 3 10 196 162
Saskatchewan 5 2 10 173 135
Friday, Aug. 22
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
Toronto at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 24
Calgary at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 7 p.m.

National Football League
Preseason
American Conference
East
W L Pct PF PA
N.Y. Jets 2 0 1.000 38 27
Miami 1 1 .500 30 30
New England 1 1 .500 48 58
Buffalo 1 2 .333 49 54
South
W L Pct PF PA
Houston 1 1 .500 32 39
Jacksonville 1 1 .500 35 30
Tennessee 1 1 .500 44 47
Indianapolis 0 2 .000 36 40
North
W L Pct PF PA
Baltimore 2 0 1.000 60 33
Pittsburgh 1 1 .500 35 36
Cleveland 0 2 .000 35 37
Cincinnati 0 2 .000 56 66
West
W L Pct PF PA
Denver 2 0 1.000 55 16
Kansas City 1 1 .500 57 67
Oakland 1 1 .500 33 36
San Diego 1 1 .500 41 48

National Conference
East
W L Pct PF PA
N.Y. Giants 3 0 1.000 64 55
Washington 2 0 1.000 47 29
Dallas 0 2 .000 37 64
Philadelphia 0 2 .000 63 76

South
W L Pct PF PA
New Orleans 2 0 1.000 57 48
Atlanta 1 1 .500 23 42
Carolina 1 1 .500 46 36
Tampa Bay 0 2 .000 24 36
North
W L Pct PF PA
Chicago 2 0 1.000 54 47
Minnesota 2 0 1.000 40 34
Detroit 1 1 .500 39 39
Green Bay 1 1 .500 37 27
West
W L Pct PF PA
Arizona 1 1 .500 60 30
Seattle 1 1 .500 57 35
San Fran. 0 2 .000 3 57
St. Louis 0 2 .000 31 47

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Carolina at New England, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
American League
LEVELAND INDIANS — Signed RHP Scott Atchison to a one-year contract extension through 2015.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated 1B-OF Jesus Guzman from the 15-day DL. Placed LHP Darin Downs on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 15.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of INF-OF Matt McBride from Colorado Springs (PCL). Optioned LHP Yohan Flande to Colorado Springs. Transferred SS Troy Tulowitzki to the 60-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated OF Andrew McCutchen from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF-OF Michael Martinez to Indianapolis (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Named Don Welke vice president of scouting operations.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Released INF Christian Figueroa.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Signed INF Miguel Castano and OF Ryde Rodriguez.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released C Heath Holliday.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Announced the retirement of referee Dick Bavetta.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Named Larry Drew assistant coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Activated S Tyrann Mathieu and NT Alameda Ta'Amu from the PUP list.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released OT Edawn Coughman and WR Kevin Elliott.
DETROIT LIONS — Released CB Drayton Florence.
NEW YORK JETS — Placed WR Shaquille Evans on injured reserve.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released LB Jason Phillips.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed DL Glenn Dorsey to a two-year contract extension through the 2016 season.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Announced the sale of a minority interest of the team to Jon Ledecky and Scott Malkin.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed F Clarke MacArthur to a five-year contact extension through the 2019-20 season.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Named Brandon Pridham assistant to general manager.
COLLEGE
ALABAMA STATE — Named Chris Steiner-Wilcoxson softball coach.
CAPITAL — Named Andy Winters men's assistant basketball coach.

NM teen struck by lightning at practice

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say a teenage boy is hospitalized in critical condition after being struck by lightning during football practice at a New Mexico middle school.
Albuquerque TV station KOB reports the teen was hit about 5 p.m. Tuesday at Picacho Middle School in Las Cruces.
Las Cruces police say

the boy was rushed to MountainView Regional Medical Center and is reported to be in critical condition.
Las Cruces Public Schools officials say two additional players and a coach were sent to the hospital, but they were conscious and responsive.
Authorities didn't immediately release the name of the teen or the other three people.

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