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An adoring He looks on as She accepts nomination

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -This time, Bill Clinton was the adoring spouse, smiling and clapping when the cameras cut away from the candidate in the spotlight.

It was him in the VIP seating, watching as his wife took center stage to claim the presidential nomination at the Democratic convention

Thursday night. It was one small

step in the role reversal Americans will need to get used to if Hillary Clinton wins the White House in November.

Already, satires

and spoofs are circulating, taking note of Bill's fashion choices, accessories and hair style. How about that fetch-



Hillary

head of hair! Whose shoes is he wearing? After all, that's what po-

ing pantsuit! And that nice

litical wives have come to ex-For the record: He wore a

dark suit: she a white one. Much of the world is watch-

ing this shift in the U.S. cultural-gender zeitgeist with a bit of a yawn. Dozens of female leaders have served across Europe, Africa, Asia,



But it's new territory in the U.S., and the novelty is

ter all.

and Australia, af-

still, well, a nov-

America

Bill Clinton, utterly comfortable in his own skin, seems to be just fine with trading places with his wife, the former first lady. He's shown no hint of awkwardness about his new supporting role.

He grinned broadly as his wife gave him a shout-out at the top of her speech, telling him they'd been through "good times that filled us with joy, and hard times that tested us."

"And I've even gotten a few words in along the way," she cracked.

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HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

The WTC respite program officially moved into what was known as the Brass Nail, a popular nightclub/restaurant for a number of years in Howard County, back in June. The program provides intensive therapy for WTC patients who need help but not hospitalization. The long-time program received a grant this year which helped it to double its patient load. The new building was being converted into a Christian retreat until

Short-term lodging, long-term benefits

West Texas Centers touts new respite center

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Howard County building that at one time was undergoing a conversion to serve as a Christian retreat has been given a new mission.

West Texas Centers has revamped the structure once known as the Brass Nail, a long-time county night club that was being converted into a Christian retreat until recently. Now it will serve as a respite center for patients needing a short, intensive therapy stay.

"This is for people who have come to some type of change in their lives. Maybe they are homeless or recently homeless or off their medication," said Shelly Smith, CEO for West Texas Centers. "It's for people who need intensive therapy but not hospitalization."

The respite program is not new to the area. WTC has operated a respite home in Big Spring for a number years but a recent grant has enabled the

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By ROGER CLINE Herald Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring will host a gathering Monday to allow community religious leaders to offer prayers for local law enforcement person-The event, dubbed a "City-

Wide Police Officer Prayer Ceremony", will be at 6 p.m. Monday outside the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center at 3611 W. Highway 80. The ceremony will include all first responders: Sheriff's Department and Fire and EMS personnel as well as police officers.

"It's going to be a coming together of the community

and local law enforcement,3

said Big Spring Mayor Lar-

ry McLellan. "We want it to

be something the community all pull together and get behind." McLellan added

that the gathering will feature several local pastors and deacons of various denomina-

tions, including the Rev. Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center, the Rev. Bill Ivins of First

United Methodist Church, the Rev. Michael Willard of Cornerstone Covenant Church, and the Deacon Johnny Arguello of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The event is prompted by re-

cent violent attacks on police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La., McLellan said.

"What we want to do is in-



Police prayer ceremony set for Monday

haven't had anything here, but I think the more you try to educate and you go over these situations, probably the better off we will be if we ever get a situation. I pray that we never have anything in our community like we've seen in some others.' Local emergency personnel

crease the awareness of the

problems we're seeing in

our country," he said. "We

are highly valued in Howard County, the mayor stressed. "Having this prayer is

something I hope will bring the entire community together. We have a good, tightknit community here in Big Spring, and I believe it will be beneficial," he said. "Our law enforcement, our first responders, the firefighters...

everyone in those two departments, they put their lives on the line all the time. I think they do a tremendous job for this community. They leave in the evening, and their family, they never know if they'll run into a situation where they'll never see them again. I'm very proud of the police officers, the first responders, the fire department that we have in this community, and I think it's something that we should let them know: that we appreciate the fact that they risk their lives every day to make this community a safer place for everyone." McLellan acknowledged that there have been other re-

cent observances in honor of See **POLICE**, Page 3



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Juan 'John' Rodriguez



Juan "John" Rodriguez, 27, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 25, 2016, in a local hospital. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2016, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Juan was born January 11, 1989, in Odessa, Texas. He graduated from Coahoma High School in

2007. He has worked for Price Construction for sev- Anita Chesworth eral years. He really enjoyed his friends and working on old cars.

He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Smith Funeral Home.

Juan is survived by his parents, Adan and Maria Rodriguez; and his brother, Raul Rodriguez and wife, Guadalupe' all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jessica Marie Rodriguez; and grandparents, Jesus and Benigna Rodriguez and Raquel Hernandez.

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

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity: • JOSHUA B VALENZUELA, 30, of 2509

- Seminole was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA,32, of 4914 Wasson was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROXANNE DEANDA GONZALES, 49, of 538 Westover Road 211 was arrested on warrants for driving with invalid license, failure to appear, and two warrants from other agencies. • KAYLA MICHELLE BERNAL, 25, of 1905
- Wasson Road was arrested on warrants for no driver's license when unlicensed, driving without being secured by a safety belt, and a warrant from another agency.
- EZEQUIEL CONTRERAS-ALONZO, 22, of 409 NE 10th was arrested on warrants for defective stop lamp(s) and no driver's license when unlicensed.
- BILLY ALVARADO, 37, of 1500 Lincoln Street was arrested on a warrant for failure to identify.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 7400 block of Pats Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S Gregg Street, the 2100 block of S Monticello Street, the 200 block of W FM 700, and the 1400 block of Dreid Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of NW 10th Street.

• There will be a Community Prayer Gathering

for law enforcement personnel at 6 p.m. Monday

at the Troy Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center,

3611 W. Highway 80. According to city officials, the

vigil will incorporate local pastors of different de-

nominations offering prayers for local, state, and

national law enforcement officers and other first

• Registration for the Children's Miracle Theater

for the Arts' (CMTA) two-week August camp is now

CMTA a non-profit organization open to children

from ages 6-12. The registration fee for "Your Are A

Star" summer camp is \$30. The camp will be held

Aug. 8 through 19, and classes are 6 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. Monday through Friday. CMTA shirts are \$10.

Classes will be held in the New Hope School build-

Children will learn stage set and prop design,

building, painting and stage setting as well as on

For more information or to register, contact Sha-

ron Rich, program director, at 432-517-0723. Space

The biennial Forsan Reunion is scheduled for

the first weekend in August, 5-6. Festivities kick off

with a dinner for former students, teachers, parents

and spouses at Spanish Inn. Following the dinner, all participants are invited to an open house recep-

tion in the banquet room at La Quinta Inn at 7:30

p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, reunion day activities

begin at 9 a.m. in the Forsan School Cafeteria. A

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- BILLY BOB ALVARADO, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify.
- KAYLA MICHELLE BERNAL, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of service (greater than \$100 but less than \$750), no driver's license when unlicensed, and not secured by a seatbelt (driver).
- HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **EZEQUIEL CONTRERAS ALONSO**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for defective or no stop lights and no driver's license when unli-• ROXANNE DEANDA GONZALES, 49, was
- booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of driving with invalid license, issuance of bad check, and failure to appear.
- WAYLON DUANE JONES, 39, was booked by the RSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEANIE ROXANNE MITCHELL, 50, was booked by the RSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSHUA B VALENZUELA, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ANDREW ALLEN ZAMBRANO, 27, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of continuous sex abuse of a child.

Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11

month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the

The World Race with the non-denominational min-

istry, Adventures in Missions. She and her team-

while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel.

Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise

at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you

consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate di-

rectly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog

at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org. Also, Dr.

David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should

be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put

"Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check.

You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live

The Howard County Fair quilters for the annual

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors

meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the sym-

Quilt Fundraiser. For more information call Su-

on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at

the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Cost is \$8 per person.

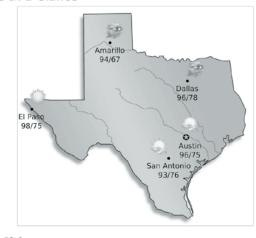
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bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted.

Bar-B-Que will cater the lunch.

Anita Chesworth, 59, of Big Spring died Friday, July 29, 2017. Services are pending at Myers &

Local 5-Day Forecast								
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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported at the inter section of Abrams and MLK. One person was transmates will be living in tents most of that 11 months ported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2100 block of Apron. It was reported that service was refused. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block
 - TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 300 block of NW 10th. One person was transported to Scenic
 - Mountain Medical Center. BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 2300 block of Brent.
 - The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.
 - Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 271-2176.
 - Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.
 - Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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State news in brief

Memorial to slain Navy Seal Chris Kyle unveiled in Odessa

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A memorial for slain Navy Seal and "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle has been unveiled in the West Texas city where he was born in 1974.

Ceremonies were held Thursday in Odessa to unveil the granite-and-limestone Chris Kyle Memorial Plaza, which also includes a bronze statue of Kyle. It is a privately funded memorial.

Several trees from ex-President George W. Bush's ranch near Crawford were purchased by memorial organizers and moved to the site earlier this year.

Kyle and friend Chad Littlefield were killed in 2013 at a Texas shooting range. A former Marine was convicted in their deaths and sentenced to life in prison.

Kyle's autobiography was the basis for the 2014 film "American Sniper," starring Bradley Cooper.

Texas attorney general sues Austin over city hall gun ban

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas attorney general has filed suit against Austin, accusing the state capital of violating "open carry" rules by banning guns inside city hall.

Republican Ken Paxton said in a statement Thursday that Austin's municipal building is violating a law approved last year that allowed licensed Texans to openly carry handguns.

The lawsuit was filed in state district court in Travis County, which includes Austin. It says Austin has argued that its municipal building is exempt from the law under exclusions for court buildings.

Paxton's office says it responded that the city

would be fined for non-compliance within 15 days. The suit asks the court to compel Austin to follow the law — and impose fines worth \$1,500 per day for not doing so as of earlier this week.

Police: McDonald's worker fired for refusing officer service

BRENHAM, Texas (AP) — Police in suburban Houston say a McDonald's worker has been fired for refusing to serve an officer. Brenham Police Chief Craig Goodman says in a

Facebook post that "one of our employees, who was off duty with his family, was refused service at a local restaurant simply for being a Police Officer." Goodman doesn't say when it happened but does say the owners were quickly notified.

Goodman tells Houston's KHOU-TV that the owners investigated and the employee in question "no longer works for their business." Goodman says the worker's son is in some legal trouble and that might have sparked her negative feelings toward

McDonald's hasn't responded to a request for comment. The owners of the franchise appeared alongside Brenham police in a picture posted on Facebook.

Appeal rejected for man on death row for killing girl, 11

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has refused an appeal from a Texas death row inmate who was arrested nearly 19 years after an 11-yearold Fort Worth girl was raped and strangled in her The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday

rejected claims from 53-year-old Juan Segundo that his lawyers at his 2006 Tarrant County trial were deficient for failing to properly investigate and develop evidence he was intellectually disabled. Segundo's wife was a family friend of Vanessa

Villa, who was found dead in 1986 in her home. A DNA match in a national database nearly two decades later tied Segundo to her slaying.

DNA evidence also linked Segundo to the rapes and strangling of two other women in the Fort Worth area in 1994 and 1995.

Cars of Bexar County Jail deputies damaged by gunfire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in San Antonio are searching for someone who drove up to the parking lot used by Bexar County Jail employees and opened fire.

At least three cars belonging to detention deputies were damaged. Sheriff's department spokesman James Keith

tells San Antonio TV station KENS that a surveillance video from Wednesday night shows an SUV slows, puts on its four-way flashers and then someone starts shooting. Keith says authorities are looking into whether

the shooting is a random act or someone is targeting the sheriff's office or its employees.

Earlier this month, someone shot at the San Antonio police headquarters. That incident remains under investigation.

Services for Texas father, son killed in France attack

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Mourners at a memorial service have remembered a Texas father and son who were killed in the truck attack two weeks ago in Nice, France. Hundreds gathered Thursday evening at Lake

Hills Church in Austin to celebrate the lives of 51-year-old Sean Copeland and 11-year-old Brodie Copeland. The Austin-area father and son were on a European vacation with their family when they were among 84 people killed as a truck driver indiscriminately drove through a crowd. The Copeland family said in a statement that a

bright spot in the sorrow and grief has been family, friends and "countless strangers" whose love, prayers and message of support have been a com-

Cary Copeland remembered his brother Sean's "remarkable laugh" and Maegen Copeland recalled her stepbrother's ability to make people smile.

Union chief says American pushing pilots to speed up flights DALLAS (AP) — The pilots' union president said

Thursday that American Airlines is reducing its safety margin by "manipulating" flight plans with tactics that include faster speeds. The union official suggested that American is try-

ing to avoid canceling flights when crews push the limits of their legally allowed work shifts. American did not respond directly to the union

leader's claims. A spokesman said the airline takes safety and regulations seriously. Dan Carey, who just started a three-year term as president of the Allied Pilots Association, said in

a note to members that pilots were reporting pressure to approve faster flight plans. Federal rules generally limit airline pilots to shifts of nine to 14 hours, depending on when the pilot's work day started and the number of flights. They can exceed their limit for unexpected delays

The rules were designed to prevent accidents caused by fatigue. They were adopted after a Colgan Air flight for Continental Airlines crashed in 2009, killing 50 people.

When crews don't have enough time left in their

such as bad weather, but they can't take off if they

know they won't complete the flight under the lim-

shift to complete a flight, the airline must find replacement pilots or cancel the flight. Either option angers customers and can cause later flights to be delayed or canceled. In the latest government figures, for May, Ameri-

can trailed Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and Southwest Airlines in on-time arrivals and had a higher cancellation rate.

Earlier this month, Chief Operating Officer Robert Isom outlined steps American was taking to operate on schedule during the busy summer season.

He told employees in a memo that planners and pilots would "utilize 'speed up' flight plans to reduce delays involving crew duty times" on "critical flights."

Carey said managers have been directing pilots

POLICE

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local police, sheriff's department, and fire department personnel, but urged community members to attend Monday.

"I would hope that we'll have a great turnout. I would ask the citizens to come out. Please," he said. "I know we've had three of these, but I don't think it would hurt if we had 10. I would like to

see a good outpouring of our community to show support for our first responders."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Douglas Webster (D.W.) Overman, Jr., 80, died July 14, 2016. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Denver Heffington, 31, died June 18, 2016. A memorial service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Anita Chesworth, 59, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Smith said the current building is perfect for the 16-bed

the former home.

RESPITE

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organization to double the

amount of clients WTC can

serve in the program. Howev-

er, the ability to increase pa-

tients exceeded the capacity of

Historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony, of the National First Ladies' Library, said that because the Bill-Hillary team is so well known to the nation, it may make the gender shift less startling than otherwise, if she wins.

"He'll stand in his tux-

program and was well main- a seven to 10-day stay. The pa- said. "This gives them a place tained by its pervious owner. tient must be older than 18, for their loved one where they structure had 39 In fact, the bedrooms.

West Texas Centers covers a 23-county area providing services to mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities patients.

In order to quality for the program, patients must pass a screening test to qualify for the respite program which allows

voluntarily enter the program, must not pose a danger to others or themselves and is able to self medicate, according to Amy Vidal, WTC community relations director.

"Sometimes a caregiver might need to go out of town and they can't because they have a loved one they need to remind to take their medication," she

know they are getting taken care of their needs. " The new respite center was

opened on June 1. An open house is scheduled sometime in September.

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

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OT SUMMER

edo on the north steps, greeting a state leader beside Hillary in an evening gown. And we'll know that one is now president and one is now first gentleman," said Anthony. "But it'll still be Bill and Hillary. And I think that will probably make the transition

There's something to be said for familiarity, yes. But it could have a downside, too, given

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a little bit easier."

the unsavory chapters in the Clintons' marital history, including his affairs.

Still to be determined: what title Bill would hold on a return trip to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

First gentleman, perhaps?

Or first dude?

Kelly Newtsn

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The latter is what Gary Sebelius favored when his wife, Kathleen, was elected Kansas gover-

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nor in 2012.

Chelsea Clinton, interviewed Thursday on NBC's "Today" show, said her dad "likes to hearken back to his kind of Irish roots, so I think he'd love to be called First Laddie."

"I'm definitely voting for First Gentleman,' she quickly added.

Bill Clinton's title may still be up for debate, but his wife already has been giving thought to the division of labor should she win.

She said in a debate last year: "I am probably still going to pick the flowers and the china for state dinners and

stuff like that. But I will certainly turn to him, as prior presidents have, for special missions, for advice." Does all of this mean

that Hillary Clinton's clothes, figure and hairstyle will no longer be fair game for debate? LOL. Theresa May's leop-

ard-print kitten heels were a global conversation piece when news broke earlier this month that she would be Britain's next prime minister. One tabloid splashed her shoes across the front page with the headline: "Heel, boys!"

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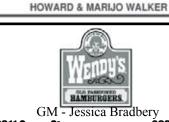
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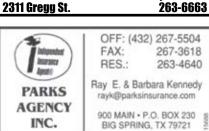
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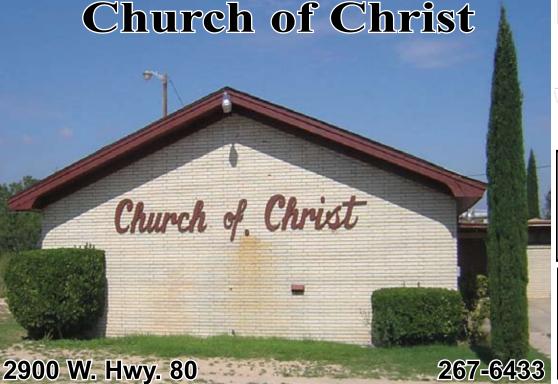
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Did you ever wonder? Census of the Levites

ave you watched how God was organizing His people — into a nation under God, into families or tribes, into regiments of an army? Up to now, the Levites only knew that they were

chosen to be priests, but their duties were a little vague. Now God was setting things in order.

Before this time, the firstborn son of every family was sanctified as the second in command under the father. These young men were trained in leadership; and, at an early age, they were given much responsibility. At the age of 12, Manasseh was in charge of Joseph's household while his father ruled Egypt.

EUNICE FILLER

The responsibility of the firstborn was great. Therefore, the inheritance of the firstborn was double.

If a man who had five sons died, his property was divided into six portions, and the firstborn received two portions. This was not intended to show partiality. It was to provide for his responsibilities; because, from his own possessions, he was to provide for his mother and for his sisters until they married.

He was also expected to serve as priest of the family and lead them in worship of the Lord.

When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai and saw the people reveling before the Golden Calf, only the Tribe of Levi stood apart and declared their devotion to God. God rewarded their faithfulness by declaring them priests in His Tabernacle.

When God selected the Levites as priests, He took this responsibility from the firstborn sons. Serving God Almighty became the only responsibility of the Levites.

In God's economy there is strict equality, and God holds Himself to this standard of equality. He redeemed each firstborn with a Levite, and the firstborn sons were released from this part of their responsibility.

The Levite census gets a little complicated. The first census counted every male from one month and above.

At this time in history infants younger than one month might not be strong enough to survive. Although older Levites may not be able to work in the Tabernacle, they were still viable Levites. They served God by studying His Word and as musicians. This continuous study may be the origin of the first sages.

Moses counted all the firstborn males in the Israelite camp and there were 273 more firstborns than all the males of the Levites. God instructed that the Israelites redeem these firstborns from the responsibility of serving in the Tabernacle with five silver shekels for each of the 273 first-

This was 1,365 shekels that were sacred to the Lord in place of the firstborn sons. Moses gave it to Aaron with the understanding that Aaron and his sons would keep it safe in the Temple trea-

between the ages of 30 and 50. These men were to do the strenuous work of the sacrifices to God Almighty. Until they reached 30, their time was spent in

A second census of the Levites counted the men

study and training. They needed to learn each part of the different sacrifices and offerings to the They also studied music with instruments and

singing. At God's established feasts, many times there were more than a thousand voices singing praises to God from the Tabernacle, and later from the Temple. Had you ever thought that God Almighty was

the One who thought up retirement? At least, retirement from strenuous labor. One's life does not end at retirement... he merely finds an occupation more suited to this new stage of life!

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@ vahoo.com.



Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood neighborhood of Big Spring.

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Those new to the area, or who haven't been to church before or in a while, are invited to attend this Sunday.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible study is on hiatus for the summer. The church will make an announcement before it resumes. Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between

6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts", sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

To contact the church, call 432-264-7818, or e-mail at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them for Sunday services at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that best fits your schedule and gather with BHDC for a time of praise and worship. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will share a message from scripture. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart" - Psalm 27:14.

The people of FBC invite you to Sunday worship

services at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

This week, Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Summer in the Psalms" which explores a different psalm each week. The emphasis of the series is uncovering truth and learning the practical life applications through the study. Psalm 145 is the focus this week; in it, the psalmist David, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, proclaims his praise and personal adoration for the eternal God and King. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead the music,

and the worship choir will honor God with the special music "Throne of Praise".

Assistance is available for those with mobility issues; use the circle drive on the west side, and someone will be happy to help you inside and park your vehicle. If you are unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters will help you find your

class, and direct you to coffee. Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. is a time of worship

in the Family Life Center, followed by a light meal. After supper, intergenerational groups break out for discussion of Thom Ranier's book "I Will". You can join the study at any time, and there is no fee for the meal or materials. Children will meet separately for their own Bible-based activities. It's time to start gathering school supplies in

preparation for the upcoming "Backpack Blessings" event. The donated supplies will be distributed through the Mission Center in mid-August to local students who need help with acquiring these educational essentials. You may bring supplies to the church or make a monetary donation for the pur-

chase of them. All area teens are invited to the "Open Gym" tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring a friend and come shoot some hoops, or just hang out.



Tuesday, you're invited to the "Triple L" (Living Longer & Loving It) gathering at noon in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy fellowship and a tasty lunch. Enter through the kitchen doors on

Wednesday evening's activities begin with a meal served from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by adult Bible study, Saturate Youth Group, Real LYF/Wacky Wednesday's for children, and adult worship choir rehearsal.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. For more information contact the church at 267-8223.

First Christian Church

This Sunday is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. First Christian Church is open to new visitors, including those just passing through or searching for a new church home.

Each Sunday, fellowship begins at 9:15 with coffee and donuts. Bible Study follows in the parlor at 9:45, and worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Rev. Joel Miller, guest minister, will be preaching a sermon called "My Spiritual Gifts" taken from Corinthians 12:1-11. Serving as Liturgist will be Shirley Burgess, and serving at our Lord's table will be Wanda Brock and Joycee Davis. Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault, choir and music directors, have musical selections prepared to enhance worship.

The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any questions about church services or other goings on, call the church office at 432-517-4821. First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St.

First United Methodist Church First United Methodist Church is located just off

Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring. Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions ser-

vice features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge service is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-This Sunday during both services, Pastor Ivins

105.5 FM. will finish up a message series entitled "Summer of Love." Throughout the series, the congregation has explored what it means to share the love of

Christ with others inside and outside the church. Sunday's message is entitled "The Love Test", and is taken from Ephesians 3:14-21.

Mayor Larry McLellan invites the community to

a community-wide prayer gathering to pray for our

first-responders in Howard County. The Prayer Gathering will be held at the Law Enforcement Center on Business 20 on Monday, Aug. 1. Those leading the gathering include Pastor Bill Ivins of First United Methodist Church, Pastor Michael Willard of the Cornerstone Covenant Church, and Deacon Johnny Arguello of the Holy Trinity

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue his study in the Gospel of Mark at Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal will be served beginning at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee. Everyone is welcome.

While the adult Celebration Choir continues its summer vacation through July, the worship band for the Bridge will still rehearse at its regular time on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on any activity, visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene VBS is this week, Aug. 1 through 5, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly. This year's theme is "Bold!! Prepare Children to be Bold for Jesus." Ages 5 to 12 are welcome.

Pastor Cal will be continuing his series "Under Construction" this Sunday. Check out all the small groups by visiting the website at nazfamily.org.

Sunday Morning Youth, Adult and Children's Classes meet at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the

Children's Church will be at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday night's weekly prayer starts at 6:30

p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms. You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at

10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015. First

Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

First Presbyterian Church

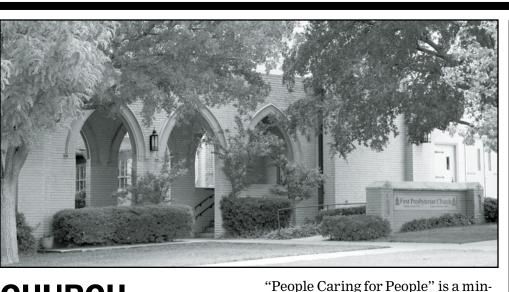
On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets in the library at 5:17 p.m. Next week, on Aug. 3, the choir will resume rehearsal at 6 p.m.

Katie Grimes is in charge of "Take Ten" for this The lectionary for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

is Hosea 11:1-12; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-22. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for

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announcements and parish concerns, before the radio broadcast

First Presbyterian Church is located at 701 Runnels St. For more information call the church at 263-4211.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites everyone to attend this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for fellowship, praise and worship, and study of God's Word.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday will be Mid-Week Bible Study. Ladies will meet with First Lady Bella Willard in the Main Sanctuary, and the men will join Pastor Willard in the A.R.C. for Bible study.

Aug. 7, there will be communion during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Aug. 28 at 6 p.m., evening worship will be at Life Church, 1004 Johnson

CCC is located at 706 East 12th St. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also visit facebook.com/ CCCBigSpring or www.cccbigspring. org if you would like more informa-

East Side Baptist Church East Side Baptist Church, located

at 1108 E. Sixth St., will have an anniversary celebration this Sunday during their morning services at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Music and testimony, followed by a message entitled "The Edge of Greatness," are planned. Everyone is welcome. for more information, contact East Side Baptist at 267-1915.

Crestview Baptist Church

This Sunday, Crestview Baptist will continue the study Corinthians in Sunday School at 10 a.m. The worship service begins at 11 a.m., and Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching from John 4:15-26.

On Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m., the church is holding a study of the book of Revelation. Visitation on Tuesday nights begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday night services are at 6:30 p.m., and the study is on 1 Corinthians.

Crestview is a Confessional Baptist Church (1689 LBC), and they invite you to visit and be a part of their worship community.

The church is located at 2305 Gatesville Rd. For more information call 432-263-4883 or visit the website at http://1689lbc.wix.com/crestview-

Spring Creek Fellowship

istry of Spring Creek Fellowship serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397. Some of the recent projects include a wheelchair ramp, kitchen repair/cabinet installation and minor electrical repair/outlet installation.

Check out the Operation Christmas Child Store in the Spring Creek foyer. Items that will be placed into the Christmas shoe boxes are available for purchase, or you can make a donation towards the purchase of items. Contact Sue Smith or Dana Tompkins for more information.

The church's annual picnic for MHMR is scheduled for this Sunday. Spring Creek is in need of gifts to be given to the attendees. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact Reneah Statham. "Cheese Nips" Women's Ministry

will present "Grace Interwoven" this Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. You're invited to attend for a time of fun and fellowship. Childcare will be provid-Men's Bible study meets on

Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain."

The current session of the Pain Management Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Steve Purdy for more information.

We continue taking donations for our new kitchen. If you would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact the church office or come by the church on Sunday morning.

The Mother's Day Out program is now in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children of age six weeks through four years. The Five-Day Summer Program is also in full swing weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children five years old through Jr. High School age. Contact Donna Sue Looney for more information.

Take a look at the Spring Creek mobile app. With this app, you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains, learn about upcoming events, follow a Bible reading plan, and find out about new babies coming to the church and Vacation Bible School. Simply search the app store on your smartphone for Spring Creek Fellowship and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office and keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

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Sunday-

8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/

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26:9-11).

hy do we do what we

do? I am referring to individuals. We all should think before we do things, but do we always get to do whatever we think about doing? In a civil society, there are laws that limit the actions of an individual, especially in regards to their actions towards other citizens. As Christians. the word of God gives

us instructions. As Peter wrote, His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence (2 Peter 1:3). God has revealed Himself through

His Son, and through His inspired word, the Bible. We must study God's word, and think and act according to what it says, not based upon what I think or how I feel about something. God has always expected people to follow His commands since the beginning of time. "You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command vou" (Deuteronomy 4:2: also Deuteronomy 12:32). While encouraging Joshua before he led the Israelites across the Jordan River, God said in regards to His law and commands, "Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go" (Joshua 1:7b). God gives this admonition at the end of the Scriptures as well in Revelation 22:18-19.

Many religious people sincerely believe they are following God while they are really just doing what they

Connection Groups

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10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service Tuesday-

12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous 6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's Bible Study (begins July 28th)

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think or feel is right. In Acts 23:1. Paul announced to the Jewish council, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day." If you know about Paul's life before he was converted. you remember that he (Saul) persecuted Christians. He would go town to town and round them up, take them to Jerusalem, and when they were sentenced to death, he consented (Acts 7:58; 8:1,3; 9:1-2; 22:4-5;

Was Paul/Saul right to persecute the church? He thought that he was. He believed he was doing God's will – and he was absolutely wrong! We cannot trust our thoughts and feelings alone. They are not the standard of what is right or wrong. God's word is the standard! We must read it, know it, and allow it to change our thoughts and feelings. In other words, I must conform what I think and how I feel to Scripture and not try to change Scripture to conform with my thoughts and feelings.

We must follow God's word. We cannot add to it - making commands where God has not. This means we cannot bind our personal opinions upon others. We also cannot take away from it - ignoring commands that God and Christ have made. Both attitudes are wrong and what I think or how I feel does not, nor cannot, change God's commands. I must put God first in my life, therefore, I must submit to His will and follow His commands. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of (by the authority of) the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

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Rio readies for worst as terror threat hangs over Olympics

(AP) - A half-million foreign tourists, dozens of heads of state and the attention of the world's media. If there were ever a headache for anti-terror forces, it's the Olympics.

In the aftermath of deadly attacks by the Islamic State group in France and elsewhere, Brazil, which has almost no experience combatting terrorism, is beefing up security for the games that start in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 5. Plans include doubling the number of security forces on the streets, erecting more checkpoints and working closer with foreign intelligence agencies

RIO DE JANEIRO than Brazilians did in overseen by Moraes arthe 2014 World Cup.

> But will it be enough? Richard Ford, a retired FBI anti-terror expert who lives in Brazil, said that while the government has a robust program to keep athletes and venues safe, he worries that authorities aren't taking the threat of a lone-wolf or suicide attack seriously enough.

He cited comments by Justice Minister Alexandre de Moraes, who surprised many last week by saying the chances of a terror attack at the games were "next to zero" and that the bigger concern is street crime. Just a day later, the federal police

rested 10 Brazilians allegedly belonging to an amateur cell that had professed allegiance to ISIS over the internet.

"It's very naive to think that the risks for terrorism are minimal,' said Ford, who has worked on security at several Olympic Games. "In the last year, the risk of a terrorist attack has gone up exponentially everywhere."

Terror attacks have been rare, if horrifying at past Olympics. The most notorious was the 1972 massacre of 11 Israeli athletes and a police officer by a radical Palestinian group

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In this July 22, 2016 photo, Brazilian Army soldiers take part in military exercise during presentation of the security forces for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, in front of the National Stadium, in Brasilia, Brazil.

Start date nears for youth football

Howard County's chapter of youth football will hold sign-ups tomorrow, July 30, for the 2016 sea-

Registration will be held at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Hamels gives ace performance in Rangers' 3-2 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cole Hamels provided another reminder of what an ace means to a beleaguered starting rotation.

Hamels (12-2) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings, matching his longest start of the season, to help the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 Thursday night.

Hamels' 123 pitches were 10 more than his previous high for the year. He didn't allow an earned run in his previous two starts, totaling 13 1/3 innings.

"It's always great when you're able to go out there, you're doing well and you're having nonstressful innings and they're pretty quick," the 32-year-old Hamels said. "You're able to keep going out there, keep a good rhythm, a good pace."

Texas manager Jeff



AP Photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers' Mitch Moreland watches his solo home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, July 28, 2016.

Banister said: "He's our front-end guy. I mean, of that rotation."

ged only four hits off Odor also went deep.

Yordano Ventura (6-9) — including three home he's our ace. He's the runs. Mitch Moreland's guy that sits in the front second of the game The Rangers man-eighth inning. Rougned batter in the ninth.

Sam Dyson earned his 21st save in 23 opportunities, stranding the tying run at third base afbroke a 2-2 tie in the ter walking the leadoff

The AL West-leading

Rangers are 5-8 since the All-Star break, the 10game lead of late June now at three. The only wins by Texas starters during that stretch are from Hamels. He's 3-0 since then with a 0.84 ERA, an opponents' batting average of .190 and 23 strikeouts against four walks.

The game was a pitching rematch of the Rangers' 7-4 win in Kansas City last Saturday. Hamels allowed one unearned run over 5 1/3 innings. Ventura was the loser then, giving up three runs in five in-

"You think you know what he's got," said Eric Hosmer, who went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts. "He did a good job of mixing in a lot more off-

speed pitches." Hamels will get an extra day's rest before

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IOC looking at new gene doping test, won't be used in Rio

By GERALD IMRAY

AP Sports Writer

International Olympic Committee is looking at a new test for gene doping, although it won't be used at the Rio de Janeiro Games, the IOC's medical and scientific director said. The new test — de-

veloped in Australia to identify if an athlete is artificially adjusting their DNA to enhance performance — is not yet in use at a World Anti-Doping Agencyaccredited laboratory, Dr. Richard Budgett told The Associated Press.

But the new procedure, when and if approved by WADA, will be used to test samples from the Rio Olympics after the games to see if any athletes were gene doping, Budgett said.

"The samples collected in Rio will at some point be tested for gene doping (after the games), but we have a principle, we will not put in place a test that hasn't actually been used yet by a WADA-accredited laboratory," Budgett said in a phone interview

The IOC can re-test doping samples up to 10 years after an Olympics, enabling it to catch drug cheats who evaded detection at the time when new testing methods become available.

The gene doping test is designed to detect if cheats are injecting synthetic genes which cause the body to produce more of the naturallyoccurring hormone EPO, which in turn boosts the body's ability to carry more oxygen in its blood.

There is already a test to pick up if athletes are directly injecting EPO, the substance at the heart of the Lance Armstrong doping scandal in cycling. This test is designed to pick up if subtle changes have been made to DNA to make the body produce the extra EPO.

There had been reports that the IOC was going to introduce the gene doping test to its program at next month's Rio Games. But the test isn't ready yet, Budgett said late Thursday from



MLS All-Star Didier Drogba celebrates after scoring against Arsenal during the first half Thursday.

Arsenal tops MLS All-Stars in 87th minute of 2-1 win

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Didier Drogba hardly felt like celebrating his goal given the MLS All-Stars missed multiple late scoring chances that cost them their allstar game against Premier League power

Chuba Akpom scored the deciding goal in the 87th minute from close range on a nice cross from the left side by Nacho Monreal, and Arsenal topped the MLS All-Stars 2-1 in the Major League Soccer All-Star Game on Thursday.

Once Arsenal's young substitutes got AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez going after entering midway through the

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Foster placed on PUP by Dolphins at start of camp

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Four-time Pro Bowl running back Arian Foster has been played on the active-physically unable to perform list by the Miami Dolphins at the start of training

Foster is coming back from Achilles tendon surgery last fall. He signed a \$1.5 million, one-year deal this month with Miami, saying he was fully

Also placed on the PUP list before Friday's practice were cornerbacks Bobby McCain and Xavien Howard, running back Damien Williams and linebacker Zach Vigil. The injuries to McCain and Howard further deplete Miami at an already thin position.

When Foster and Williams return, they're expected to compete for backup duty behind second-year pro Jay Ajayi.

5 new sports move closer to approval for 2020 Olympics

TOKYO(AP) — Five sports, including surfing and skateboarding, moved a step closer to being included in the Tokyo 2020 Games after being described as "a dynamic and exciting" package by the IOC.

Skateboarding, karate, sports climbing and baseball/softball were recommended for inclusion by the IOC. An Olympic program commission report released on Friday said the five are a blend of the traditional and emerging, youth-focused events, and all have international and local appeal.

The IOC will make the final decision on the five sports in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 3, two

days before the opening ceremony of the 2016 Games. In assessing the case for inclusion, the commission considered gender equality, youth appeal and their legacy

The inclusion of the new sports would add 18 events and 474 athletes, with equal numbers of women and men for all sports except baseball/softball, because softball teams have 15 players, whilst

baseball teams have 24. The report said the new sports in Tokyo would not threaten the inclusion of existing Olympic sports or be binding on future host cities.

Baseball and softball, which are making a combined bid to return, were dropped after the 2008 Beijing Games. Their hopes for inclusion are boosted by their popularity in

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Uranus Retrograde

Like one streak of lightning through an otherwise clear sky, there will be a dash of chaos significant to the Uranus retrograde, which begins today. Uranus will be even more surprising, impulsive and vitally charged than usual in his backward form. When in doubt, err on the side of caution during this transit, which lasts until Dec. 29,

ARIES (March 21-April 19). More than one high-priority concern will demand your attention, and you can get to each one before the day is over. Make a list and persist until all items are checked off: It's important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Wanting the same thing as your equally matched oppo-

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By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads a trump, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

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- hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand? WEST EAST
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- 1. Win the trump lead in dummy, ruff a diamond, play a heart to dummy's king and ruff the queen of diamonds. Then lead a heart to the
- If both opponents follow suit, you trump and ruff another heart to establish dummy's fifth heart. You then cross to dummy with a trump, discard a club on the good heart and take a club finesse to try for an over-
- If North shows out on the second heart, you take the ace, return a club from dummy and finesse the nine. North probably wins with the ten or jack, but whatever he does next, you are sure to make the slam whether he returns a club or gives you a ruffand-discard by leading a diamond.

- If South shows out when you take the heart king, you again lead a club to the nine. After winning the trick with the ten or jack, he cannot return a heart without establishing one of dummy's hearts as a trick, and if he leads a club or diamond, he also hands you the slam. Finally, if South plays the club ten
- or jack on your lead from dummy at trick six, you cover with the queen to create the same ending.
- 2. Ruff the heart and lead a low diamond to dummy's queen. If the finesse loses to South's king, your only chance for the slam is to find South with the doubleton king of clubs. You take a trump finesse as soon as possible and hope for the
- If the diamond finesse at trick two wins, indicating that North has the king, lead a low trump to your ace at trick three! If the jack or king of trumps appears on this trick, you're sure to make the slam, since your only possible loser would be a trump trick. If both defenders play low on the ace of clubs, return to dummy with a spade and lead the ten of clubs. If South follows suit, you're home safe and sound.

Note that once the diamond finesse wins at trick two, it becomes better to play a trump to your ace than to try a trump finesse, since this guards against the singleton king in the North hand. With a slam at stake, the safety play to the ace gives you the

num chance for the contract

Tomorrow's Horoscope

sition? This can't end well, even if you win. Like two atoms seek to occupy the same space, the result is cataclysmic. Do consider wanting something else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Backing out may not seem like the heroic thing to do, but if it's the thing that will make your life better, smoother and more peaceful, do it. Remove yourself from the situation; seek sanctuary.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may seem, from your current vantage, that any place is better than the one in which you stand. It's not true, but you should move anyway, if only to get into a new position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no chance of the day getting boring. Part of the fun will include snappy banter with an attractive someone. By the way, if you keep this up you could accidentally make someone fall in love with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). From time to time, even the most exciting people get bored of their own stories and skins. Being around the people who love you dearly will help you see yourself with the adoring eyes that they see you through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The dangers of being overwhelmed are just as real as they are unnecessary. You can

and will handle everything you need to. Start easy and make a list of the harder things. You'll deal with those when you're in a stronger position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Owning too much makes you feel cumbersome and disorganized. You can upgrade by downsizing. Tonight, if you're in the mood to experience the mysteriously exciting side of love, it will be there for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes life happens (SET ITAL) to (END ITAL) you, but mostly it happens (SET ITAL) from (END ITAL) you. Even though you're not always in charge, it's empowering to see your life as a series of choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Turn off your self-censorship for a few hours while you brainstorm about how to improve your personal life. During this time, there are no wrong answers or threatening ideas. Ideas won't hurt you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Morale is higher when everyone on the team feels at least somewhat powerful. If it seems someone has too much control while others have none, there will be problems. Seek balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your thoughtfulness, combined with your generous spirit and refusal to deal in pettiness, inspires love to flow through your life in a big way. Someone is getting used to this and will soon be spoiled if you keep it up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29). A new income source opens to you in the next seven weeks. August features promises kept; new commitments will be made in September. October is one long celebration of friendship. Because you mostly care about doing work you can be proud of, your satisfaction is guaranteed in the last months of the year. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 3, 33, 28 and 15. **WEEKEND LOVE**

FORECAST: ARIES: The one who is on your side will contin-

ue to be there, so let yourself trust again. **TAURUS:** You don't need your love to be rich or famous, but you do appreciate a level of glamour. **GEMINI:** The courtship will heat up just as soon as you get a third party out of the way. CANCER: You'll provide the sustenance needed by others and satisfy your own needs simultaneously. LEO: Self-restraint will make you more attractive. VIRGO: You will nourish one who is truly worthy of your time and in dire need of your beautiful

attention. LIBRA: You' rather be lured than chased, but sometimes the exhilaration of the chase is its own kind o lure. SCORPIO: Making a great impression on your friend's friends will contribute to your increasing power in this relationship. SAG-**ITTARIUS**: You can change, and you will when you're ready, not when a partner asks you to change. CAPRI **CORN:** Someone love your new look. AQUAI **IUS:** The money you spend on a date will only be worth it if it's something you would also love to do alone. **PISCES:** You think smart people get hotte as you get to know them better. Hot people only get hotter if they are also smart.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Leo are a hop-skip from one another on th zodiac wheel, and with the current alignment of Leo and the Gemini moon rooting for the union, they will seem even closer. On Friday natives of these signs will share goals, declar similarities and decide on a line of action that weaves their lives together in the blissful and long-extended future.

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An Acquaintance With No Boundaries

Dear Annie: Morgan and I are from the same hometown, and a few weeks ago, she moved to the city where I live now. Though I'd never met her, we have a ton of mutual friends back home (or so I thought). She asked whether I'd show her around. I remembered what it was like to be new in town, so I was happy to help.

Morgan and I got along well and had a lot in common. The first night we went out, she asked whether she could sleep on my couch because it was so late. I said sure. Then she stayed the next night, without asking -- and then the next. One morning, when I woke up, my car was gone. She had taken it to the store without even asking. She must have dug through my purse for the keys.

On top of this, she just got a job at the same store where I work. I started to get

a little nervous about the lack of space, and I told her I needed to set some boundaries and hang out less.

This week, she asked whether she could live with me for a bit. I said no, but she won't stop bombarding me with calls. I asked a mutual friend what Morgan's deal is, and he told me that she's crazy and all our friends stopped talking to her years ago. Now what do I do? I feel really guilty ignoring her. -- Suffocating

Dear Suffocating: Run; don't walk. You set boundaries, and she disrespected them. You told her she couldn't live with you, and she wouldn't take no for an answer. All this and you've only known her for (SET

ITAL)three weeks(END

ITAL).

I'm sounding the stage-five "clinger" alarm. Stop letting this girl into your life. Don't feel guilty; don't entertain any sort of dialogue. If you give her an inch, she'll take a mile (along with your keys, wallet and Social Security number).

Dear Annie: I work for a stationery company, and most of my co-workers are women. I am what you might call a guy's guy. I am a fan of every Chicago sports team (Cubs, not Sox). After a big game, I want to talk about it over the watercooler with my co-workers, yet I can't. The majority of the people I work with aren't big sports fans. The one other dude in my department spends his free time knitting sweaters for his pug. (I'm not even making that up.)

I come in Monday morning after a big Bears win, and people don't have a clue what happened 18 hours earlier. Jimmy Butler drops 53 on Philadelphia, and I want to compare his skills as a two-way player to MJ's yet have no one to talk to. The Cubs are in first place. The sorry, lovable-loser Cubbies, who haven't won a

World Series in over 100 years, are in (SET ITAL) first place (END ITAL), and people in my office could not care

I like my job, and I do like the people I work with. It just feels as if there is a barrier, as if there is a side of me that they could never understand. How do I connect and get them to care about this stuff?

-- Secret Sports Guy Dear Secret: If you focused more on doing your job, you'd be less bothered by the fact that your office isn't a sports bar. Sure, it's nice when we share the same interests as our co-workers, but it's by no means a requirement. Find time to connect with your fellow fans outside the office. Work is for work.

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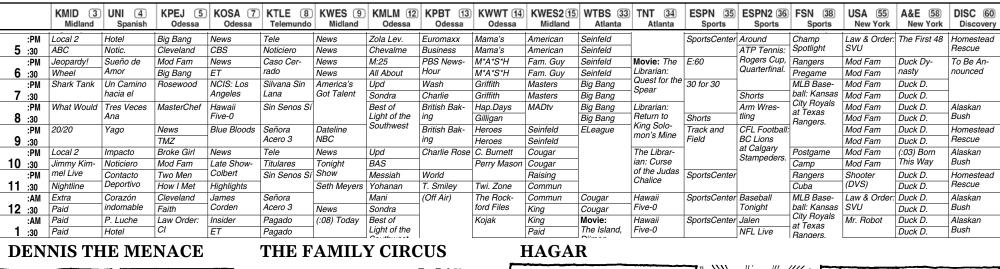
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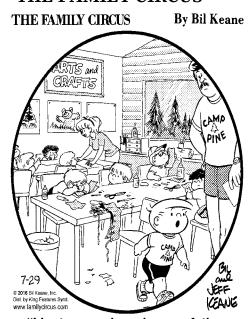
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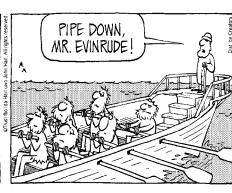
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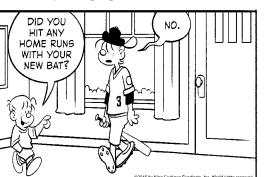
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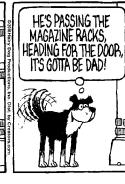




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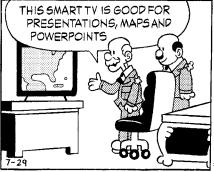


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 29, the 211th day of 2016. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History: On July 29, 1976, the first of

eight shootings ascribed to the serial killer known as "Son of Sam" occurred on a street in The Bronx. New York, as a gunman killed 18-year-old Donna Lauria and wounded her friend, 19-year-old Jody Valenti. (In a yearlong reign of terror, the shooter also known as the ".44 Caliber Killer" would claim five more lives and wound six more people until the arrest of David Berkowitz, who is serving a life prison sentence.) On this date:

In 1588, the English attacked the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines, resulting

in an English victory. In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in

Auvers-sur-Oise, France. In 1900 Italian King Hum I was assassinated by an anarchist; he was succeeded by his son, Victor Emmanuel III.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between Massachusetts' Cape Cod Canal, offering a shortcut across the base of the peninsula, was officially opened to shipping traffic. In 1921, Adolf Hitler became

the leader ("fuehrer") of the National Socialist German Workers Party. In 1948, Britain's King George

VI opened the Olympic Games

in London. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA. In 1967, an accidental rocket

USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 servicemen. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi

launch aboard the supercarrier

in Poland. In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a glittering ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (However, the couple divorced in 1996.)

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In 1994, abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton's bodyguard, James H. Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Florida. (Hill was executed in Sept. 2003.)

In 2004, Sen. John Kerry

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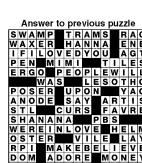
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dential nomination at the party's convention in Boston with a military salute and the declaration: "I'm John Kerry and I'm reporting for duty."

Ten years ago: The U.S. command announced it was sending 3,700 troops to Baghdad to try to quell sectarian violence sweeping the Iraqi capital. Actor-director Mel Gibson issued a lengthy statement apologizing for his drunkendriving arrest and for what he called his "despicable" statements toward the deputies who'd arrested him in Malibu, California.

Five years ago: Norway began burying the dead, a week after an anti-Muslim extremist killed 77 people in a bombing and shooting rampage. Delaware carried out its first execution since 2005, putting to death Robert Jackson III.

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Prescott acquitted of DUI

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — WTVAreports (http:// bit.ly/2afJbxw) that a municipal court has cleared former Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott on charges of speeding and drunk driving.

The Dallas Cowboys draft pick appeared in Starkville Municipal

answer the charges, and was found not guilty.

Prescott was accused of driving 41 mph in a 25 mph zone, and with first-offense driving under the influence, a misdemeanor. Police said he admitted drinking at least one beer that night.

Police records show

Court on Wednesday to that one breathalyzer test was an "invalid sample" and a second "insufficient was an sample."

The 6-foot-2, 226-pound Prescott helped Mississippi State win a combined 19 games in his ju-

nior and senior seasons. The Cowboys begin training camp week.

RIO

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Munich. A bomb planted by an anti-abortion protester killed one and injured 111 at the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

"But Brazil has a lot of problems that other countries don't have," Ford said. "It's sort of a perfect storm for anyone wanting to carry out South America's first-ever

games have been plagued by a long list of problems, from the Zika epidemic and severe water pollution to slow ticket sales and questions about the readiness of infrastructure built for the games.

Compounding the security concerns is the deepest recession in decades, which has forced the cash-strapped Rio state government to slash spending and delay paychecks, and a distracting political crisis that led to the

removal of President Dilma Rousseff while she faces an impeachment trial. To make up for the shortfall, the federal government has had to step in with almost \$1 billion in emergency funding, much of which will be devoted to security. Extra police are also being deployed from other

Many of Brazil's security holes are ancient and hard to resolve. Long. porous borders it shares with 10 countries are a major conduit for arms and drug smugglers. Obtaining an assault rifle, or explosives, is easy from the criminal gangs that dominate Rio's hillside slums. Last year, thieves even managed to steal a truck carrying a ton of dynamite.

Harder to explain, though, is the late start on hiring security screeners. An investigation by The Wall Street Journal this month found that Brazil's government waited until July 1 to award the contract to recruit and deploy

thousands of security guards at Olympic venues, raising questions about whether screening procedures were rigorous for people who will be tasked with monitoring x-ray machines and performing pat-downs. The security contract for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver was awarded 10 months in ad-

To be sure, Brazil isn't a newcomer to hosting megaevents. Every year it welcomes millions of foreign visitors during the weeklong Carnival celebration, and the 2014 World Cup went off with no major incidents.

But it has almost no experience fighting terrorism. The country has long prided itself on having an enemy-free foreign policy, one that rejects military intervention.

Not surprisingly, many Brazilians are on edge as the military buildup at airports and elsewhere become more evident. There have also been

several bomb scares. The ritzy beach neighborhood of Leblon shut down streets for several hours last week after discovery of a suspicious bag that turned out to contain only clothes. "I never felt like this about

terrorism before. I only worried about street crime," said Fernanda Rocha, a pharmacist in Rio. "I have no idea how to avoid terrorists if they

Despite Brazilians' easygoing attitude, better suited for a street party than an urban lockdown, Ford said there have been major improvements since the 2014 World Cup. Training exercises with U.S. and other foreign militaries to deal with chemical, biological and nuclear attacks have become more frequent. A joint-intelligence center has been created for the games, allowing intelligence services from around the world to share information and investigate threats

as they emerge.

Precisely because of Rio's reputation for criminality, elite police units are more battle-tested than their counterparts in major U.S. cities. "They're used to carrying

bigger and stronger guns than we are," said Bobby Chacon, a retired FBI agent who makes his home in Rio and spent a vear running security at the 2004 Games in Athens. There are expected to be

85,000 military personnel and police fanning out across the city, double the number on the streets in London in 2012. While most will be concentrated at sporting venues, tourist landmarks will also be heavily patrolled.

"They have the police in place and trained to stop a large-scale, coordinated attack," Chacon said. "But there's plenty of opportunities to cause harm, and they shouldn't take anything for granted."

ALL-STARS

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second half, the opportunities came.

Moments before halftime, Montreal's Drogba scored on his third try following two deflections in one quick sequence for MLS to notch

"The goal that I score and we lose, it doesn't count. ... It's a bit disappointing for me," Drogba said. "Once again, I hate losing."

Drogba's first attempt ricocheted off goalkeeper Petr Cech then the next off Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain before he converted with a shot to the right upper corner of the net in the second

minute of stoppage time in the first half. Giovani dos Santos jumped on Drogba's back afterward.

Joel Campbell scored on a penalty kick in the 11th minute for Arsenal following Jelle Van Damme's yellow card.

Campbell converted the penalty kick with his left-footed shot to the left of a diving Andre Blake of the Philadelphia Union.

There was a scare for the MLS team in the 22nd minute, when Dallas star Kellyn Acosta collided with Francis Coquelin. A trainer came out as Acosta grabbed at his right ankle but he got to his feet and stayed in the game.

Blake stopped a free kick in the sixth minute for the MLS group, which regularly pushed into its offensive half.

San Jose Earthquakes forward Chris Wondolowski received a roaring ovation when he entered to play on his home field in Avaya Stadium in the 73rd minute, when Seattle Sounders star Clint Dempsey also came into the match.

"This is the most tal-

ented MLS team we've put together," said MLS coach Dominic Kinnear, also the Earthquakes coach. "I would have loved to have won the game and made this experience a little more positive."

Wondolowski had a shot soar over the crossbar from just inside the 18-yard box in the 82nd

TEXAS

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his next start. Banister said that and recent struggled by Texas' bullpen helped determine that Hamels, at 96 pitches through seven innings, would go out again for the eighth.

Catcher Robinson Chirinos said he asked Hamels after the seventh how he felt. "He's like, 'Let's go,'" Chirinos said. "He deserved that win. He was outstanding."

Hamels' 12 strikeouts equaled his Texas high, set last September vs. Seattle. His career high set with Philadelphia - is 15. The 12 is the most by a Rangers pitcher this season.

Odor's 19th of the season added to his career high and went 465 feet into the upper deck in right field, the longest of his career.

MORELAND LOCKED IN

Both homers by the left-handed hitting Moreland were to the opposite field. It was his 10th career multi-homer game and second of the season. He has five homers in his last 11 hits.

Banister said Moreland, 30, is unaffected by the recent call-up of power-hitting prospect Joey Gallo, who will share time at first base with Moreland.

"Mitch is a pro," Banister said. "He understands. He knows he's a part of this lineup. He's a big part of this lineup. So, there was no real conversation that needed to be had."



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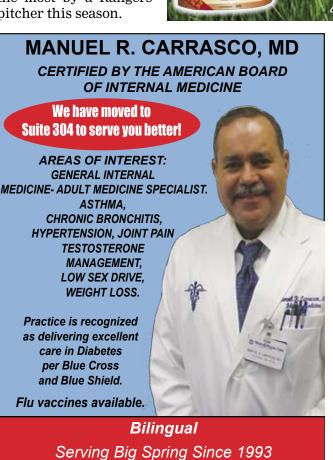
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News in brief

Promoting national unity,

Clinton also seeks to build trust

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hillary Clinton capped off a four-day convention celebration with a plea for national unity and tolerance. Now, one of the most divisive and distrusted figures in American political life must convince voters that she rather than Republican rival Donald Trump can bring a deeply divided nation together.

"I know that at a time when so much seems to be pulling us apart, it can be hard to imagine how we'll ever pull together again," Clinton said to a rapt Democratic convention audience. "But I'm here to tell you tonight - progress is possible."

After a convention speech aimed squarely at undercutting Trump, the first female presidential nominee heads off on a bus tour through two Rust Belt battlegrounds, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The shoot-from-the-hip billionaire believes he can make headway in those states with blue-collar white men, a demographic that has eluded Clinton and was unlikely to be swayed by a convention that heavily celebrated racial and gender diversity. Clinton, accompanied by running mate Tim

Kaine and their spouses, will speak about economic opportunity, diversity and national security, themes hammered home this week by a stream of politicians, celebrities, gun-violence victims, law enforcement officers, and activists of all sexualities and races.

Their goal is to turn out the coalition of minority, female and young voters that twice elected President Barack Obama to the White House and, like Obama, offset expected losses among the white male voters drawn to Trump's message.

Father of fallen Muslim soldier blasts Trump at convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — The father of a Muslim American soldier killed in Iraq posed a question to Donald Trump: Have you read the Constitution?

To rapturous cheers, Pakistan-born Khizr Khan fiercely attacked the billionaire businessman Thursday at the Democratic convention in Philadelphia, saying that if it was up to Trump, his son never would have been American or served in the military.

Khan said that Hillary Clinton, by contrast,

"called my son the best of America."

The address was the latest effort by Democrats to highlight their diversity and criticize Trump's most contentious plans. Beyond his proposed wall across Mexico, the billionaire businessman has threatened to ban Muslims from entering the United States if he becomes president.

Capt. Humayun Khan died in 2004 when a car loaded with explosives blew up at his compound. He was 27.

Pope visits Auschwitz, prays at saint's cell

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) — Pope Francis paid a somber visit to the Nazi German death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau Friday, becoming the third consecutive pontiff to make the pilgrimage to the place where Adolf Hitler's forces killed more than 1 million people, most of them Jews.

Francis entered the camp on foot, walking slowly beneath the notorious gate at Auschwitz bearing the cynical words "Arbeit Macht Frei." He prayed silently for more than 15 minutes be-

fore meeting with several survivors of the camp, greeting them one by one, shaking their hands and kissing them on the cheeks. He then carried a large white candle and placed it at the Death Wall, where prisoners were executed. At the dark underground prison cell that once

housed St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Catholic friar who sacrificed his own life during the war to save the life of another man, Francis prayed again. A few shafts from a tiny window were the only

light cast on the white figure of the pope, who knelt for many minutes before he crossed himself and rose to his feet.

Sandy Hook school opening to public, 4 years after massacre

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — When the public gets its first glimpse Friday of the school built to replace the one where 20 first-graders and six educators were massacred, they'll see a building designed to be attractive, environmentally friendly, conducive to learning, and above all, safe.

The old Sandy Hook Elementary School was torn down after the gunman's rampage in December 2012. The new \$50 million, 86,000-square-foot school was built on the same property but not in the old footprint, and is scheduled to open next month. A media tour will precede a public open house on Fri-

Local officials hope that allowing everyone a look at the school this week will give students a "quiet, respectful, and appropriate opening as teachers and students return to the new school year," on Aug. 29, Superintendent Joseph Erardi said.

The new school, funded by a state grant, has safety features such as impact-resistant windows and state-of-the-art video monitoring. Its ground floor is elevated, making it harder to see inside classrooms from the outside. It has been landscaped to ensure anyone approaching the school is visible to those inside and can enter via one of three pedestrian bridges that cross the landscaping.

Huge, once-hated fish now seen as weapon against Asian carp

CHICAGO (AP) — It's a toothy giant that can grow longer than a horse and heavier than a refrigerator, a fearsome-looking prehistoric fish that plied U.S. waters from the Gulf of Mexico to Illinois until it disappeared from many states a half-century ago. Persecuted by anglers and deprived of places to

spawn, the alligator gar — with a head that resembles an alligator and two rows of needlelike teeth — survived primarily in southern states in the tributaries of Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico after being declared extinct in several states farther north. To many, it was a freak, a "trash fish" that threatened sportfish, something to be extermi-

But the once-reviled predator is now being seen as a valuable fish in its own right, and as a potentially potent weapon against a more threatening intruder: the invasive Asian carp, which have swum almost unchecked toward the Great Lakes, with little more than an electric barrier to keep them at

Efforts are now underway to reintroduce the alligator gar from Illinois to Tennessee.

"What else is going to be able to eat those monster carp?" said Allyse Ferrara, an alligator gar expert at Nicholls State University in Louisiana, where the species is relatively common. "We haven't found any other way to control them."











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