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Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Steven Saldivar talks to members of the news media after announcing his resignation during Thursday's BSISD trustee meeting. Saldivar's resignation is effective on or before June 30, 2014.

Saldivar resigns

Superintendent to step down by end of coming school year

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Dr. Steven Saldivar and Big Spring Independent School District trustees have announced an amicable parting of the ways.

Saldivar, superintendent of the school district for the past five years, announced his impending resignation following a closed session with trustees

at their Thursday meeting. His resignation is somewhat open-ended — it will be effective “on or before” June 30, 2014. Relations between Saldivar and the school board had become somewhat strained, especially after trustees took the unusual step of not extending his contract and

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BSISD brings in hired guns to boost test scores

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is bringing in outside help in an effort to boost student test scores.

BSISD trustees approved an \$187,000 contract with Lead Your School, a private organization of “teacher coaches,” during their monthly meeting Thursday evening.

This is the latest of several steps the district is taking to remove the stigma of “academically unacceptable” state accountability ratings levied by the Texas Educa-

tion Agency three years ago.

Sean Cain of LYS said the organization brings in former principals, assistant superintendents and superintendents to “coach” teachers on how they can improve student performance in the classroom.

The group has already been working with teachers at Big Spring High School this past school year and initial results were encouraging, officials said.

“They are here in an effort to put us all on the same page ... and make sure we’re using the best teaching practices

“What every school district should concentrate on is, ‘What does good instruction look like, how do we recognize it and how do we replicate it?’”

—Sean Cain, Lead Your School chief idea officer

we can,” BSJH Principal Dalia Benavides said.

During the coming school year, LYS will have its coaches on one BSISD campus or

another for roughly 130 of the 177 instruction days, Cain said.

The coaches will mainly work with teachers through frequent observation of their work in the classroom, then suggesting improvements, he added.

The organization works on the belief that “adult practices drive student performance” — in other words, if teachers can maximize their work in the classroom, student progress will invariably follow.

“What every school district should concentrate on is,

‘What does good instruction look like, how do we recognize it and how do we replicate it?’” Cain said. “Our main goal will be to try to get people focused on what’s working on our campuses.”

Although TEA has not announced its new accountability formula, making target goals impossible to predict yet, Cain confidently predicted student improvement.

“The assurances are the district will be able to see that teachers are using their instructional tools better and

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Martin Co. to celebrate ‘Then and Now’

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — Some things just get better with age. That’s what organizers of the Martin County Old Settler’s Reunion are hoping, for sure.

The theme for Saturday’s reunion is “Then and Now,” and considering the event is 80 years old, there’s a lot more “then” than “now.”

The popular event gets under way at 10 a.m. with a parade through Stanton’s downtown area. There will be floats, cars, trucks, bicycles, horses, tractors — you name it. There will even be a “mystery rider,” someone dressed similar to the Lone Ranger or Zorro, to get the crowd to guessing “who’s that?” The public is, in fact, invited to

guess the person’s identity and cast their ballots at the drug store or community center.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first through third place floats. Certificates will be awarded to the best non-theme float and the best class reunion float. Criteria to judge the floats are attractiveness and artistic work, 0-30 points; originality and use of theme, 0-30 points; and amount of work and effort on float, 0-40 points. Anyone can enter.

“Everyone is encouraged to participate and be a part of the celebration,” confirmed Kristi Peterson, one of the reunion organizers.

The parade is dedicated to Bob and Mary Haislip, parade marshals this year.

Those participating are encouraged to have their entries at the Methodist Church by 9 a.m. Makesure your entry is clearly marked for the judges. Terry Smith is in charge of the parade.

Reunion registration begins after the parade and continues until 4 p.m. at the community center, the center of the rest of the day’s activities. Rho XI will provide a hamburger meal with all the trimmings, chips and a drink. In addition, Grady High School cheerleaders will be serving homemade ice cream.

Traditional games will be held at the center, under direction of the Stanton High School cheerleaders. Denise Cooke will be available to take photos of families or class reunions.

Each year, the Martin County Museum selects a family to be honored. The Franz Albert Jr. and Minnie Straub family are the 2013 honorees. A reception honoring the family will be held at the Martin County Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Tours will also be available. In addition to the museum, the new auditorium at Stanton High School will be open for touring from 3 to 4 p.m.

The evening meal will be held at the community center

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Obituaries

Raellen Marie Gilbert Thompson



Raellen Marie Gilbert Thompson, 73, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 10, 2013. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2013, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 4, 1940, in Big Spring to Catherine and Lloyd Gilbert. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring until three years ago. She was a homemaker and later worked for Big Spring Independent School District for 30 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by 5 children, Billy Thompson and Kerri of North Richland Hills, Katy Lamb of Fredericksburg, Molly James and Nigel of Lake Jackson, Jimmy Thompson of Houston and Kristy Thompson and Joe Yoder of Newark; one brother, Mike Gilbert and Jackie of Royse City; two sisters-

in-law, Alene Gilbert of Allen and Billie Gilbert of Arlington; 10 grandchildren, Nick James and Alyse, Nicole De La Garza and Zack, Brendan Lamb, Justin Lamb, Alison James, Megan James, Brock Thompson, John-Eric James, Karli Lyn Thompson and Samuel James; and four great-grandchildren, Brady James, Noah De La Garza, Cally James and Elizabeth Hope De La Garza.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack Gilbert, Bob Gilbert and Bill Gilbert; and one daughter, Meghan Thompson.

Pallbearers will be John Gilbert, Robert Gilbert, Tony Gilbert, Justin Lamb, Nick James, Brock Thompson and Samuel James.

On July 10, 2013, Raellen "Memoe" is now rejoicing with Jesus and Mary in Heaven. She will be truly missed by her family and friends, including her new ones from her most recent home in North Richland Hills. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the only hobbies she needed besides long walks, Diet Coke, Tony Romo and anything purple. The family suggests memorials to the building fund at Holy Trinity Parish, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home; pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Randy Nix



Randy Nix, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil and memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Jerry Duenes officiating.

He was born Jan. 19, 1959, in Flint, Mich. He graduated from Davison Community Schools in Davison, Mich., in 1977. He retired from the U.S.

Air Force after 22 years of service. He worked at the VA Hospital in Big Spring since March 2000.

He is survived by his wife: Stacey of Big Spring; sons: Brian Nix of Flint, Mich., Stephen Nix of Wichita Falls and Derek Nix of San Angelo; grandchildren: Jordon and Aubrey; four step-children: Anastasia, Kaylee, Jeremy and Courtney; two brothers: Terry and Tammie Nix and Kevin Nix, all of Davison Michigan; sister: Michelle and Don Terwilliger of Harrison, Mich.; parents: Herschel and Betty Nix of Sugar Springs, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Emilie Lace Cisneros

Emilie Lace Cisneros, infant, died Monday, July 8, 2013, at Killeen. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 8, 2013, at Killeen, Texas, to Brandie and Robert Cisneros.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers: Brendan Martinez of Big Spring and Lay-

ton Boswell of Killeen; one sister: Aubrie Martinez of Killeen; her grandparents: Larry and Lori Butler of Stanton, Moso Rios of Big Spring and Carmen Martinez of Big Spring; great-grandparents: Jose and Delia Ybarra of Big Spring and Marilyn Pilkinton of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by grandparents: Randle Pilkinton and Mary Rios.

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

Carrol Dean Yater

Carrol Dean Yater, 78, of Stanton, died Thursday, July 11, 2013, at Hospice House of Odessa. At Carrol's request, there will be a private family service.

Carrol was born to John Milton and Nina Gertrude Myrick Yater August 5, 1934, in Big Spring, Texas. He married Lyn Larsen April 6, 1992, in Tazan, Texas.

He graduated from Courtney High School in 1951 and later graduated from Sul Ross University. He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959 at Fort Shafter in Honolulu, Hawaii. Carrol returned to Stanton and farmed with his father. He served as Martin County judge from March 9, 1971 to Oct. 27, 1975, and had served on the Stanton Independent School Board. He was also involved in real estate and oil and gas leases. He was a member of

First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lyn Yater of Stanton; a daughter, Tobie Maldonado and husband John of Midland; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kyle Yater; and two brothers, J. M. Yater and Travis Yater.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midland Children's Rehabilitation, 802 Ventura Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; J.M Yater Scholarship Fund, % Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 N. Loraine, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701; or to Big Spring Humane Society, P. O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0823.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- DIANA MARIA LOPEZ, 37, of 1210 Wood was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault, family violence.
- ELIJAH JAMES COLE, 43, of 1010 E. 15th, was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- RAUL JESUS RAMIREZ, 27, of 1111 Cherry Lane, Midland Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of

criminal trespass - habitation/shelter.

- MARSHA D. CARTER, 43, of 1101 Jeffery Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of parent contributing to nonattendance, two counts.
- DAVID MORALES, 18, of 300 Eckert Drive, was arrested Thursday on charges of no drivers license - when unlicensed, backed so as to interfere (or without safety) and a warrant from another agency.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, of 2600 Langley

was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported at Jefferey and Kyle Roads.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2200 block of Johnson.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1000 block of Scurry.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 in-

mates at the time of this report.

- MARSHA DIANE CARTER, 43, was booked Thursday by the HCSO on charges of parent contributing to nonattendance - two counts.
- ELIJAH JAMES COLE, 43, was booked Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- RAUL JESUS RAMIREZ, 27, was booked Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- DAVID GRIJALVA

James Holt

James Holt, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at the VA Hospital. Graveside services with military honors will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Plainview Memorial Park in Plainview, Texas.

He was born Jan. 7, 1935, in Dallas to Susanna and Daniel Holt. He was a resident of Big Spring for 10 years, coming from Plainview. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his sister: Ruby Hart and her husband Ed of Arlington; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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

Myrel McNew

Myrel McNew, 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 11, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

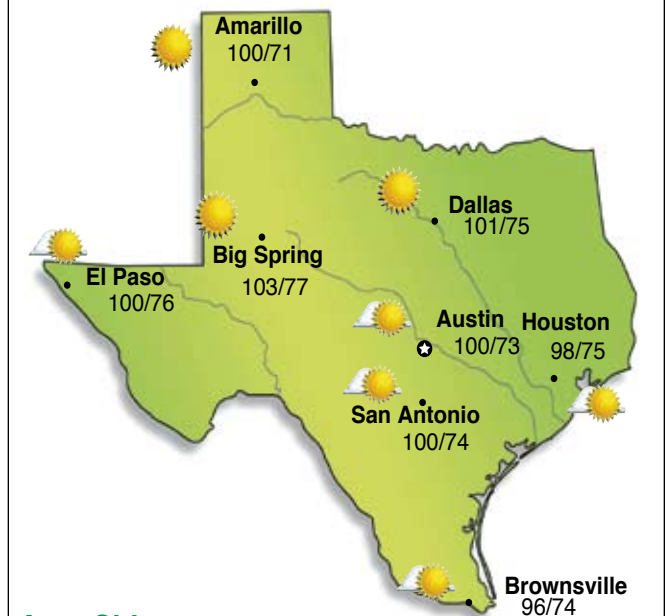
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Texas At A Glance



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	100	71	sunny	Livingston	97	70	mst sunny
Austin	100	73	mst sunny	Longview	95	70	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	72	mst sunny	Lubbock	101	72	sunny
Brownsville	96	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	98	70	mst sunny
Brownwood	103	74	mst sunny	Midland	102	75	sunny
Corpus Christi	97	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	98	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	99	71	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	74	mst sunny
Dallas	101	75	sunny	San Antonio	100	74	mst sunny
Del Rio	102	78	sunny	San Marcos	101	74	mst sunny
El Paso	100	76	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	72	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	sunny	Sweetwater	102	75	mst sunny
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the teachers are starting to use better practices in the classroom,” he said. “The students here have just as much potential as any students in Texas, and the teachers work just as hard as any in Texas.”

In other business, trustees approved:

- A 3 percent from pay grade midpoint raise for all employees, excepting those in custodial or maintenance. Those employees were granted a \$2.20 an hour raise earlier this year.
- Updated local and legal policies.
- The new budget for the Howard County Appraisal District.
- Setting Aug. 15 as the date for a public hearing on the district’s new budget and tax rate.
- Employment recommendations.

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REUNION

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at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per plate. Lester and Kim Baker will cater the event. Tickets sales will begin at 3 p.m. at the center.

The evening’s program — which officially concludes Old Settler’s Reunion — will begin at 7. Folks are invited to stay around, however, for dancing outside the community center. That event is sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Peterson at 432-607-2274.

SALDIVAR

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giving him a mid-level rating of “proficient” following his annual evaluation in June.

But there was no sign of any strife or tension following the announcement. The board — which was minus members Irene Rodriguez, Ken McIntosh and Phil Furqueron Thursday — even agreed to a one-year extension to the superintendent’s contract, although Saldivar’s resignation makes that action effectively moot.

Saldivar, a Christoval native, came to BSISD as assistant superintendent in 2008 and was elevated to the top spot following Michael

Texas Senate stays on track to pass tough abortion rules

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — This time when the Texas Senate takes up tough new abortion restrictions, the chamber’s top Republican is determined not to let anything — or anyone — derail a vote.

The Senate’s leader, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, has scheduled a vote for Friday on the same restrictions on when, where and how women may obtain abortions in Texas that failed to become law after a Democratic filibuster and raucous protesters were able to run out the clock on an earlier special session.

But when protesters arrive at the state Capitol on Friday, dozens of extra police officers will be waiting for them, guarding the gallery and lining the hallways. For those who break the rules, the Texas Constitution gives Dewhurst the authority to jail them for up to 48 hours, no court necessary.

“We’re going to have strict enforcement. If there are any demonstrations, we are going to clear the gallery,” Dewhurst said Thursday. “I hope we don’t get to that point but if we do, we do. This is a democracy and we will not be

interrupted from doing the people’s work by an unruly mob.”

Every person who enters the gallery will be issued a copy of the “rules of decorum” that stipulate there can be no demonstrations or attempts to disrupt the chamber’s work. Dewhurst plans to have more police on stand-by in case things get out of control.

For Dewhurst, who lost control of the Senate to what he called an “unruly mob” during a debate on abortion two weeks ago, his political survival relies on passing House Bill 2. Once considered a formidable politician, Dewhurst bid goodbye to his Senate colleagues in 2011, expecting to easily win a U.S. Senate seat. But tea party favorite Ted Cruz painted him as a moderate, and now he has three challengers in the Republican primary.

As for the GOP, the restrictions are a top priority for the Christian conservative voters who make a majority of Texas Republican voters and want abortions banned. Democrats, however, see in the protests an opportunity that could help them break a 20-year losing streak for

statewide office.

The measures under consideration Friday mirror restrictions passed in Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin and Arizona, but passing them in the nation’s second-most populous state would be a major victory for the anti-abortion movement.

The Texas bill would require doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, allow abortions only in surgical centers, limit where and when women may take abortion-inducing pills, and ban abortions after 20 weeks. Only five out of 42 existing abortion clinics in Texas meet the requirements to be a surgical center, and clinic owners say they can’t afford to upgrade or relocate their facilities.

Republicans insist the restrictions would guarantee better health care for women and fetuses. But critics see it as a way of regulating all Texas abortion clinics out of business. More than 5,000 people swarmed the Capitol last week to oppose the bill.

Democrats successfully defeated the bill in the regular legislative session. Then, during

the first special session, the Senate didn’t take up the bill until the final day. That allowed Fort Worth Sen. Wendy Davis to use a filibuster to delay a vote. When Republicans rushed to try to pass the bill in the session’s final 15 minutes, angry protesters began shouting and screaming from the gallery. Dewhurst could only watch with frustration as a half-dozen state troopers tried to remove more than 400 people.

This time, though, Dewhurst has scheduled a vote early enough in the session that Republicans have plenty of time to pass the restrictions. Democrats see no way of stopping the bill from reaching Republican Gov. Rick Perry, for whom it is a top priority.

“We do not have the numbers to stop it,” said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

But Democrats’ hope that Republicans will have hurt themselves in the long term, that they have overreached in trying to appease their Christian conservative base and alienated suburban women, a constituency that helped President Barack Obama win re-election.

Democrats have helped organize the recent protests and top lawmakers have toured the state as part of Planned Parenthood’s Stand With Texas Women campaign to raise awareness about the new law.

Republicans, though, insist they are on solid ground.

The one thing both sides can agree on is that abortion-rights groups will file a federal lawsuit as soon as Perry signs the bill into law.

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Waco man gets prison for police chase, assault

WACO, Texas (AP) — A Waco man who led police on a high-speed chase and threatened officers as they tried to serve a warrant on him last year was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports 37-year-old Joseph F. La-barbera was sentenced Thurs-

day after pleading guilty to two counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer, aggravated assault, assault by occlusion and evading arrest with a vehicle.

The five-time convicted felon faced a minimum sentence of 25 years in prison because he was charged as a habitual criminal.

Fleeing authorities in June 2012, he was thrown from his motorcycle after crashing into a deputy U.S. Marshal’s car and then threatened a Hewitt police officer with a knife.

Officials say the aggravated assault plea stems from an assault on his stepfather.

Downes’ resignation later that year.

“Five years is a good tenure for a superintendent,” Saldivar said. “I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my time here. We have a good school board and I’ve enjoyed working with the teachers and staff we have here ... Sometimes, you look to do other things. It’s nothing more than that.”

“It’s an amicable relationship I’ve had with the board,” he added. “They’ve been good to me and I appreciate the opportunity they gave me to start out as a superintendent.”

Saldivar pointed to the successful 2010 bond election, which resulted in the construction of four new elementary

schools and extensive renovations to other campuses, as the high point of his tenure.

On the other end of the spectrum, the district has been living under a figurative cloud caused by substandard accountability ratings for three years. Even there, Saldivar saw a silver lining.

“Even though there’s not huge gains academically, we’re certainly on our way up,” he said.

Board Vice President Chad Wash, who presided over Thursday’s meeting, said Saldivar deserved high marks for his handling of the district’s finances.

“This is something

he wanted to do and it seemed like the best course of action,” Wash said. “He’s done a good job — the district is fiscally sound — but both parties are looking at different paths they want to take.”

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us take a short temper, dear Lord, and make it long on love.

Amen

What flight attendants do

Back in the old days, it was “coffee, tea or me.” Flight attendants were stewardesses. They wore sometimes stylish and sometimes just plain bizarre suits or dresses. They were all young and thin and single and definitely not pregnant. That’s what male travelers (and most of the travelers were male) preferred.

And that was the argument the airlines made when they got sued for discrimination. They claimed that being young and thin and female was “job related,” a business “necessity” even, and they produced all kinds of studies showing that passengers really did feel more comfortable with stewardesses they could flirt with.

The reason the airlines ultimately lost, the reason you see flight attendants who are old and male and feel no need to flirt, is because the courts ruled that making passengers feel comfortable is not the primary job of a flight attendant.

And, by the way, it’s also not making sure you get a good dinner or a stiff drink the minute you sit down.

Flight attendants are there for safety. They are trained for the moment no one ever wants



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to experience, the moment passengers on Asiana Airlines experienced last week at San Francisco International Airport, the moment when safety is all that matters.

In the days since, there has been much talk about the actions of the “flight crew” — including the revelation that the pilot was “training” on the flight.

But there has been nothing but praise for the flight attendants — in the case of Asiana, high heels and pencil skirts and all — who carried people off of the plane, dealt with a chute that had wrongly inflated inside the plane and, in short, did what they were trained to do: save lives, not make drinks.

I fly a lot and have for many years.

And over the years, I’ve seen life get harder and harder for the women, and now the men, too, who “serve” the passengers. They have more of us to deal with and fewer goodies to give us; we are tired and overbooked and cranky. The food is terrible, and there isn’t enough of it (to quote Woody Allen), and you have to pay for it, to boot. It takes forever to get a drink. There’s no blanket. There’s no outlet. The WiFi doesn’t work. The seat won’t go back. There’s a line for the bathroom.

When I was a kid, I thought airports were incredibly glamorous places. I thought flying was exciting. I would get all dressed

up to “travel.” It would never occur to me to complain.

These days, it occurs to me all the time. Traveling brings out the worst in many of us. I’m guilty, too. Ask my kids.

It shouldn’t take a tragedy like the Asiana crash to remind us that airplanes are not hotels and restaurants that happen to have wings, and flight attendants are not traveling waiters and waitresses or front desk clerks at the hotel in the sky.

When lives are on the line, their job is to put us first. That’s what the flight attendants on the Asiana flight did, and that’s what that overworked man or woman greeting you at the front of the plane or serving you your soda will do if, God forbid, they need to. They will put your life first. Their instincts, honed by training, will be to save you. They are ready to do it every time they get on a plane, and for that every one of us who travels for work or play owes them a debt of gratitude.

So if you happen to be on a plane this week, maybe it’s a good time to sit back and thank the flight attendant — not for the orange juice or the pillow, but for being ready.

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Snowden exposes our enemies

He may have done more damage to this country than any other person in recent history.

He may have exposed national security secrets that could put Americans at risk. U.S. intelligence leaker Edward Snowden may have helped the terrorists, and we’ll never know by how much!

But for those native Americans who have a hard time identifying our enemies, Snowden has served a good purpose. He is taking a roll call of our enemies, and the response he is getting is “presente.”

After betraying his country by leaking documents about U.S. surveillance programs, Snowden’s pleas for asylum have been mostly answered by anti-American despots all over Latin America.

Venezuela? Presente!

Cuba? Presente!

Nicaragua? Presente!

Ecuador? Presente!

Bolivia? Presente!

This is the result of several U.S. administrations — Democrat and Republican — neglecting Latin America and ignoring the growth of a socialist axis of evil that has been gaining strength and propping up new anti-American firebrands all over the Western Hemisphere.

As our armed forces go around the world trying to put out fires, Americans often forget about our enemies in our own backyard. Yet Snowden is giving us a wake-up call and a wonderful opportunity to distinguish between our amigos and our enemigos.

Amazingly, while several countries have rejected Snowden’s pleas for asylum, while even Russia and China have told him to move on, the leftist Latin American despots are putting up welcome signs for the former National Security Agency contractor now facing charges of espionage in the United States.

Venezuelan President Nicholas Maduro, still trying to become as obnoxious as his predecessor Hugo Chavez, said Venezuela “decided to offer humanitarian asylum to the young American Edward Snowden,” so he can live without “persecution from the empire,” referring to the United States.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said he would be willing



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to make the same offer “if circumstances allow it.” He said that Nicaragua has “the sovereign right to help a person who felt remorse after finding out how the United States was using technology to spy on the whole world, and especially its European allies,” Ortega said, with his typically cynical attitude, as if he actually cared for America’s relationship with its European allies.

Bolivian President Evo Morales said he was offering Snowden asylum as a “fair protest” against the United States, because his plane was denied permission to fly over several European countries, and he had to make an unscheduled stop in Austria when he was on his way home from Russia last week — and because he believes the U.S. orchestrated the whole thing.

Of course, knowing Morales’ hatred of the United States, our European allies had every right to suspect that Morales could be smuggling Snowden out of the Moscow airport where the NSA leaker has been stranded for more than two weeks.

But that incident has served to rally the other members of the leftist axis of evil to come out in defense of their fellow comrades. Ecuadoran President Rafael Correa, who is already giving refuge to wanted WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in the Ecuadoran Embassy in London and the first to consider giving asylum to Snowden, still maintains that an asylum determination would be made if Snowden reaches Ecuadoran territory. And although Correa seems to have toned down his rhetoric after Vice President Joe Biden called him and explained the possible consequences for harboring a fugitive, he still doesn’t miss an opportunity to attack the United States. Correa said that if any country had denied airspace to an American or European president, it “probably would’ve been grounds for war.”

Cheap hyperbole is their specialty!

“We’re here to tell President Evo Morales that he can count on us,” Maduro said in Bolivia Thursday, standing next to Morales and Correa. “Whoever picks a fight with Bolivia picks a fight with Venezuela.”

Even Cuban dictator Raul Castro had the gall to get into the act. “We back the sovereign right of Venezuela and all the states in the region to grant asylum to those persecuted for their ideals or fights for democratic rights,” Castro said in a speech Sunday.

Of course, coming from the dictator of a country where people have been “persecuted for their ideals or fights for democratic rights” for 54 years, Castro’s repulsive hypocrisy is only comparable to Snowden’s.

After all, there is something terribly disgusting about an American who betrays his country — because he allegedly needs to disclose how the United States is infringing on citizens’ rights — and then seeks asylum in countries where those rights are non-existent.

People flee from Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua when the government curtails their freedom, and yet that’s where Snowden is seeking refuge! He claims that he wouldn’t receive “a fair trial and proper treatment prior to that trial” if he came back to the United States, but he seeks asylum in countries where government-influenced courts and human rights violations are common.

It’s asinine!

Imagine Snowden trying to leak government documents in Spanish — and the kangaroo courts and Latin American dungeons where he would be punished!

“I’m not surprised by the countries that are offering him asylum; they like sticking it to the United States,” Democratic Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey said Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” Menendez, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned that there could be serious trade and policy consequences for countries that give Snowden refuge.

“It’s very clear that any of these countries that accept Snowden and offer him political asylum is taking a step against the United States,” Menendez said.

Nevertheless, the Latin American leftist despots seem to be competing with each other to see who gets Snowden.

Let’s face it: These are people who have made entire political careers just by blaming the United States for all their countries’ problems. Their need to continue defying us has now aligned them with Snowden, an American traitor who would surely be used as a public relations tool — another prop to turn Latin Americans against the United States.

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Church News

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church invites you to join us in the Family Life Center Sunday at 6 p.m. as we gather for Prayer Time. Our church-wide prayer focus will be the Boston, Mass. mission trip, as the FBC team is there assisting Charles River Church in ministering to the Boston area.

Sunday morning praise and worship service begins at 10:50, with Sunday School classes for all age groups starting at 9:30. Come and enjoy coffee and donuts before class begins.

Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will be traveling to the Czech Republic in August on mission. Please join us in thanking God for providing both the opportunities and the means for these mission trips.

FBC youth group will be serving those in the community of Garden City Wednesday evening July 17. All students going into grades 7 through 12 are invited to be a part of this fun experience.

FBC Children's department is off to Camp Xtreme (Step Up). These summer camp sessions are always a great time for seeing God at work in the lives of those involved.

We are continuing to collect school supplies for the 'Backpack Blessings' which will take place on Aug. 4. Place your donations on the table located just inside the west doors.

Opportunities for fellowship and fun on Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by prayer meeting, adult choir, and children's 'Wacky Wednesday' activities.

Got questions about God or what it means to be a Christian? FBC invites you to stop by, or call (432) 267-8223 and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. We look forward to meeting you Sunday!

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join them for worship services starting at 10:50 a.m., and Bible study classes before church at 9:30.

This is an exciting time in the life of this new church, as it con-

tinues to grow and offer new worship opportunities for the deaf community.

Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

For additional information, contact FBC at (432) 267-8223.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Vacation Bible School (VBS) God's Creation -- Digging for Answers -- July 22-26 6 - 8:30 p.m. Kindergarten - 6th grade and adults.

Also our regular service times: Sunday Morning-Bible Study 9, worship 10 a.m. Sunday evening - Worship 5 p.m., Wednesday evening - Bible Study/Devo 7 p.m.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS - The Holy Trinity - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - July 14, 2013

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbigspring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net

Sunday Service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Phillip Reid will present the readings this week.

Vacation Bible School will be held on July 15, 16, 18 and 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The study will be OIKOS Athens: The Adventures of Paul."

There will be lots of fun activities (crafts, games). Come join us for the fun! There will be an Adult Bible Study class on the following dates: July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7. The title of the class is "How We Got The Bible."

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

Forsan Baptist Church

Our Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 15-18, Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8:30. A light meal will be provided each day.

Thursday July 18 will be parents' night for the kids to share what they have learned through the week.

On Sunday evenings we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and on Wednesdays we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament.

Our youth mission trip has safely returned from Mobile, Ala. They will be giving their mission report this Sunday morning during normal worship time to share how God's work was done in the lives of many different multi-national people.

We are also working to create a youth recreation area in the garage. So far we have a ping pong table, air hockey table, TV and DVD/VCR. If you have something you would like to donate to this cause we would gladly consider making good use of it.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities will continue throughout the summer, but Wednesday night meals will be suspended until the fall.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First 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. Sunday morning worship is at 8:30 and 10:50, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. worship service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue his summer message series entitled "SOURCE: Where Do You Draw Your Power."

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Getting off the spin cycle

Several years ago, our daughter Brenda was complaining about her harried life as a new college professor to her long-time friend Rachael. However, Rachael was not impressed. "Brenda, you've always been on spin cycle," Rachael chided.

When I heard about Rachael's pronouncement, I had to agree. Brenda has always been on spin cycle because her father and I raised her that way.

I should have heeded the warning years ago when my mother scolded me for poking baby food down Brenda too fast. "Slow down," Mother warned. "She can't eat that fast."

"She has to eat fast," I reasoned, scraping strained peas off her chin with a spoon and scooping them into her already full mouth. "We'll be late."

Eating on the run is not the only bad habit we taught our daughter, we also taught her to take on every new project that came her way.

By example, we taught her that busy people can always be a little busier by piling a few new responsibilities to the heap of commitments that have already been made.

Chaos can become so routine that it feels normal.

With just a little juggling, it is easy to always have something up in the air and another project splat-

ter all over the floor at the same time.

Until my husband and I started needing a little medical WD40 now and then to get us going in the morning and keep us moving the rest of the day, spin cycle wasn't just a setting on the washer at our house. Spin cycle was the mode that kept our world turning until we were totally wrung out at the end of the day.

Albeit, while we were twirling around in circles, we missed a lot of things that flew past us unnoticed.

Whether we are just toddlers or find ourselves tottering about, we all get thrown into spin cycle from time to time.

In our tizzies, we whirl around so fast that we can't figure out how to stop.

However, God has an antidote that will halt our out-of-control spinning: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 6-7 NASB).

Who knows what might happen if we stopped spinning long enough to pray.

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The series is an exploration of favorite Bible passages and how those passages give strength to our lives. Sunday's message is entitled "It's an Overwhelming Victory!" and is taken from Romans 8:28-39. "Kids with Purpose" (KWP) is a summer ministry at First United Methodist Church that helps kids to develop compassionate hearts through service to others.

This week, the children in KWP had a great time visiting residents of Nursery House and the Parkview Nursing Home. They also added their own designer touch to some of the fire hydrants around the city. Next week, KWP kids will have a fun Monday as they play "gross games." They'll also enjoy snow cones after picking up trash again at Comanche Trails.

On Wednesday, they'll shift gears and learn about our church's mission efforts in Nicaragua. Wednesday's activities for the kids will also include tie dying bags that will be taken to Nicaragua next February. Our Second and Third Grade children will be heading off to the "Little Ceta Camp" July 17, 18, and 19. This year's theme is based on Mark 1:17: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Jim Anderson will be leading Wednesday Noon Bible Study this coming week. He'll be continuing the series entitled "The Power of Witness. Food service begins at 11:50 a.m. and the study wraps up at 12:50 p.m. The meal is served for a small fee. All are welcome to attend. Students in our Epic Youth Ministry will be arriving home on Saturday from the Desperation Youth Conference in Colorado Springs. Desperation is a youth movement which calls upon today's youth to live their lives in desperate pursuit of God. Vacation Bible School is set for Aug. 4-7.

First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma

"Living Your Faith Making a Difference. The Reverend Dick McFarlin, of Midland, will be on our pulpit this Sunday sharing that lesson. The scriptures we will be studying are Amos 7:7-17 and Luke 10: 25-36. As always, the youth can participate in the service while entertaining themselves with Pew Pal Bags filled with games, coloring, and light Bible study materials. Session Members are always available after the service, at 11 a.m., to visit with those who would like spiritual care or counsel.

Sunday morning kicks off with Java with Jesus Coffee Hour in the Social Hall with a light snack and coffee around 9:45 a.m. The 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School class is working their way through Ross Parsley's book, "The Messy Church." We have all learned so much about how we function as family members at church and how we all need to make changes to function as God would like us to.

The 10 a.m. Youth Sunday School Class is spending the summer working on crafts, music and drama. We will focus this Sunday on finishing up our Heifer International project by counting money and making the big decision on which animal to purchase.

Upcoming events: After church Sunday, we will be visiting a community home for a spiritual blessing. Monday evening we

will be making a ministry call on a local R.V. park.

Tuesday evenings, at 5 p.m., is a great time for fellowship as members of the Garden of Eden Gardening Club clean flower beds and plant beautiful flowers.

FPC Prayer Team meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone from the area is more than welcome to attend. We pray for all those in the community, region, state, country and world.

Wednesday evenings also include a group walking along with the Leslie Sansone Walking Fitness DVD. This takes place in the air conditioned Social Hall and is available for all.

Thursday afternoons are a peaceful time as we gather together to sew and knit. Join us as we sew prayer blankets and little dresses for Africa. We also have a few ladies that knit and crochet baby blankets, cancer caps, and dish rags for those in the community. Come sit and chat and share the skills given to you by God. Pulpit Supply for July:

July 7	Reverend Jose Casal / Communion
July 14	Reverend Dick McFarlin
July 21	Reverend Craig Meyers
July 28	Ralph Truzskowski

The church is now searching for a part-time pianist or guitarist. Please let us know if you may be interested in this position. The Sunday service is 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are usually 3-6 songs played. We are open to all ideas and options.

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday. The Chancel Choir will not practice during July.

The July Stated Session meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, in the library. Vicki McLean is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday.

The lectionary for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

The Chancel Choir will join the congregation during the summer months. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will give the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

CCC would like to invite you to join us Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. for worship followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class continue meeting each Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The location is in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, please park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the Fellowship Hall. Coming Soon! Wednesday, July 24 at 7pm CCC welcomes worship band The Red Airplanes. Mark your calendars and invite your friends. This is a free concert. CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 mos.-Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th - 12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 yrs.); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage

Enrichment. CCC meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, please see our Multimedia Dept. Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services. CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.)

For more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook or Twitter.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are "Sending our Harts to Zambia" and are helping them to raise funds to go and be missionaries. The next fundraiser will be a "Yard Sale" Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Spring Town Mall (Big Spring Mall) in the old Burke's store and the courtyard. Please come out, meet our Hart family and support them! The Harts are also planning a 5K Fun Run Saturday, Aug. 3. There is a \$30 entry fee. T-shirts available. Pre-registration by July 20 will guarantee you a spot, others while supplies last. All participants to be awarded with the top three finishers to receive special r e c o g n i t i o n . Race will start at 9 a.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m. Contact Shawn or Lauren Hart for entry form or questions.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Old Settler's Pavillion, City Park. "Nehemiah-Rebuilding the City." Everyone must be pre-registered, no one can register at the park. Limited to 60 kids. We must take precautions since we will be at the park. Stay tuned for more information. The kids need to be there 10-15 minutes early to get their supplies, and pick teams so we can start right at 9. We will be outside the whole time so if your child needs sunscreen they might bring it. They need to wear athletic shoes (no flip-flops or sandals). We will have plenty of water, snacks, lunch is provided, and ways to keep cool. We will be building the "walls to the gates." Children can register at SCF Sundays, or Wednesdays, or call or IM Donna Wennik to be added to the list. The "JOY Women's Conference" is scheduled for Aug. 3 from 8 - 4 p.m. at the church. You may register online on our website or call the office.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now pre-registering for Pre-K thru 5th grade for the fall! Visit our website at <http://bigspring-classical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Weekly Happenings: Sunday - 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups,10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. -Worship Service - You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org, Monday-6:30-8:30 p.m.-"Celebrate Recovery," Tuesday-1:45 - Praying Effectively for the Lost, Wednesday- 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, 6 p.m.-Bibles Study and Youth and Children's activities, 6 p.m.-Boys Scouts, Saturday - 7:30 a.m. - Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to attend, 10 a.m. - "Sewing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane.

Costly Grace

There are few men I admire as much as Billy Graham. I first heard him preach in 1970 at Cowboys Stadium in Irving, Texas.

The legendary teams of Tom Landry had not yet played in the stadium which was in its last stages of construction.

I listened to Tom Landry share his own testimony of faith in Christ, then sat with more than 50,000 others in rapt silence as Dr. Graham preached.

At the close of the service, thousands flooded the aisles and came forward in response to his invitation to trust Christ.

On Sunday evenings, I listened to Dr. Graham's radio broadcast, The Hour of Decision, and I read most, if not all, of his books.

Throughout his ministry he avoided the excess of other evangelists, placing himself on a limited salary and avoiding scandal.

I watched him join hands with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in support of racial integration.

Every President since Harry Truman has sought him for counsel and prayer, both Democrat and Republican.

Some tried to use their friendship for political advantage, others credited him with strengthening their faith.

He is now 94 years old and lives at his home in Montreat, N.C. where a few friends and nurses attend him since his wife's death six years ago.

Thirty years ago, when he was already in his sixties, Dr. Graham reflected on his evangelistic ministry and asked some sobering questions.

"I look back on my many years as an evangelist, and I wonder, have I made the Christian faith look too easy? ... Of course our salvation is a result of

what Christ has done for us in His life and death and resurrection, not what we can do for ourselves.

Of course we can trust Himw to complete in us what He has begun. But in my eagerness to give away God's great gift, have I been honest about the price He paid in His war with evil?

And have I adequately explained the price we must pay in our own war against evil at work in and around our lives?"

Last year my wife and I spent the summer in Nuremberg, Germany working with a new church. While I was there I read Eric Metaxas' biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Before he was martyred by Adolph Hitler, Bonhoeffer raised similar questions in his book, The Cost of Discipleship.

Bonhoffer wrote, "Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. ... Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'ye were bought with a price,' and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us."

Speaking of his generation, Bonhoeffer wrote, "We poured forth unending streams of grace. But the call to follow Jesus in the narrow way was hardly ever heard."

Billy Graham's probing reflections on his ministry and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's prophetic book written during Hitler's rise to power raise questions about our own faith.

Have we responded to Jesus' invitation to follow Him?

Are we His disciples? Are we seeking to keep His commandments in all our relationships at home, school, church and work?

Are we opting for cheap grace that costs us nothing or are we embracing costly grace that cost God his Son?

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective.

For more information visit www.tinsleycenter.com Email bill@tinsleycenter.com



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Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement organization, recently named Keep Big Spring Beautiful a Gold Star Affiliate, a designation conferred on just 62 KTB's more than 360 affiliates in

2013. Gold Star recognition is the highest status any community affiliate can achieve.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful successfully implemented programs to prevent litter, reduce waste, beautify community areas and educate local citizens last year.

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CLUB NEWS

News in brief

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Members and individual groups participated in thee Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess With Texas Cleanup in April, conducted thee Community Appearance Index, Pops In The Park, Under West Texas Skies, etc. One phase of our Mission Statement is to educate. A recycle skit was presented to 3rd graders in all elementary school and several civic groups to help students learn that it's not "cool" to litter.

To stay in good standing with KITB, community affiliates must annually submit a report, pay dues, attend at least one training session and participate in at least one KTB-endorsed activity. In 2004, the organization introduced the concept of Gold Star recognition to reward those communities who sought to go above and beyond the established requirements. To achieve this status, affiliates are required to meet additional benchmarks; they must share information on their mission goals, answer questions about their educational pro-

grams and solid waste initiatives, participate in the Keep Texas Beautiful or Governor's Community Achievement Awards programs, and provide a letter of support from their community. KTB formally recognized Gold Star communities during its 46th Annual Conference, held on June 17-20 in downtown San Antonio. Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTBV and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org

Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets the first Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College at noon. Please join in helping make Big Spring attractive for local citizens as well as those who come to visit.

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Deliberations could begin in murder trial of George Zimmerman over death of Trayvon Martin

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — When jurors begin deliberating in the racially charged murder trial of George Zimmerman, they will also be able to consider a lesser charge of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin.

The defense, which claims Zimmerman killed Martin in self-defense, was expected to give its closing arguments Friday, a day after the prosecution spent two hours summarizing its case.

Prosecutors reserved one hour of the three they are allotted for rebuttal once the defense concludes. After that, the jurors will begin deliberating.

"A teenager is dead. He is dead through no fault of his own," prosecutor Bernie de la Rionda told the jurors during closing arguments. "He is dead because a man made assumptions. ... Unfortunately because his assumptions were wrong, Trayvon Benjamin Martin no longer walks this Earth."

Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder, but the jury will also be allowed to consider manslaughter. But because of the way Florida law imposes sentences for crimes committed with a gun, the lesser charge could also carry a life sentence.

Investigators piecing together last moments before San Francisco plane crash

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly a week after Asiana Flight 214 collided with a rocky seawall just short of its intended airport runway, investigators have pieced together an outline of the event — what should have been a smooth landing by seasoned pilots turning into a disaster.

With each new bit of information, the picture emerging is of pilots who were supposed to be closely monitoring the plane's airspeed, but who didn't realize until too late that the aircraft was dangerously low and slow. Nothing disclosed so far by the National Transportation Safety Board investigators indicates any problems with the Boeing 777's engines or the functioning of its computers and automated systems.

"The first thing that's taught to a pilot is to look at the airspeed indicator. It is the most important instrument in the cockpit," said Lee Collins, a pilot with 29 years and 18,000 hours experience flying a variety of airliners. "Airspeed is everything. You have airspeed, you live. You don't, you die."

Investigators are still trying to nail down hundreds of details about the crash last Saturday that killed two people and injured dozens. NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman has cautioned against reaching conclusions.

But investigators already know a great deal. They've listened to the Boeing 777's voice recorder, which captured the last two hours of conversation in the cockpit. They've downloaded its flight data recorder, which captured 1,400 indicators of what was happening on the plane, from the temperatures inside and out to the positions of cockpit instruments.

Around the world, DNA databases solve crimes, but critics fear creep of genetic surveillance

LONDON (AP) — You can ditch your computer and leave your cellphone at home, but you can't escape your DNA.

It belongs uniquely to you — and, increasingly, to the authorities.

Countries around the world are collecting genetic

material from millions of citizens in the name of fighting crime and terrorism — and, according to critics, heading into uncharted ethical terrain.

Leaders include the United States — where the Supreme Court recently backed the collection of DNA swabs from suspects on arrest — and Britain, where police held samples of almost 7 million people, more than 10 percent of the population, until a court-ordered about-face saw the incineration of a chunk of the database.

The expanding trove of DNA in official hands has alarmed privacy campaigners, and some scientists. Recent leaks about U.S. surveillance programs by former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden have made people realize their online information and electronic communications may not be as secure as they thought. Could the same be true of the information we hold within our genes? DNA samples that can help solve robberies and murders could also, in theory, be used to track down our relatives, scan us for susceptibility to disease, or monitor our movements.

Head of Amnesty International's Russia office plans to meet Snowden

MOSCOW (AP) — Two prominent Russian human rights officials say they plan to meet on Friday with Edward Snowden, the leaker of U.S. National Security Agency secrets, after receiving an invitation calling them to Moscow's Sheremetyevo international airport.

Snowden is believed to have been stuck in the airport's transit zone since arriving from Hong Kong on June 23, as he negotiates for asylum in another country.

Sergei Nikitin, head of Amnesty International's Russia office, told The Associated Press he will go to the meeting, but declined to give details. Tatiana Lokshina, deputy head of the Russian office of Human Rights Watch, was quoted by the news agency Interfax as saying she also would go.

On Facebook, Lokshina posted the text of an e-mail purportedly from Snowden that she received Thursday. The text says Snowden wants to make "a brief statement and discussion regarding the next steps forward in my situation."

It does not directly address the offers of asylum that Snowden has received from Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua, though it expresses gratitude for asylum offers and says "I hope to travel to each of them."

It accuses the United States of "an unlawful campaign ... to deny my right to seek and enjoy this asylum."

With scaled-back farm bill passed, House GOP turns to cutting food stamp program

WASHINGTON (AP) — House approval of a scaled-back farm bill is setting up what could be an even bigger fight over food stamps and the role of domestic food aid in the United States.

Food stamps have been a part of farm bills since the 1970s to gain urban Democratic votes for the rural measure. But that union has soured this year as the food aid has exploded in cost and House Republicans have taken aim at the program. Normally bipartisan, farm bills have become much less so.

Republican leaders in the House won passage of the smaller farm bill on a party-line vote Thursday by dropping a section of the bill that dealt with food stamps, saying they would deal with that issue in a separate bill. After rallying most of his caucus to vote for the farm portion of the bill, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said Republicans would "act with dispatch" to get a food stamp bill to the floor.

It remained unclear what a food stamp bill would look like, how it would move through the House or how quickly lawmakers could craft a bill. While Democrats have opposed any cuts to the \$80 billion-a-year program, designed to give people temporary food assistance when their income falls beneath a certain level, Republicans have proposed many different approaches to trimming it. The program has more than doubled in cost in the last five years as the economy faltered and now serves around 1 in 7 Americans.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST

♠ A 6 5 3

♥ K 10 4 2

♦ K Q 10 7 3

♣

EAST

♠ K 10 4 2

♥ A Q 5

♦ A J 9 5 2

♣ J

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the ace of hearts. How would you play the hand?

WEST

♠ A Q J 8 7 5 4 3

♥ —

♦ 8 3

♣ K 8 6

EAST

♠ K 10 9 2

♥ K

♦ A Q J 10

♣ 7 5 4 2

1. The slam is a sure thing regardless of how the cards are divided. Ruff the club, draw trumps, then play the ace and another spade. If North follows low, finesse the ten, thus assuring the contract whether the ten wins or loses. If North produces the jack or queen instead, you win with the king and again can be sure of losing only one spade trick whether South follows or not.

If North shows out on the first or second spade lead, the slam remains certain even though there seem to be two spade losers. After cashing both top spades, you next play the A-Q-5 of hearts.

First, let's suppose South shows out on the second or third round of hearts. In that case, you take the king

and return the ten, discarding a spade from dummy. North wins with the jack, but whatever he returns, you discard dummy's last spade as you ruff in your hand. All you lose is a heart trick.

Now let's say South follows low when you lead dummy's third heart. This time you finesse the ten. If it wins, you have 12 tricks; if it loses, you also have 12 tricks, because North must return a club, which you ruff in your hand after discarding a spade from dummy. You then cash the heart king, discarding dummy's last spade to make the slam.

2. The only danger is that South has the king of diamonds and North the ace of clubs. In that case, if you ruffed the heart, cashed a trump and took a diamond finesse, you could go down one with a club return from South.

To guard against this, the best play is to discard a diamond on the ace of hearts! This ensures the contract against any lie of the opposing cards.

Let's say North shifts to a trump at trick two. You win and play the A-Q of diamonds. If South produces the king, you ruff and have 11 tricks. If South follows low, you discard a club, assuring 10 tricks even if North wins the trick with the king.

The diamond discard at trick one creates a position where you are able to take a diamond finesse that can lose only to North, the nondangerous opponent.

Tomorrow: A sure-fire proposition.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 14

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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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	2	3		1	8	9		
	7		6		3		2	
8	5		2				4	
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New spins bikes donated by Abusaab's to YMCA



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Big Spring Sonic owners Mike and Sheila Abusaab donated a sum of \$8,000 to the YMCA for the purchase of new stationary spin bikes. Pictured with the Abusaab's is YMCA Director Dathan Jones and attendees of one of the Y's spin classes. The bikes were replaced because the Abusaab's "saw a need and like to give back to the community," they said. The Abusaab's are on the YMCA board of directors and regularly donate to Ys across the region.



Photo submitted by Craig Felty

Eight-year-old Taelyn Fulghum competes in the biking portion of a triathlon in Dallas recently. A similar triathlon — open to all ages and expertise levels — will be held in Big Spring on July 20.

Retro Series Triathlon coming to Big Spring

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Have you ever thought about competing in a triathlon, but thought you were too much of an amateur? Too out of shape? That a race involving swimming, running and biking would be too grueling?

Well, you may be right.

But that's why Craig Felty, avid triathlon racer and local outdoor event coordinator, in partnership with U.S.A. Triathlon is announcing the first-ever Retro Triathlon Series — a race geared more toward fun in the sun than intense physical output — to be held July 20.

According to Felty, it's named "retro", because it's closer to the origins of the sport.

"Back when this started, it was just guys who did different things talking about who was in the best shape," he explained. "Bikers thought they were stronger, swimmers thought they were

better athletes — so they started doing triathlons, but it was more about bragging rights among friends. Now, it has grown into more of a competition."

The differences between the hardcore triathlons Felty regularly runs and the upcoming retro race are vast.

"This was invented to attract new participants," Felty, who is race director for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon said. Participants will swim the lazy river at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center, ride a four-mile loop around the bike track and do a one-kilometer run. All you need is a swimsuit, running shoes and any bike. That's what it takes to compete. My eight-year-old granddaughter will be competing in it."

And it's open to just about all ages, with brackets consisting of 7-9, 10-12 and 13-and-up. The cost is \$25 per person, regardless of age, but a one-day

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Big Spring physicals needed, season tickets on sale, equipment pick up dates announced

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

The first signs of autumn have arrived. Big Spring students wishing to participate in football — or any other fall sport — must have a physical examination completed and turned into the Athletic Training Center office prior to the start of the school year.

Newcomers to sports as well as grades seven, nine and 11 are

required to have a physical. Contact athletic trainer Jim Campbell at 264-3647 for more information about physical exams.

Football players must be fitted for equipment between July 29 and Aug. 1, also at the ATC.

And for the fans, season tickets to Big Spring Steer football games are now on sale.

They can be purchased at the ATC July 23 until Aug. 8, from 7:30 a.m. Through 3:30 p.m., Mon-

day through Friday.

Cost will \$20.00 per ticket book, which includes the cost of admission to four home games. The final day to purchase season tickets will be Aug. 22. Two-a-day football practices will begin Aug. 5.

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237.

Wolf is impressive, but Rangers lose 3-1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ross Wolf did his part, limiting the Baltimore Orioles to just three hits over six innings.

Unfortunately for the Texas Rangers, their offense couldn't back up his noteworthy performance in a 3-1 defeat Thursday night.

Texas couldn't have asked for much more from Wolf, who got the start after Yu Darvish was placed on the 15-day disabled list with an upper back strain. Wolf (1-2) gave up two runs, walked one and struck out three.

"I'm very happy with him. He did what his job was today — he kept us in the ballgame," manager Ron Washington said. "That's all you can ask from a guy that's sitting down there and gets a chance to pitch when you need him. We needed him today and he gave us what we needed out of him. We just didn't put enough runs on the board."

Ian Kinsler homered and Mitch Moreland had three hits for the Rangers, who scored only one run in each of

the final two games of the series. Adrian Beltre went 1 for 4 to extend his hitting streak to 13 games.

Orioles starter Miguel Gonzalez (7-3) allowed one run, four hits and two walks in 6 2-3 innings to improve to 5-0 at home this year. Baltimore has won each of the last 12 games he's started at Camden Yards.

"I think he threw the ball well," Kinsler said. "We just didn't have a good offensive night."

Kinsler, like Washington, appreciated Wolf's effort.

"He picked us up huge tonight," Kinsler said. "I think they were only planning on him going four. He made it through six and he didn't really even use a lot of pitches. I think that's going to wear him out a little bit, he's probably going to need a little rest, but that was big for us and big for our bullpen."

After Nate McLouth singled in a run for Baltimore in the

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Patriots' Dennard accused of DUI in Nebraska

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Patriots cornerback Alfonzo Dennard was arrested and accused of drunk driving Thursday in Nebraska while on probation for assaulting a police officer, the second New England player to get in serious legal trouble this summer.

Dennard's early-morning arrest in Lincoln, Neb., where he was a college star for the Cornhuskers, came 15 days after Aaron Hernandez was charged with murder and three days after Patriots owner Robert Kraft said the club will "be looking at our procedures and auditing

how we do things" with regard to character reviews.

"The New England Patriots are extremely disappointed to learn of Alfonzo Dennard's arrest. We take this matter very seriously and are working to get more information on the incident," the team said in a statement.

Dennard's arrest is his second in 15 months. He hasn't served a 30-day jail sentence for the assault outside a Lincoln bar on Apr. 21, 2012. That is scheduled to begin next March. He also was sentenced to two years of probation.

Hernandez, a star

tight end, was arrested on June 26 and charged with murder in the killing of Boston semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty. The Patriots cut Hernandez after he was arrested and before the charges were announced.

Dennard and Hernandez both were highly-touted college prospects whose draft stock dropped because of character concerns.

Seven days after being charged with assault, Dennard was drafted in the seventh round last year out of Nebraska by the Patriots. They drafted Hernandez in

the fourth round in 2010 after he violated the substance abuse policy at Florida.

"If this stuff is true, then I've been duped and our whole organization has been duped," Kraft said Monday of the case involving Hernandez.

The team did not respond to a request Thursday for Kraft's reaction to Dennard's arrest.

The legal issues are bound to hover over the opening of training camp on July 25. Coach Bill Belichick rarely comments on such matters and instructs

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The Virgo moon wants to handle all the details that will ensure a stellar weekend. This moon won't leave anything to chance. It's not for lack of trust in the universe. Rather, it's because the benefits of preparation are proved. The early bird gets not only worms, but also discounts and more convenient parking spaces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll hit a bout of non-productivity — alarming for someone as

goal-oriented as you.

Don't fight it; ride it. Then absolve yourself and move on. This won't put you too far behind unless you waste time beating yourself up about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why wait for a good reason to tune into the emotions of those around you? Provide opportunities to talk about life. Invite others to open up and express thoughts and concerns. It's time to bond.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a chance for new employment or a different kind of working arrangement. It probably won't sound ideal at first, but you'll never really know until you say "yes." This is worth a try.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A friend exclaims, "I can't believe you went there!" But you've always "been there," and the only difference is that you're finally letting your true thoughts and feelings show through instead of repressing



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Opposing forces can provide a nice amount of tension — or they can pull so hard that they have a paralyzing effect. Avoid getting caught in the middle of a contest between particularly strong wills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're thinking along certain lines, it's easy to assume that others are on the same page, and it's surprising to learn that they are not. Don't obsess. Relax and be open to what people have to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wishing to be somewhere else is a waste of life. Give full attention to your current endeavor. You've centered your life on the thing that gives it meaning. Trust that you've made good decisions. You had your reasons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you need help pulling things together, you'll get it. You are surrounded by people with similar goals who like to give, share and support. This is an easy-going time for you, but you have to remember to reach out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends and family are fun-house mirrors that reflect a version of you that's never quite accurate. Know that these distortions can't be helped, and don't believe what you see.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Effort is like money. If you don't put enough forward, you can't buy what you want, which is sad. If you put too much forward, then you're overpaying for what you want, and that doesn't feel good, either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not looking for a chance to demonstrate your experience and maturity, but it just so happens that one comes up. Take the time to get organized — a successful outcome depends on it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a pressure on you to be interesting. Some would interpret this as a cue to posture, perform or even stretch the truth in order to entertain others. You know better. Nothing is more interesting than you being real.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 12). Your cosmic birthday present is

immediately gratifying: You'll get your way and meet a personal goal, too. Use strategy and problem-solving skills to earn big in August. September requires that you pay for training, which is well worth the expense. November and December show you in transition. 2014 brings a fresh scene. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 38 and 49.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Cancer have a way of getting on each other's nerves when they're not falling in love. Should romance be this irritating? If you're learning and growing as a person, you're bound to be uncomfortable at times. Virgo and Cancer will change each other for the better as they learn to tolerate each other's quirks. This weekend, it's no bother as these two slip into a blithe and passionate mode.

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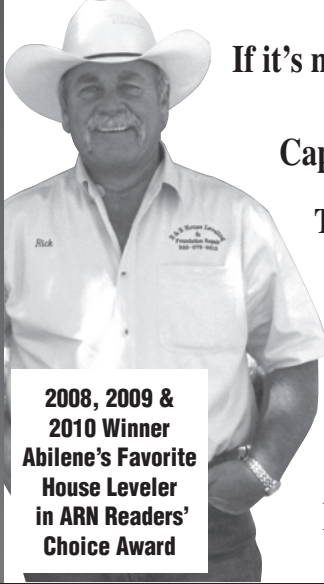
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5 :PM	News ABC	Casa Notic.	Two Men CBS	News	Noticias Noticiero	News	King Seinfeld	The Dr. Diana	Martha Curious	King '70s	Fast N' Loud		(4:55) Movie: The Punisher, Will Patton	Castle	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good Jessie		SportsCenter
6 :PM	Jeopardy! Wheel	Corazón Indomable	Big Bang Big Bang	News Ent	Caso Cerrado	News Millionaire	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Israel Upd	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld Rules	Street Out-laws	Movie: Honda, Ward Bond		Castle	Experience	ANT Farm		
7 :PM	Shark Tank	Porque el Amor	Bones (DVS) The Following	Undercover Boss	Dama y Obrero (SS)	Camp	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Door-Wis-dom	Wash Need	Cult	Street Out-laws		Movie: The Expend-ables, Jet Li	Movie: Un-known, Janu-ary Jones (DVS)		ANT Farm	MLS Soccer	Softball
8 :PM	What Would	Amores Verdaderos			Marido en Alquiler	Dateline NBC	Movie: Big Daddy, Jon Stewart (DVS)	Best of Light of the Southwest	American Masters		Warlocks Rising	Movie: The Shawshank Redemption, Bob Gunton			Movie: Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day	Jessie Gravity		
9 :PM	20/20	Qué Bonito Amor	Simpsons How I Met	Blue Bloods	El Señor de los				Ribbon	Cops Seinfeld	Philly Throttle			72 Hours	Dog Good	ANT Farm	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.	Baseball Tonight
10 :PM	News Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Impacto Noticiero	How I Met	News Letterman	Noticias Boxeo Telemundo (SS)	News Jay Leno	There There	Upd Alewine	Charlie Rose	Rules '70s	Warlocks Rising		Movie: A Man Apart, Timothy Olyphant	King & Maxwell	Husbands	Austin		SportsCenter
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12 :AM	Extra Mazda	Zacatillo, un	Raymond		De'siones		There	Mani		Street Out-laws		(12:04) Breaking	Tattoo	Movie: Rules of Engagement, Guy Pearce	Movie: 35 & Ticking, Kevin Hart	Austin Good	NASCAR Poker	SportsCenter
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DENNIS THE MENACE

7-12

"OL' RUFF THINKS EVERY KID DESERVES A LICKIN'."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

7-12

"I learned in history class to always remember the alamoide."

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7-12

"I'VE ENJOYED HAVING TEA WITH YOU THIS AFTERNOON, HELGA"

"AND I HOPE YOU'RE GETTING TAKEOUT FOR DINNER..."

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7-12

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"PASTRAMI GUY"

"NO, I MEAN, WHAT'S YOUR REAL NAME?"

"MY REAL NAME?"

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7-12

"WHAT'S THAT? OUR SCOUTING REPORTS."

"MINE SAYS — BATS LEFT, THROWS RIGHT."

"HOW ABOUT MINE?"

"SCARED OF BATS. THROWS LIKE A GIRL."

WIZARD OF ID

7-12

"SIRE! I'VE DONE IT!"

"AFTER MONTHS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT... IT'S FINALLY HERE!"

"BANANA BREAD THAT'S ALL CRUST!"

"I'M CUTTING YOUR FUNDING!"

AGNES

7-12

"I'VE DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, AND THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF POEMERS."

"POEMERS?"

"A PURVEYOR OF POEMS WOULD BE A POEMER."

"THAT'S A MALE THAT WRITES POEMS... YOU'RE A GIRL."

"OH... THEN MAYBE I'M A POETRINA."

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7-12

"RATTLE RATTLE"

"SHE'S OUR NEW PERCUSSIONIST."

THE OTHER COAST

7-12

"HI. MY NAME'S DAISY. WHAT'S YOURS?"

"BUTCH."

"DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN, BUTCH?"

"YEAH."

"YOU SHOULD STOP BY MY KENNEL FOR TEA SOMETIME."

"MAYBE."

"WHY IS IT THE GOOD-LOOKING ONES ARE ALWAYS NEUTERED?"

SNUFFY SMITH

7-12

"OH !! I FERGOT T'TELL YA, PAW..."

"MADDY'S BACK FROM ENGINEERIN' SCHOOL !!"

BEETLE BAILEY

7-12

"ONE FOR THE ROAD!"

"HEAR! HEAR!"

"THOSE GUYS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO TOAST"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2013. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1943, the World War II tank battle of Prokhorovka between German invaders and Soviet defenders took place with no clear victor.

In 1948, the Democratic national convention, which nominated President Harry S. Truman for a second term of office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1967, six days of race-related rioting erupted in Newark, N.J.; the violence claimed 26 lives.

In 1973, actor Lon Chaney, Jr., 67, died in San Clemente, Calif.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

In 1993, some 200 people were killed when an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck northern Japan and triggered a tsunami.

In Somalia, a mob enraged by a deadly United Nations attack on the compound of Mohamed Farrah Aidid killed an Associated Press photographer and three employees of Reuters.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Monte Hellman is 84. Comedian Bill Cosby is 76. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 70. Actress Denise Nicholas is 69. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 68.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Flutter, as an eyelash

4 Irritated

9 Square-mile fraction

13 Creative inspiration

14 Train

15 General Mills brand

16 John Wayne's birthplace

17 Personal preference

18 Tiny ravelings

19 What helps to take bad booze in stride?

22 Fax ancestor

23 Box score abbr.

24 Brink

25 "Good" cholesterol

26 What we have here

30 Sort of gutter blockage

32 Weather systems

34 Solemn observance

35 Complain about bad booze?

39 Energy measurements

40 Don't fold

41 Keystone St. city

44 Really moved

45 Loafer

48 Society girl

49 Elvis record label

51 High society

53 When bad booze is served after hours?

58 Fisher of Wedding Crashers

DOWN

1 Raised, as spirits

2 Additionally

3 Irritate

4 "It's for," for short

5 Homophone of 3 Down

6 Mitigate

7 One concerned with lines

8 Justice Department arm

9 First Amendment lobby

10 Added one's two cents

11 Make over

12 Immoderate

13 Happy feeling

20 Bonus

21 Here: Lat. question

27 Trainee's question

28 Fills in, as *Family Circus*

29 Numbers, backwards and forwards

31 CNN colleague of Wolf

32 Blend together

33 Break apart

35 Coffeecake topping

36 Minor objections

37 Turn green, maybe

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his players to do the same.

Belichick has sometimes signed players who had troubles elsewhere if he felt they could help the team win, hoping his disciplined approach and leaders such as Tom Brady and Vince Wilfork and now-retired Patriots including Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel could keep them in line.

Results have been mixed. Running back Corey Dillon and wide receiver Randy Moss, disgruntled on their previous teams, avoided off-field problems with the Patriots and were productive for several seasons. Chad Johnson, then known as Chad Ochocinco, caught just 15 passes in his only season with the Patriots in

2011 but caused no off-field distractions.

Dennard became a starter at cornerback in the seventh game of his rookie season. The other starter, Aqib Talib, was obtained from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last Nov. 1 then signed a one-year contract on March 16. He missed his first game with the Patriots while completing a four-game suspension imposed by the NFL for violating its policy on performance-enhancing substances.

Talib had been suspended without pay for the 2010 opener and fined one additional game check for violating the NFL's personal-conduct policy. That followed an altercation with a St. Petersburg cab driver during training camp in 2009. He also had charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Texas dropped.

RANGERS

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eighth, Jim Johnson got three outs for his 31st save in 37 opportunities.

Wolf hadn't allowed a homer all season until Chris Davis and Brian Roberts both went deep in a span four batters. Davis put the Orioles up 1-0 with his major league-leading 34th home run, and Roberts led off the third with his second homer of the year.

"Davis, threw him a changeup. It was right down the middle," Wolf said. "Roberts was a

little better pitch. It was fastball down and in, it was supposed to be away. I just missed the spot and it's (in) his happy zone. Made a mistake and paid for it."

The drive ended an 0-for-17 skid for Davis and enabled the former Ranger to reach career highs in homers and RBIs (86).

Besides the homers by Davis and Roberts, the only other hit off Wolf was a leadoff single by Matt Wieters in the fifth. He was promptly wiped out by a 6-4-3 double play in which shortstop Elvis Andrus went deep in the hole before flipping the ball to second from his glove.

The Rangers had just one runner through the first four innings and managed only two hits through the fifth — both of them singles by Moreland.

Kinsler homered to lead off the sixth and Nelson Cruz singled with one out before Beltre hit into a double play.

Texas got a runner on second with no outs in the eighth before Darren O'Day quelled the threat.

"You got give to credit to O'Day," Washington said. "He made the pitches that he had to make. He got the guys he had to get out, and that's the way it goes."

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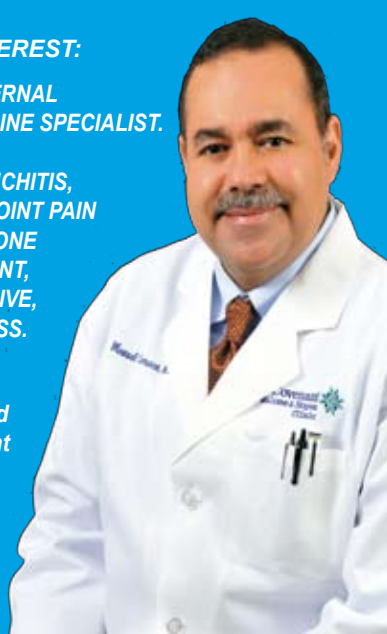
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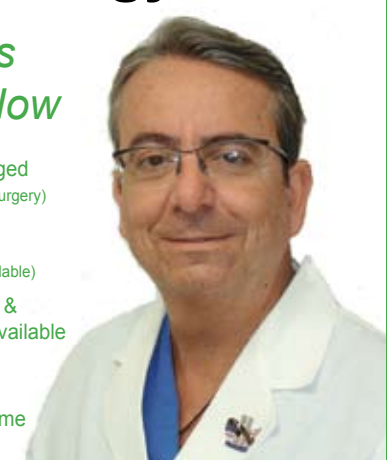
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U.S.A. Triathlon membership is required. Year-long memberships are also available. The cost for a one-day membership is \$5 per child and \$12 per adult.

"Believe it or not, more people are getting involved in fitness," Felty, a nationally certified race director said. "This a very friendly event. It gives you a chance to get out with your friends and get that good Facebook profile picture. It's designed to appeal to first-time athletes. We will have people from 7-75-years-old competing. I work with the Visitors and Convention Bureau, when I heard about this, I immediately called and told them I wanted to do the event. We're one-of-ten cities in the United States to have one of the Retro Series Triathlons."

Spectators are also welcome.

"It's very spectator friendly," Felty added. There will be great photo opportunities during all phases of the race. Since it's shorter, you can watch just about all of it."

Felty half of the 200 spots are already filled, so if you'd like to secure one of the remaining 100, visit www.usaretrotriserries.com, or call Felty at 213-0409 to reserve a spot.

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