

Mayor's EDC plan draws fire

City council tentatively OKs idea to put 4B proposal before voters

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Despite a strong public outcry to let the Big Spring Spring Economic Development Corporation remain a Type A agency from board members — present and former — and local residents, the city council voted unanimously Tuesday night to move forward with efforts to have the issue taken to the voters in November during a special election.

The council — with District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson absent due to health issues — approved first reading of an ordinance calling for a special election to be held during the Nov. 6 general election for Big Spring voters to consider abolishing the current one-half cent sales tax currently devoted to Type A economic development and replace the tax at the same amount with a Type B Tax under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code.

At the heart of the argument Tuesday night was Mayor Tommy Duncan and Big Spring EDC Board of Directors President Justin Myers, who sparred at length regarding Duncan's push to move the EDC from the Type A agency to a Type B corporation.

This week isn't the first time Duncan and Myers have locked horns, however, as the EDC and council found themselves at odds earlier this year when the city council tried to force the EDC to give up nearly half its



Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, flanked by city council members Glen Carrigan, left, and Bobby McDonald, makes a point during Tuesday's council meeting.

annual budget for the next 20 years to finance a proposed multi-million overhaul of the municipality's water and wastewater facilities.

The overhaul — which was ultimately approved by the voters in the form of a Type B (or 4B) funded project — was agreed upon by both the city and EDC to the tune of 40 percent of the corporation's annual budget, but not before the city included a provision guaranteeing it would not seek further 4B funding from the EDC while the 20 year note was in effect, offering protection

to the remaining 60 percent of the agency's budget.

"One of the things we were adamant about was to leave the other 60 percent to do 4A projects. It wasn't ideal as far as we were concerned, but we thought we could live with that," Myers told Duncan during the meeting. "We did that in good faith and we thought we had a deal and it would be in place for the 20-year term. Going from a 4A to a 4B, it's hard for me to not at least

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The 2012 Walk to End Alzheimers will be held Sept. 15 at the city park.

Alzheimers walk plans shaping up

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

An end to Alzheimers is one step closer as the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimers nears.

The annual event, which has been taking place for more than 10 years in the Big Spring community, is scheduled for Sept. 15. However, before the walk gets here, Compass Hospice will host a kick-off at noon Aug. 7, offer-

ing hot dogs and hamburgers at the office.

"We are trying to get more community involvement and education out there," Michelle Coutermarsh, volunteer coordinator, said.

For those wanting to take part, registration will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Haynes Pavilion in Comanche Trail

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SA seeks assistance for back to school drive

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With a little less than a month left before area parents have to send their children back to school, the local Salvation Army is asking for assistance with its annual Back to School Drive.

And while the trek back to school may elicit groans about teachers and books from students, it will leave many parents in a fiscal pinch as they desperately try



Flores

to pay for their children's back to school supplies, a task the Big Spring Salvation Army is hoping to step in and assist with.

However, before the first pencil or pen can be handed out as part of the annual Back to School program, the Salvation Army needs help from the community.

"It's really amazing how easily the

back to school season can creep up on you each year," Bessie Flores, a social worker with the local Salvation Army, said. "It seems like it comes earlier and earlier each year.

"We're accepting donations for the drive now. Whether people in the community would like to donate school supplies or make a monetary donation, either is fine. We're expecting a pretty

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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Birks



Mary Elizabeth Birks died June 9, 2012, at the age of 75. She was born in Stanton, Texas, to Leonard and Sallie White.

She is survived by her loving family, including her son, Michael McGann Sambogna and partner Ron Watterson; daughter, Nancy Shoults and husband Mike and their children, Erin Elizabeth, Michael David and Hannah Ann Shoults; daughter, Patricia Hardiman and husband Mike and their daughters, Whitley Elizabeth Esteban, Samantha Ann Esteban and Lilli Grace Hardiman; son, Felix Sambogna and wife Karen and their children, Jordan Elizabeth and Ryan Dominic Sambogna.

She is also survived by her brother, Leonard J. White, her sister, Bobbie White Burchett and their families, as well as many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Lloyd White, "Red" William Howell White, Stanton White, Marie White, Lily Mae White and Johnnie Ruth White Kemper.

A celebration of Mary's life for friends and family was held Thursday, June 14 at the Destin Bay House, 127 Calhoun Ave. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A graveside committal service will be held at noon Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, Texas.

Grandmama Mary, we love you, you know.

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

Paid obituary

Viola Pearl Ritter Rogers



Viola Pearl Ritter Rogers, 90, died Sunday, July 22, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Edgar Funeral Home in Marble Falls, Texas.

She was born to Melvin A. and Lilly Pearl Watts Ritter on Nov. 6, 1921, in Alan, Okla. She was married to the late Woodrow W. Rogers for 47 years and was a stay-at-home mom, raising their children, Beverly Sue Grantham, Gary

Rogers and Rowena Rogers Brooks while living in Big Spring.

She taught Sunday School at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church and was a volunteer at the VA hospital. After Woody's retirement, they moved to Granite Shoals, Texas, where they made their home for 30 years.

Survivors include her daughter and son in law, Rowena and Mark Brooks of Houston and their children; daughter-in-law, Claudetta Rogers; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Please sign the Online Guest Book at www.edgar-fh.com

Mary Evelyn Bilbrey

Mary Evelyn Bilbrey, 78, of New Braunfels, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, in a New Braunfels hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fredrick 'Rick' T. James

Fredrick "Rick" T. James, 62, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- ALEXANDER TAPIA, 27, of 1315 Park St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 18, of 1505 Johnson St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
- BILLY CHRISTENSEN, 25, of Snyder, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of shoplifting

(theft) – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3900 block of E. Highway 350.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOHN GREGORY STONE, 27, was arrested Tuesday by Glasscock County on an out of state warrant/aggravated rape.

• JOE DAVID FLORES JR., 41, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated and DWI (second offense).

• PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 33, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• COMANECKI OLYN LOPER, 31, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.

• BRANDON LYNN WHITE, 24, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on charges of prohibited weapons switchblade/knuckles and driving while license invalid.

• BILLY GENE CHRISTENSEN III, 25, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$50 and \$500.

• BROOKE RIOS, 23, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on a charge of speeding — 60 mph in a 50 mph zone, fail to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.

• LASHEKKA GALLEGOS, 23, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on charges of theft of property between 50 to \$500, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of dangerous drug and false/fictitious information possession drug paraphernalia.

• DAVID CORNELIUS WESTBROOK, 18, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on a charge of failure to attend school.

• NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 18, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center by BSPD on charges of fail to identify fugitive intent to give false information, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, abscond while on parole/sexual assault.

• ALEXANDER TAPIA, 27, was transferred Tuesday to the county detention center Tuesday by Midland County and BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$50 and less than \$500.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported near mile marker 185 of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of N. McDonald Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Jeffery Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 200 block of N.E. Ninth Street.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 500 block of W. Fourth Street.

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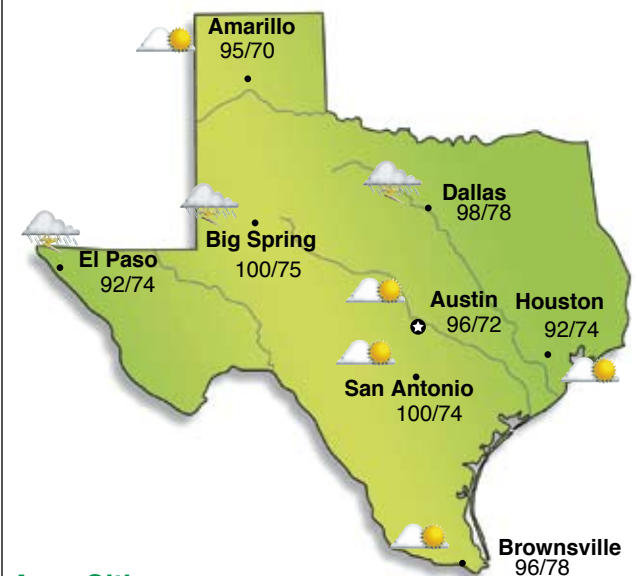
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	74	t-storm	Kingsville	97	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	95	70	pt sunny	Livingston	93	71	pt sunny
Austin	96	72	pt sunny	Longview	94	75	t-storm
Beaumont	92	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	91	70	t-storm
Brownsville	96	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	101	74	pt sunny	Midland	97	76	t-storm
Corpus Christi	93	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	99	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	75	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	73	pt sunny
Dallas	98	78	t-storm	San Antonio	100	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	103	78	pt sunny	San Marcos	96	72	pt sunny
El Paso	92	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	94	76	t-storm
Fort Stockton	93	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	97	74	t-storm
Gainesville	95	75	t-storm	Tyler	96	75	pt sunny
Greenville	94	74	t-storm	Weatherford	97	75	t-storm
Houston	92	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	74	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	74	t-storm	Minneapolis	80	65	pt sunny
Boston	80	66	t-storm	New York	89	74	t-storm
Chicago	82	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	83	pt sunny
Dallas	98	78	t-storm	San Francisco	60	53	mst sunny
Denver	89	64	t-storm	Seattle	72	58	pt sunny
Houston	92	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	94	72	sunny
Los Angeles	76	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	96	77	t-storm
Miami	89	77	pt sunny				

Moon Phases

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Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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heavy demand this year, so everything will help.”

Flores said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year.

“It’s hard enough to get back into the books after a whole summer off,” Flores said. “When you don’t have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids’ lives, and we need to do everything we can to support them.”

Making a donation to the program is simple, according to Flores.

“If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money,” Flores said. “The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don’t have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it’s fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies.”

Flores said the local charity will accept applications for assistance through the program Aug. 13 through Aug. 24, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon at the Salvation Army office located at 811 W. Fifth St.

“We’ll be doing the application and distribution the same way we did it last year,” Flores said. “The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don’t have to make a second trip to the office.

“We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child. We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also, bring proof of income and expenses and a picture ID for the person applying for the program.”

For more information on the program, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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Hemsley, TV’s George Jefferson, dies

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — George Jefferson was a bigot. A loudmouth. Rude. Obsessed with money. Arrogant. And yet he was one of the most enjoyable, beloved characters in television history.

Much of that credit belongs to Sherman Hemsley, the gifted character actor who gave life to the blustering black Harlem businessman on “The Jeffersons,” one of TV’s longest running and most successful sitcoms — particularly noteworthy with its mostly black cast.

The Philadelphia-born Hemsley, who police said late Tuesday died at his home in El Paso, Texas, at age 74, first played George Jefferson on the CBS show “All in the Family” before he was spun off onto “The Jeffersons.” The sitcom ran for 11 seasons from 1975 to 1985.

With the gospel-style theme song of “Movin’ On Up,” the hit show depicted the wealthy former neighbors of Archie and Edith Bunker in Queens as they made their way on New York’s Upper East Side. Hemsley and the Jeffersons (Isabel Sanford played his wife) often dealt with contemporary issues of racism, but more frequently reveled in the sitcom archetype of a short-tempered, opinionated patriarch trying, often unsuccessfully, to control

his family.

Hemsley’s feisty, diminutive father with an exaggerated strut was a kind of black corollary to Archie Bunker — a stubborn, high-strung man who had a deep dislike for whites (his favorite word for them was honkies). Yet unlike the blue-collar Bunker, played by Carroll O’Connor, he was a successful businessman whose was as rich as he was crass. His wife, Weezy, was often his foil — yet provided plenty of zingers as well.

Despite the character’s many faults — money-driven, prejudiced, temperamental, a boor — Hemsley managed to make the character endearing, part of the reason it stayed on the air for so long. Much like O’Connor’s portrayal of Archie Bunker, deep down, Hemsley’s Jefferson loved his family, his friends (even the ones he relentlessly teased) and had a good heart. His performance was Emmy and Golden Globe nominated.

“He was a love of a guy” and “immensely talented,” Norman Lear, producer of “The Jeffersons” and “All in the Family,” said after learning of his death. El Paso police said the actor was found dead at a home where neighbors said he’d lived for years, and that no foul play is suspected.

“When the Jeffersons moved

in next door to the Bunkers, I wanted to deliver the George Jefferson who could stand up to Archie Bunker,” Lear recalled Tuesday. “It took some weeks before I remembered having seen Sherman in ‘Purlie’ on Broadway.”

Hemsley read for the part and “the minute he opened his mouth he was George Jefferson,” Lear said.

Hemsley was smaller than O’Connor’s Archie but “he was every bit as strong as Archie,” Lear said.

Sherman Alexander Hemsley, though, was far less feisty. The son of a printing press-working father and a factory-working mother, Hemsley served in the Air Force and worked for eight years as a clerk for the Postal Service.

Having studied acting as an adolescent at the Philadelphia Academy of Dramatic Arts, he began acting in New York workshops and theater companies, including the Negro Ensemble Company. For years, he kept his job at the post office while acting at night, before transitioning to acting full-time.

He made his Broadway debut in 1970’s “Purlie,” a musical adaptation of Ossie Davis’ Jim Crow-era play “Purlie Victorious.” (Hemsley would later star in a 1981 made-for-TV version of “Purlie,” as well.)

WALK

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Park. No registration fee is required, but if teams — which can be comprised of two or more people — want to gather donations, they are welcome to. The

walk will start at 9:30 a.m.

“Alzheimers is becoming a fast-growing, aggressive disease and we want to educate the community about it,” said Alma Gonzales, community education representative for the association.

Donations are being

sought for the kick-off as well as for the walk. Door prizes are needed, monetary donations are accepted and sponsorships would be greatly appreciated, according to Gonzales. For those wanting to become a sponsor, there are different tiers — silver, gold, platinum and title

sponsors.

“We really want to encourage area businesses to take advantage of our sponsorships,” Gonzales said.

For those wanting to become a sponsor, the deadline is being set at Aug. 15 in order for advertising and event materials to be ordered

with all sponsors listed.

“Alzheimers is a disease that doesn’t just affect the patient,” Coutermarsh said. “This affects the family and the caregiver.”

To find out more information, make a donation or register a team, call Coutermarsh or Gonzales at 263-5999.

Donations can also be dropped off at 602 S. Main, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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COUNCIL

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see that as breaking the spirit of that agreement.

“I had several people tell me then, once we started down this road they (the city council) would get it all, and that’s the feel this has for us. And that’s where we feel like we are. We asked to have the 60 percent for 4A, and now you want to make us a 4B. Whether it’s the intent or not, from the board’s perspective that absolutely broke the spirit of that agreement.

Whether this goes to a vote or not, I think from here on out we’re going to have a watered down 4A (economic development). I think that’s just a travesty for our future.”

Duncan said he understood Myers’ and the other EDC board members feelings the city was going back on their deal, but refused to see it their way, saying they were still honoring the “spirit” of the deal they made.

“I gave the EDC plenty of heads up before we started negotiating whether we would let the community vote on the water project,” Duncan said. “I did that initially thinking the EDC would be excited

that this would open doors, that better water and being able to divert money for better streets would be an attractive thing for business and industry, but you disagreed and I understand that. My problem with your position was you didn’t want the community to vote and you were ready to argue that point. In order to try to make it not such a hot topic in the community and to prevent what we had anyway, I sat down and negotiated with you, in good faith, what you said was a package you said you could live with.”

Myers said his main concern for the move from Type A to Type B is what it will do to the city’s ability to create jobs and maintain a level of economic development in a time when it has become more and more critical.

“My real concern with making this a 4B corporation, the board’s concern with it and what the community should

be concerned with is whether we’ll have watered down or no economic development for 4A projects,” Myers said. “Even if it’s not this board, then future boards. People with common sense know, that’s just the way it is. If the government can get its hands on it, I think it will be spent on (4B) projects. The 4A side will be quickly watered down and that would be my main concern with going to a 4B corporation.”

Dr. Keith Ledford, who serves as the EDC board’s vice president, also didn’t take kindly to what he called a “backdoor” attempt to break the agreement between the city and the EDC, also spoke emotionally during the meeting.

“As far as the agreement is concerned, I definitely feel this is a

backdoor way to break the agreement,” Ledford said. “I’m highly offended as a member of the EDC and as a citizen of Big Spring that there has been this attempt to backdoor and not agree, to not stand up for an agreement that you, the city council made with the EDC.”

“Mr. Ledford, could the EDC have not made any of those agreements under a 4B EDC?” Duncan asked.

“I don’t know. If you take the money away, there’s no money to do it with,” a very animated Ledford said. “And that’s exactly what you’re doing.”

Also part of Tuesday night’s meeting, the agenda called for discussion and consideration of removing and replacing board members currently seated on the Big Spring EDC.

However, Duncan said the item was placed on the agenda prematurely and he would not be asking that any of the existing board members be removed. He did, however, give the remaining council members the chance to make any suggestions regarding dismissals, to which there were none.

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OUR VIEWS

United Way kicking off with boots and bling

Boots and Bling Kick-off, benefitting the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is set for 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

The evening event at the Big Spring Country Club will be the "unofficial" start to the 2013 campaign, scheduled to begin Sept. 1.

The evening will be filled with hors d'oeuvres, silent auction items, refreshments and live entertainment. Once again, a band from Abilene, Freeride, will be providing the music.

The annual event serves as a way to get the board members, local businesses and community members in gear for the upcoming campaign.

Once again the full board of 24 members will be working to reach the 2013 campaign goal, which will be announced during the kick-off.

Last year, the goal was set at \$275,000 and surpassed totalling \$290,00. The previous year the campaign brought in \$288,000.

All of the money raised during the annual campaigns benefits the supported agencies throughout the community. This year, there are 16 agencies receiving funds from the United Way.

The majority of the money the night of the kick-off is expected to come from the silent auction items. Last year, items up for bid ranged from art pieces, pedicures, handbags, gift baskets and more.

This year, many similar items are expected to once again be up for grabs, but could include an even wider selection.

For those wanting to enjoy an evening at the Big Spring Country Club while helping out not one, but several vital agencies in the community, tickets are on sale now.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of eight. They can be purchased from any board member or by stopping by the office, located at 215 W. Third.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are our important business and personal contact.

Amen

Pride, a troublesome commodity

Pride is a very ambiguous and troublesome commodity. It can be hellishly destructive when driven by arrogance or an inflated evaluation of self-worth or it can be a powerful force for good if rooted in honesty, a spirit of excellence, and character. It all depends on which version we choose to employ.

By definition it is simply "a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct, etc." That certainly paints a potentially ugly picture of this perplexing attitude of the heart and mind, but if you will stay with me in this expedition I want to show you that it is possible to exercise a positive side to this deceptive scoundrel called pride.

You may have seen the bumper sticker that reads "I wasn't born in Texas but I got here as fast as could." It usually doesn't take long for a visitor to our great state to be introduced to Texas Pride because it runs deep and easily surfaces in word and deed with little or no provocation. I could legitimately wear a t-shirt with that slogan on it because, although I discovered America in Bradenton, Florida, my ministerial parents came to Texas when I was two years old and never left, still joyfully residing in the Lone Star State some 59 years later.

Why, just this evening our Mineral Wells-born son was telling us he is ordering Native Texan license plates for his pickup.

The New Yorker was bragging about Texas not having anything to compare to Niagara Falls as he and a Texan stood side by side observing the massive and ferocious flow of water. "Nah, we

sure don't," drawled the Texan. "But we've got a plumber down in Dallas that could fix that leak in about an hour." You just aren't going to win a bigger-and-better argument with a Texan.

As I discovered when I graduated High School and left Texas to attend college in Tennessee, every state has its prideful citizenry and I applaud anyone who passionately supports and has pride in their hometown or state.

Certainly we are all proud to be Americans and should never be ashamed or reluctant to proudly fly her flag and declare our unwavering allegiance. I saw a sign just this week that I agree with heartily; "Support the country you live in...or live in the country you support". I admit I always loved the bumper sticker that said it plain enough for anybody to understand: "America-Love it or Leave it".

When and where, then, does the right kind of pride manifest itself? There is absolutely plenty about Texas to be proud of, as well as every other state in the U.S., and when any opportunity arises to constructively bolster pride in our beloved habitat I say it should be done.

But here is where the issue really heats up for me because I struggle to comprehend how anyone can be so proud to be an American or a Texan and yet not have pride in their own city? Sure, I know there's always some who grow up in a town and live for the day when they can, like Mac Davis leaving Lubbock, declare happiness is watching it disappear in their rearview mirror. Some of you reading this right now may be awaiting your freedom flight from the bondage you call your hometown.

Well, you need to keep reading because there are some things you ought to consider before heading out to some preconceived utopia awaiting your habitation of its celestial shores.

First of all, you need to know there is no perfect place on this earth and wherever you envision yourself living the majes-

tic grandiose life, it won't be exactly as you dream. I'm not foolish enough to suggest there are no places more attractive to the senses than others but I am strongly advocating the possibility that we can have pride in where we are and make it a better place by displaying some of that positive pride I have been talking about.

Secondly, any place can be better if there is genuine care and concern shown for its welfare by its citizens. If we don't care about improving our living conditions I can assure you no one else will either. Pride, like many other commodities, is a personal matter and can be very contagious.

Even though I didn't grow up in Big Spring and have, in fact, only lived here just over 19 months I am proud to call it my hometown. Having traveled to most of the states in the continental US, I can name plenty of places more aesthetically pleasing to the eye than our fair city but I think we have an abundance of beauty to enjoy if we would just look around and care more about her. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder but we won't see it if we aren't looking for it.

I really love Big Spring and I am committed to having pride in my city and doing everything I can to make it an even better place to call home, for you and me both. I'm thankful there are many good people hard at work to make Big Spring a special place to live and it would be great if everyone would get on board to do whatever is within their power to improve our homeland.

It's time for some genuine positive hometown pride to be on display and make our city as beautiful as it can possibly be.

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

Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.



Why the shooter is 'Suspect A'

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper had the right idea when he refused to utter the

suspected gunman's name in the Aurora multiplex theater shootings, which left 12 dead and 58 wounded. Instead of naming the alleged killer, Hickenlooper referred to him only as "Suspect A." At a prayer vigil Sunday, Hickenlooper read the names of each of the 12 people killed in the incident. After each name, the crowd repeated the refrain, "We will remember."

"We want to focus on the victims, survivors and first responders," the governor's spokesman, Eric Brown, explained, "not the killer."

Victim Jessica Ghawi's brother Jordan was one of the victim family members who met with President Barack Obama on Sunday. Afterward, Ghawi tweeted that Obama agreed not to name the shooter.

The president told the press that though "this perpetrator has received a lot of attention, that

attention will fade away."

In 1999, two Columbine High School students killed 13 individuals before they killed themselves. There had been mass shootings before that dark day, but this outrage unleashed an at-times-unhealthy rush to explain what would motivate teenagers to murder their classmates and then themselves.

In killing other teenagers indiscriminately, the Columbine shooters turned themselves into cult heroes for the twisted. The Virginia Tech undergraduate who killed 32 students in 2007 left a video in which he referred to the Columbine killers as "martyrs."

In April, a former student opened fire at Oikos University in Oakland, Calif., leaving seven dead.

Last year, a suspended college student critically wounded then-Rep. Gabby Giffords, D-Ariz., during a political event in a shooting spree that left six dead. Also last year, a fanatic went on a killing spree in Oslo that left 77 dead; most of his victims were attending a summer youth camp.

One thing all of these men have in common: They allowed themselves to be taken alive. They were not suicidal.

The accused Oikos shooter has pleaded not guilty.

The alleged Arizona shooter also has pleaded not guilty. Diagnosed with schizophrenia, he is taking medication intended to make him mentally fit for trial.

Though the Norwegian mass murderer admitted to killing 77, he claimed to have acted in political self-defense. His trial is over. Next month, an Oslo court is expected to rule on whether he was legally insane when he set a bomb near the prime minister's office and shot up the island summer camp.

There is a time and a place to examine who did what and why. But it is important to remember now that behind such senseless crimes, there was no reason. And just in case a quest for fame is a driver for these crimes, it's better not to feed that beast.

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News in brief

U.S., Mexico disagree over border fence

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — An agency that monitors the U.S.-Mexico boundary is agreeing to a U.S. proposal to build border fence segments in a South Texas flood plain, a move Mexico opposes.

The decision by the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission comes despite objections from its Mexican counterpart. Mexico argues the fence would deflect floodwaters to its side of the Rio Grande and violate a bi-national treaty.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained a letter the commission sent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection noting it will not oppose the project. The commission says its analysis found that the fence proposed for three areas in South Texas would not be a significant obstruction to river waters. Half of the 14 miles proposed would be in the flood plain.

“When it comes right down to it, the scientific analysis is what we have to fall back on,” John Merino, principal engineer with the U.S. commission, said Tuesday.

In his February letter, Merino wrote that after a thorough review, the agency concluded that the project “will not cause significant deflection or obstruction of the normal or flood flows of the Rio Grande” and is consistent with the treaty.

Jenny Burke, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said that one of the segments, in Los Ebanos, is no longer considered necessary and more funding is needed to build the other two in Rio Grande City and Roma. Merino also pointed out that the government would have to bring back detailed construction drawings of the fence for approval before proceeding.

Still, the green light for a permanent fence made of spaced vertical steel tubes is a significant reversal for an agency that expressed concerns when the government was still proposing a “moveable” fence in 2008.

Angry crowd forms after Dallas police shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Dozens of angry residents gathered on a sweltering southeast Dallas street after news of a fatal police shooting of a suspect spread through the neighborhood.

The incident happened sometime after 5 p.m. Tuesday in a neighborhood about three miles southeast of downtown Dallas. Police Chief David Brown says 911 operators received a report of a five Hispanic men dragging a black man into a house. Brown says later investigation found no Hispanic men in the neighborhood.

When officers arrived, four men fled the house, one taking a gun off a table with him. Brown says officers didn’t know who had the gun.

Veteran Officer Brian Rowden chased James Harper in a pursuit punctuated by three fights. Rowden says Harper finally told him that the officer would have to kill him. The officer, believing his life in jeopardy, shot the man. Another man surrendered.

Aerial video showed onlookers shouting at officers in riot gear but eventually dispersed. No arrests were reported among the onlookers, though.

Indicted Texas board president ousted as leader

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The indicted president of a San Antonio-area school board has been removed from the leadership spot but remains on the panel.

Trustees of the Judson Independent School District voted Tuesday night to reorganize and censure June Adair.

Adair was replaced as president by trustee Arnoldo Salinas but has vowed to stay on the board.

A Bexar County grand jury last month indicted Adair on two counts misdemeanor campaign violation counts. Adair has denied the allegations related to cash contributions. She faces trial next month.

Lubbock man must stay in custody in fraud case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One judge has reversed another and ordered a West Texas businessman named in a \$50 million biodiesel fuel fraud investi-

gation to remain in custody.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings in Lubbock on Tuesday did not immediately set a hearing date for Jeffrey David Gunselman. The Lubbock man recently moved to a \$2 million home in Boerne, about 25 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Prosecutors say Gunselman, who was arrested July 19, did not get required government permission to relocate.

A complaint charges Gunselman and his now-defunct Absolute Fuels LLC with wire fraud.

A magistrate in San Antonio earlier Tuesday agreed to bond for Gunselman. His attorney says Gunselman has cooperated to help investigators retrieve \$15 million in assets.

Cummings stayed the bond after being advised by prosecutors.

Man killed by Houston-area officer serving warrant

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area officer has shot and killed a suspect while attempting to serve a felony domestic violence warrant.

The Harris County Constable’s Office says the shooting happened Tuesday night outside a residence. Investigators say the man being sought was fatally shot when he allegedly lunged at the officer.

Lt. Jasen Rabalais says the suspect died at the scene. His name was not immediately released.

Further details were not immediately available Wednesday.

Texas insurance agency reviewing rejected emails

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas insurance regulators will review why hundreds of identical consumer email complaints were rejected by agency computers.

The Texas Department of Insurance is investigating and says the large volume of emails may have triggered security measures.

The advocacy group Texas Watch on July 13 organized a mass email campaign to Insurance Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman, offering a form letter for use by consumers. The Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday that the groups raised questions about homeowner rates and other coverage issues.

Alex Winslow with Texas Watch says more than 300 emails went through, then at least 900 others were rejected.

Winslow wants to know if the emails, sent from a third-party online platform, were blocked. The messages will now be delivered by hand.

New Texas license plates have old look

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — New Texas license plates will look a lot like the black-and-white versions from the 1960s.

The Department of Motor Vehicles says the state’s 254 counties must exhaust current supplies before getting the new “Texas Classic” plate.

The agency, on its website Wednesday, said the plate issued this month is designed for the highest public safety protection.

The current license plate, from 2009, is colorful with a blue mountain range and a Texas map.

The new plate is black and white with vertical-running security threads in the sheeting. The threads will help law officers better identify a legitimate plate from a distance.

Letters and numbers will be an inch wide and slightly taller. The new plates will also feature three letters followed by four numbers, instead of the current mix.

Leader in San Antonio-area gun buys gets 20 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors say the ring-leader of a gun-buying scheme in the San Antonio area has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Investigators say 27-year-old Martino Castro Jr. is the last of 21 people convicted and going to prison.

The case involves gun purchases for weapons being exported to Mexico and used by violent drug gangs.

Five shipments were intercepted during the summer of 2010.

A federal judge in San Antonio on Tuesday sentenced Castro, who in December 2010 pleaded guilty to smuggling firearms. The San Antonio man also pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

Castro in 2009 was convicted in Del Rio of transportation of illegal immigrants.

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News in brief

Obama and Romney swap criticism on foreign policy, but opponents offer few policy differences

SEATTLE (AP) — In a rare face-off on foreign policy, President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney are swapping sharp criticism but exposing few clear policy differences on key national security matters.

For Romney, who seeks to boost his foreign policy credentials as he begins a high-stakes trip abroad, a lack of specific proposals has exposed him to a flurry of criticism from Obama and his surrogates. Just over three months from Election Day, the president's team has dug in on its efforts to cast the Republican as a national security lightweight while trying to capitalize on Obama's strength on such issues.

Following Romney's speech Tuesday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, Vice President Joe Biden said Romney "reflexively criticizes the president's policies without offering any alternatives."

"When he does venture a position," Biden said, "it's a safe bet that he previously took exactly the opposite position and will probably change his mind again and land in the wrong place — far out of the mainstream."

Romney's campaign has swatted away that criticism, but it's also shown few signs that the presumptive GOP nominee will offer more specific areas of contrast with Obama when he meets with world leaders overseas. Instead, Romney has continued with broad jabs casting Obama as a timid leader.

After Colorado theater massacre, fear prompts people to buy guns and puts moviegoers on edge

DENVER (AP) — Firearms sales are surging in the wake of the Colorado movie theater massacre as buyers express fears that anti-gun politicians may use the shootings to seek new restrictions on owning weapons.

In Colorado, the site of Friday's shooting that killed 12 and injured dozens of others, gun sales jumped in the three days that followed. The state approved background checks for 2,887 people who wanted to purchase a firearm — 25 percent more than the average Friday to Sunday period in 2012 and 43 percent more than the same interval the week prior.

Dick Rutan, owner of Gunners Den in suburban Arvada, Colo., said requests for concealed-weapon training certification "are off the hook." His four-hour course in gun safety, required for certification for a concealed-weapons permit in Colorado, has drawn double the interest since Friday.

"What they're saying is: They want to have a chance. They want to have the ability to protect themselves and their families if they are in a situation like what happened in the movie theater," Rutan said.

Day-to-day gun sales frequently fluctuate, but the numbers also look strong outside of Colorado, too.

Turkey closes Syria border to trucks as fighting in commercial hub Aleppo rages for 5th day

BEIRUT (AP) — Turkey sealed its border with Syria to trucks on Wednesday, cutting off a vital supply line to the embattled nation as fighting stretched into its fifth day in the commercial capital of Aleppo.

Turkish Economy Minister Zafer Caglayan said deteriorating security was behind the closure.

"We have serious concerns over the safety of Turkish trucks regarding their entry and return from Syria," Caglayan said, noting that there had already been a 87 percent drop in trucks traveling to Syria this year.

Turkey was an ally of neighboring Syria before the uprising against authoritarian President Bashar Assad began 16 months ago. But it has turned into a harsh critic and its territory along the of the 566-mile (911-kilometer) border is used as a staging ground for the rebel army as well as a haven for thousands of refugees fleeing violence that activists say has killed 19,000 people so far.

Northern Syria, especially the province of Idlib, has been a steady scene of heavy fighting between

Syrian forces and the rebels and large swathes of the countryside are under rebel control. Rebels, for their part, generally move their weapons and material over the border through clandestine smuggler routes.

Senate ready for partisan showdown on tax cuts that is all about politics, symbolism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is bracing for a tax-cut showdown that is all about Democrats and Republicans showing voters their differences over taxing the well-off while accusing each other of threatening to shove the government over a fiscal cliff.

Senators planned to vote Wednesday on a \$250 billion Democratic bill that would extend expiring tax cuts next year for all but the highest earners. Democrats will need 60 votes to advance the proposal, which they do not have.

It seemed unlikely that senators also would vote on a rival GOP plan that includes the best-off Americans in the tax reductions, a measure that was destined to lose.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, was ready to push legislation through his chamber next week that closely mirrors the Senate GOP measure. Republicans there introduced their bill on Tuesday, accompanied by another measure designed to speed work next year on legislation overhauling the entire tax code.

The clash in the Senate underscored how little the partisan tax-cutting duel had to do with actually passing a law this year. If anything, it highlighted how entrenched both parties' views were.

Satellites spot melting nearly all over Greenland, a sudden freak event not seen since 1889

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly all of Greenland's massive ice sheet suddenly started melting a bit this month, a freak event that surprised scientists.

Even Greenland's coldest and highest place, Summit station, showed melting. Ice core records show that last happened in 1889 and occurs about once every 150 years.

Three satellites show what NASA calls unprecedented melting of the ice sheet that blankets the island, starting on July 8 and lasting four days. Most of the thick ice remains. While some ice usually melts during the summer, what was unusual was that the melting happened in a flash and over a widespread area.

"You literally had this wave of warm air wash over the Greenland ice sheet and melt it," NASA ice scientist Tom Wagner said Tuesday.

The ice melt area went from 40 percent of the ice sheet to 97 percent in four days, according to NASA. Until now, the most extensive melt seen by satellites in the past three decades was about 55 percent.

Jackson family feuds publicly as siblings question singer's will, estate says it's 'concerned'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Turmoil in Michael Jackson's family continued Tuesday as a family feud that has engulfed the singer's mother and children continued to play out in online posts, on national television and in a videotaped driveway confrontation that authorities continue to investigate.

It should perhaps be no surprise that a family that has spent decades in the spotlight is airing its troubles in public, but the dispute has left many, including estate executors, worried.

"We are concerned that we do what we can to protect them from undue influences, bullying, greed, and other unfortunate circumstances," executors John Branca and John McClain wrote in a letter posted on fan sites hours after deputies responded to a family disturbance at the hilltop home where Katherine Jackson and her three grandchildren live.

By day's end, Randy Jackson accused Branca and McClain of criminal misconduct and claimed his brother's 2002 will was a fake.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sound Technique

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 5 3
♦ A K J 6
♣ 10 3

WEST
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ —
♦ 10 7 5 3 2
♣ A 8 6 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8 6 2
♥ K 7
♦ 8
♣ Q J 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ A J 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

make a play from dummy, you should assess your overall prospects. You conclude that it's possible to lose four tricks — a spade, a heart and two clubs. Granted, you'd have to be unlucky for all of this to occur, but since it's possible, you start looking for a way to prevent this from happening.

You begin by allowing West's king to hold the first trick. This assures that East will never gain the lead in spades, a move that can do you no harm and might eventually do you some good.

West continues with a spade to your ace, whereupon you enter dummy with a diamond and lead the queen of trumps, on which East produces the seven. The question now is whether it's better to finesse or play the ace.

In general, when missing only the K-x of a suit, it's slightly better to play the ace. Mathematically, the two missing cards will be divided 1-1 about 52 percent of the time.

But the correct play in the present case is the deuce. The reason is a very good one: If the finesse wins, you are sure to score 11 tricks, while if it loses, you can't make less than 10. But if you don't finesse, you might — and in the actual deal would — go down one.

Bridge is in large part a game of rules, but it also offers great opportunity for innovation. While general rules might suffice in most situations, a player must also be willing to abandon a rule when common sense dictates that he do so.

For example, assume you're declarer at four hearts on this deal and West leads the king of spades. How would you proceed?

To begin with, even before you

Tomorrow: A crucial defensive play.

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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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			8		6	7	9	
		4		2		1		
	6	8	7		9			
	2			5	7			3
4	7				3	5	1	
6		5					2	7

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Some new books on CD have been processed and are ready for check out.

The world lost a great writer when Robert B. Parker succumbed to a heart attack a couple of years ago. “Painted Ladies” (AUCD F PAR R), read by Joe Mantegna, stars, as always, Spenser. Called upon by the Hammond Museum to provide protection during a ransom exchange for a stolen painting, somehow Spenser fails at his task.

Determined to recover both the money and the painting, Spenser does what he does best, solves the case!

From Garry Marshall, producer of the television shows “Happy Days” and “The Odd Couple” and movies like “Pretty Woman” and “The Princess Diaries,” come his autobiography “My Happy Days in Hollywood” (AUCD B MAR G). Marshall has been one of the most successful writers, directors and producers in Hollywood for more than 50 years.

In his book, he will take you from his days in the Bronx to the joys and challenges to working with Henry Winkler, Julia Roberts, Robin Williams and Anne Hathaway, among many others.

Other audio CDs that we have for checkout are: Doug

las Preston’s “Cold Vengeance” (AUCD F PRE D); “Kill Shot” (AUCD F FLY V) by Vince Flynn; Book 1 of the Clifton Chronicles by Jeffrey Archer; “Only Time Will Tell” (AUCD F ARC J); Anne Perry’s Thomas and Charlotte Pitt’s novels reappear in “Dorchester Terrace” (AUCD F PER A) and one that I remember from my childhood; “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” (AUCD F SMI B) by Betty Smith. We do have more; be sure to check the New Book Binder.

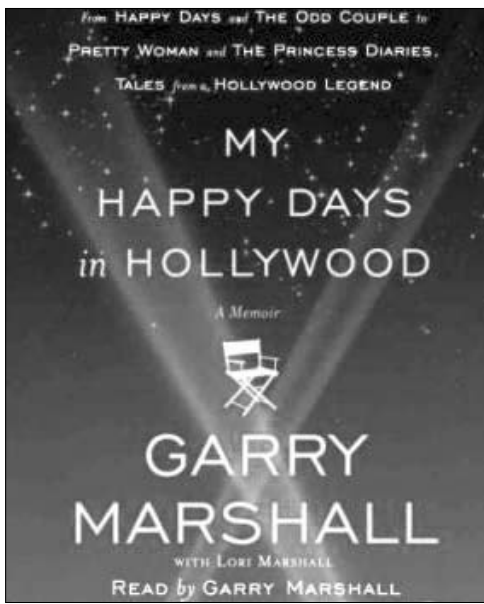
From one of my favorite mystery writers, Sarah Graves, (she writes the Home Repair is Homicide Mystery series) comes “Dead Level” (M GRA S).

“Jake” Tiptree and Ellie White are driving to Wade’s cabin to repair the porch in only three days. Little does she know, that escaped murderer Dewy Hooper sees Jake and recognizes her as the person whose testimony put him in prison.

Bent on revenge, he hatches a scheme to ensure neither women return home alive.

This is a great series set in the coastal town of Eastport, Maine, where the author lives. The library has most if not all of the books in the series, and if you like, you may read them in sequence.

Coincidentally, resting side by side on my cart of books



is a biography of Elizabeth II and Wallis Simpson, the woman responsible for Elizabeth’s eventual ascension to the throne in 1953.

“Her Majesty: Queen Elizabeth II and Her Court” (B ELI Q), by Robert Hardman, is not a true biography in the sense that it recounts when she first lost her baby tooth; rather, it is a view of her “professional” life as queen, as she goes through life, steering the monarchy through some very tough times.

Hardman was granted access to many people — advisers, prime ministers, family members and many others, who spoke to him in the course of writing this book. You won’t find any startling revelations, but I think you will find how curiously modern the Queen is and how pragmatic she can be.

Anne Sebba has written “That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of

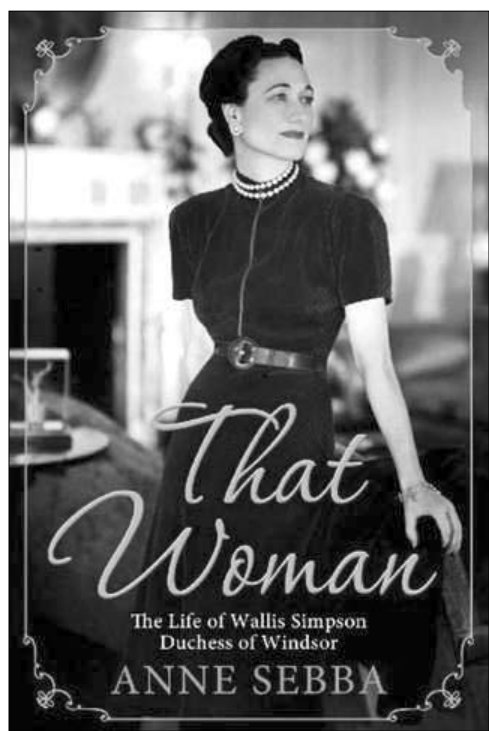
Windsor” (B SIM W), based on new archives and material that was discovered by the author. This is the story of the American divorcee notorious for allegedly seducing a British king off his throne.

“That woman” (so-called by Elizabeth, the Queen Mother) was born Bessie Wallis Warfield in 1896 in Baltimore. Neither beautiful nor brilliant, she endured an impoverished childhood, which fostered in her a burning desire to rise above her circumstances.

Sebba offers an eye-opening account of one of the most talked-about women of her generation. It explores the obsessive nature of Simpson’s relationship with Prince Edward, the suggestion that she may have had a Disorder of Sexual Development, and new evidence showing she may never have wanted to marry Edward at all.

Since her death, Simpson has become a symbol of female empowerment as well as a style icon. But her psychology remains an enigma. Drawing from interviews and newly discovered letters, “That Woman” shines a light on this captivating and complex woman, an object of fascination that has only grown with the years.

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Auction planned for McMurtry’s book store

By **CLAIRE KOWALICK**

Wichita Falls Times

Record News

ARCHER CITY, Texas — For more than 40 years, award-winning author Larry McMurtry’s Booked Up bookstore has drawn people from all over the world to Archer City.

Beginning Aug. 10, more than 300,000 books from the store’s four buildings will find new homes when McMurtry hosts a two-day auction for two-thirds of his inventory.

“It seems like the right time. I’m 76 years old; my heirs are literate, but they aren’t book people. This would be a dreadful burden to my heirs,” McMurtry said.

The auction, called The Last Book Sale, a play on McMurtry’s book-turned-film “The Last Picture Show,” will be under the direction of Addison & Sarova Auctioneers, of Macon, Ga.

It will be one of the largest book auctions to date, and McMurtry said he’s received an enthusiastic response from people in the book business.

McMurtry said a similar sale of about 1 million books will take

place on the West Coast in about a year.

“But that just illustrates the changing times. With the West Coast sale, everything is online. Here it’s all visual,” McMurtry said.

The stores will be locked until one week before the sale. Then potential buyers will have the week to preview books before the auction.

Books will be sold in about 1,500 lots of 200 books each.

A selection hand-picked by the author called the “McMurtry 100” will be auctioned off individually. A list of these 100 books is available on the auction house website. A few other single-item lots will be available, including the well-known Goodspeed’s sign.

McMurtry emphasized that he is not getting completely out of the book business, but it was just time to downsize.

The remaining 125,000 books will be housed in Booked Up No. 1, the original store just off the town square. McMurtry will also retain about 28,000 for his personal library.

McMurtry owns stores

No. 1 and 2 and his son, James owns buildings 3 and 4. He said they have not yet decided what to do with the buildings in the future.

Born in Wichita Falls, June 3, 1936, McMurtry was raised in Archer City and set many of his novels and subsequent movies in the town.

McMurtry is best known for his novels “Lonesome Dove,” which earned him a Pulitzer Prize, the “Last Picture Show,” and “Terms of Endearment,” all of which have movie adaptations. He also cowrote the screenplay for the Oscar-winning “Brokeback Mountain,” based on a short story by E. Annie Proulx.

“I’ve had three careers: as a novelist, I’ve written 42 books, I’ve helped

make good movies and I’ve owned a book store. I’ve been fortunate and they’re all important to me,” said McMurtry.

He said his love of books began in 1942, when his cousin, Robert Hilburn, left him with large box of books before going off to fight in World War II. He read the first book, “Sergeant Silk, Prairie Scout,” and continued reading through the entire box.

His journey as a bookstore owner began 41 years ago at a rare book sale in Washington. McMurtry has since amassed nearly half a million books from more than 1,000 second-hand bookstores.

Now McMurtry says

he feels it’s time to put his books back out into the great river of books.

“This might give some young book seller in the next generation a good start,” said McMurtry.

Archer City Library Director Cheryl Beesinger said McMurtry has had a very positive effect on the town.

“Seeing all those books at the forefront has helped with the culture of Archer City. It’s given it identity, we’re more

One of the best things McMurtry has done for the town, Beesinger said, is that he’s brought people into the community from all over the world, as far away as Israel and Australia.

Kim Whitsitt, city secretary, said the town will be forever grateful to McMurtry, and they are proud to claim him as their own.

“Archer City benefited tremendously when Larry purchased vacant buildings on the square to expand Booked Up, bringing in the new identity of a ‘book town’ of which we are very proud. Larry’s legacy will continue as people will continue to come to Archer City to visit the bookstore and because this is Larry’s hometown,” said Whitsitt.

“The Last Picture Show,” will be presented Aug. 9 at the Royal Theatre, the night before the auction.

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Nathan walks two in 9th, Boston wins 2-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A little wild streak by Texas closer Joe Nathan helped the Boston Red Sox end their four-game losing skid.

Daniel Nava and pinch hitter Jarrod Saltalamacchia drew consecutive two-out walks from Nathan in the ninth inning, then Mike Aviles blooped a tiebreaking single that lifted the Red Sox over the Rangers 2-1 Tuesday night.

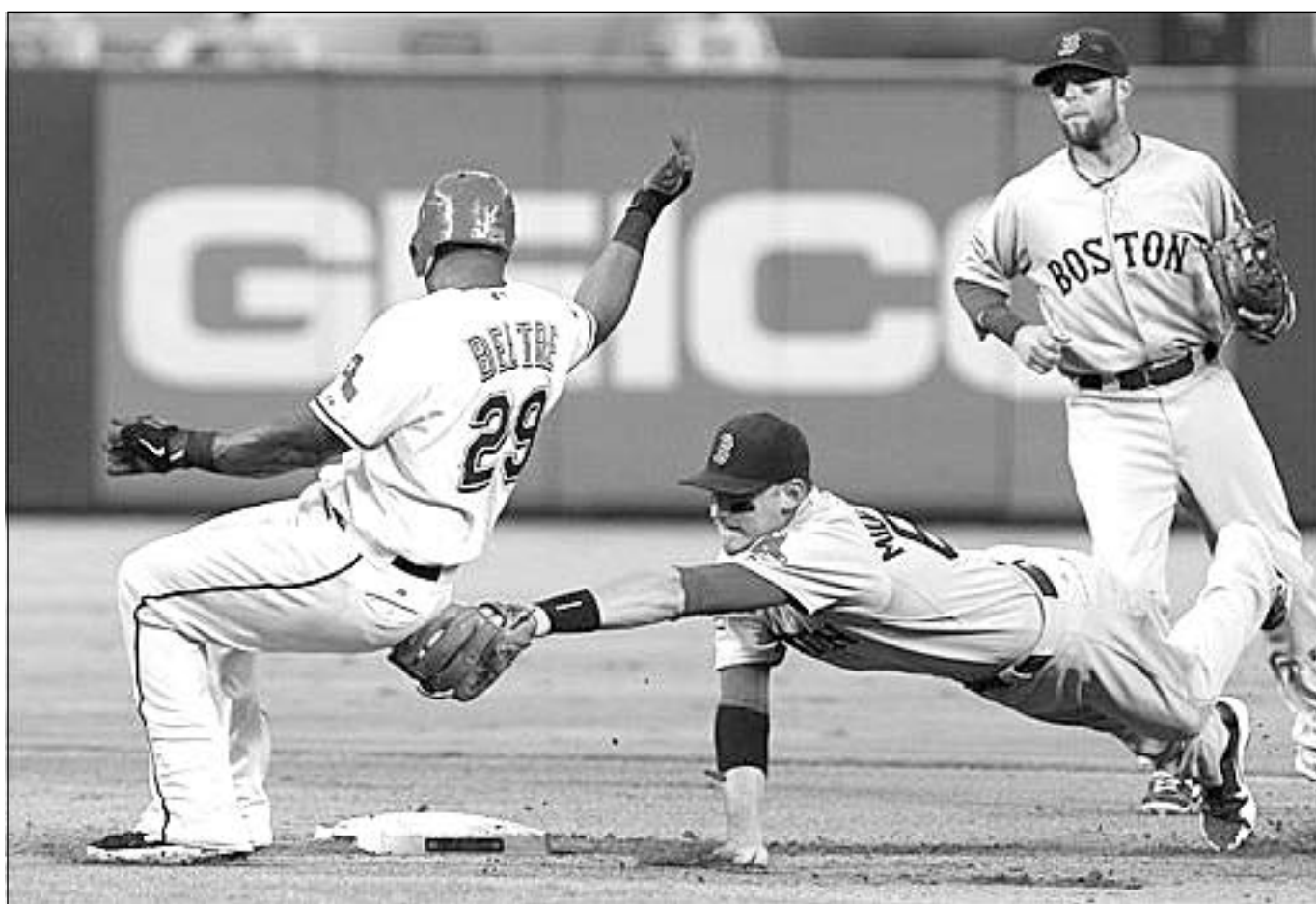
The consecutive walks were certainly uncharacteristic for Nathan (1-3), who had issued only five walks in 38 1-3 innings going into the game. After retiring Cody Ross and Will Middlebrooks to start the ninth on six pitches, Nathan snapped a career-long stretch of 80 straight appearances with one or fewer walks.

“(Nathan) put it in the strike zone and got two quick outs, then all of a sudden he couldn’t find the strike zone,” Texas manager Ron Washington said. “Give Aviles credit, he got a good pitch, poked it over the infield and we just couldn’t get to it.”

The Rangers had a prime scoring opportunity in the eighth inning. Andrus beat out a single and made it to third on an unusual two-base throwing error by pitcher Vicente Padilla (4-0).

Padilla threw to first in an attempt to pick off Andrus, got the return throw from first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, then almost immediately threw back to Gonzalez, who wasn’t expecting it and the ball rolled to the wall.

With two outs, Padilla hit Adrian Beltre, knocking his helmet off and sending him to the ground.



Texas’ Adrian Beltre narrowly avoids the tag by Will Middlebrooks safter hitting a double in the fourth inning of Tuesday’s game against the Boston Red Sox. The Rangers lost 2-1 after Boston rallied in the ninth inning after Joe Nathan walked consecutive batters.

AP photo

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Astros record eighth straight loss as Reds win 4-2

HOUSTON (AP) — On a night when Houston severed the last tie with the past by trading away the final member of their 2005 World Series team in ace Wandy Rodriguez, rookie Lucas Harrell gave the Astros a glimmer of hope for the future.

Harrell allowed seven hits and a run in seven innings, but the Astros dropped the eighth straight game, 4-2 to the Cincinnati Reds, after a blown save by Francisco Cordero on Tuesday.

Drew Stubbs hit a go-ahead homer and the NL Central-leading Reds rallied for three runs in the ninth inning against Cordero, a former teammate, to tie their longest winning streak of the year at six.

“He’s been so valuable all year long,” Houston manager Brad

Mills said of Harrell. “He’s just taken the ball and run with it. Just like you want to see guys do. This guy’s done a great job and has been a blessing to our rotation.”

Harrell has gone 5-1 with a 1.89 ERA in eight starts in Houston. His last three starts overall have been solid and he has a 1.42 ERA in that span.

Cordero got his first save chance since being acquired in a trade with Toronto last week. Stubbs hit a two-run homer for a 3-2 lead and Xavier Paul added an RBI single.

During the game, the last-place Astros announced the trade of Rodriguez to Pittsburgh.

Justin Maxwell’s two-run homer in the fourth gave Houston a 2-0 lead. Brandon Phillips dou-

bled and scored on Paul’s single in the Cincinnati sixth.

Zack Cozart singled with one out in the Reds ninth and Stubbs hit his 10th home run. Jay Bruce drew a two-out walk, moved up on a wild pitch and after Scott Rolen walked, Paul singled.

Houston fans weren’t impressed with their first look at Cordero (3-6), who received a loud chorus of boos from the paltry crowd. Cordero played for the Reds from 2008 until last year, when he finished with 37 saves.

“It was tough, not because I’m facing my former team, but because Lucas threw an unbelievable game and I had a chance to get a save and get us a W, but I didn’t,” Cordero said. “I made a

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1912 Boston Red Sox World Series trophy to be auctioned off

BOSTON (AP) — The 1912 Boston Red Sox World Series trophy presented to team manager Jake Stahl is going on the auction block.

The sterling silver trophy has all the players’ names etched on it.

It will be auctioned Aug. 2 at Camden Yards in Baltimore during a national sports collectors convention.

The trophy’s current owner, Robert Fraser, an avid Red Sox fan, says he decided to sell it after being contacted by several companies that wanted to auction it off for the 100th anniversary of the team’s World Series win and the opening of Fenway Park.

Fraser, a real estate broker from Westwood, N.J., said he and his wife paid \$74,000 when

they bought it from a sports memorabilia dealer in 2007.

“I love the Red Sox,” he said. “I always go for the underdog.”

Heritage Auctions, based in Dallas, expects the trophy will fetch more than \$300,000, said Chris Ivy, director of sports for the auction house.

Online bidding was up to \$90,000 on Tuesday afternoon.

A replica of the trophy is on display at Fenway Park.

Fraser said there were two trophies made after the Red Sox beat the New York Giants to win the World Series in 1912.

The other trophy was given to James McAleer, then a co-owner of the team. He said no one knows what happened to that trophy.

Texans ready for playoff run in 2012-13 season

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans finally had their breakthrough season in 2011. It just didn’t unfold the way coach Gary Kubiak envisioned it would.

Career sacks leader Mario Williams missed most of the season with a torn chest muscle, Matt Schaub sat out the final six weeks with a broken right foot and star receiver Andre Johnson’s numbers were down as he fought through hamstring injuries.

The Texans still earned the franchise’s first division title and playoff victory on the strength of the league’s second-ranked defense, another stellar season by Arian Foster and the emergence of third-string quarterback T.J. Yates.

“The key is that you stay focused on your goals and you stay focused on the work,” Kubiak said, “because you never know how something is going to happen.”

Houston lost to Baltimore in the divisional playoffs, and most believe the Texans have the pieces in place to go at least that far in 2012.

Team owner Bob McNair headed off one potential distraction in June, extending the contracts of Kubiak and

general manager Rick Smith, which were both due to expire after this season.

The Texans lost Williams in free agency and traded linebacker DeMeco Ryans, but every other key cog in Wade Phillips’ 3-4 defense returns, including leading tackler Brian Cushing and Pro Bowlers Johnathan Joseph and Antonio Smith.

Houston allowed only 285.7 yards per game, despite learning Phillips’ new scheme on the fly because of the lockout.

“We can play a little more sound,” said Cushing.

“I think if anything, what we didn’t know last year we made up with effort. That’s something we hope to continue this year and play hard and just impress people when they turn on the film. And that’s something we want to continue to do.”

Cushing also had four sacks and two interceptions, outside linebacker Connor Barwin led Houston with 11 1/2 sacks and 27 quarterback hits and rookie defensive end J.J. Watt led the team with 13 tackles for loss.

“Football is just a whole lot more fun playing for him,” Cushing said of Phillips.

“You’re free, you play loose, and you just go out there and have a good time.”

Houston’s biggest free-agent pickup was veteran Bradie James, who played for Phillips during his stint as the Cowboys’ defensive coordinator and head coach.

“He’s real familiar with what we’re doing and how we want it done and what changes we need to make in the heat of the battle,” Phillips said. “That’s what I like about him.”

Watt and outside linebacker Brooks Reed adapted to starting roles, and the Texans used their first-round pick on Illinois sack specialist Whitney Mercilus, who’ll add depth at outside linebacker.

All the questions for the Texans coming into this season seem to be on offense.

Johnson, who turned 31 on July 11, missed organized team activities following arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. The five-time Pro Bowler played in only seven games last season because of injuries to both hamstrings.

The Texans drafted DeVier Posey and Keshawn Martin and waived disappointing Jacoby Jones.

“They’re both rookies and we’ve thrown a lot at those two guys,” receivers coach Larry Kirksey said during OTAs. “It’s just a learning process for them, and I think they’re both going to be fine.”

Schaub threw for more than 4,000 yards in 2009 and ‘10, but then he fractured the Lisfranc joint in his right foot, raising the same old questions about his durability. Yates proved a capable fill-in, winning his first two starts and playing well in Houston’s playoff victory against Cincinnati.

Foster carried the offense, though, topping 1,200 yards rushing despite missing three games with a hamstring injury.

The one-time undrafted rookie signed a five-year, \$43.5 million contract in March, after making the Pro Bowl for the second straight season.

The Texans set franchise records for yards rushing (2,448) and ranked second in the league in rushing in 2011 (153 yards per game). Houston cut right tackle Eric Winston and lost right guard Mike Brisiel in free agency, disrupting the continuity on one of the NFL’s sturdiest offensive lines.

Moroccan runner suspended from Olympics for doping

LONDON (AP) — The IAAF suspended Moroccan runner Mariem Alaoui Selsouli from the London Olympics on Wednesday after she tested positive for doping.

The governing body said Selsouli tested positive for the diuretic furosemide at the Paris Diamond League meeting on July 6.

Selsouli became an Olympic medal favorite after clocking 3 minutes 56.15 seconds in the 1,500 meters — more than four seconds below her personal best time — in Paris.

“Selsouli has waived her right to the B (backup sample) analysis, and as a result has now been provisionally suspended from all competition in athletics,” the IAAF said in a statement.

She “still has the right

to request a hearing which needs to be held by the Moroccan Athletic Federation within the next three months. Until such time, the IAAF will make no further comment on this case,” the governing body said.

The 28-year-old runner faces a lifetime ban if the second doping offense of her career is proven.

Selsouli finished serving a two-year ban last August for using EPO before the 2009 world championships.

Furosemide is included on the World Anti-Doping Agency list of prohibited substances. It can also be used as a masking agent to disguise the presence of other performance-enhancing drugs.

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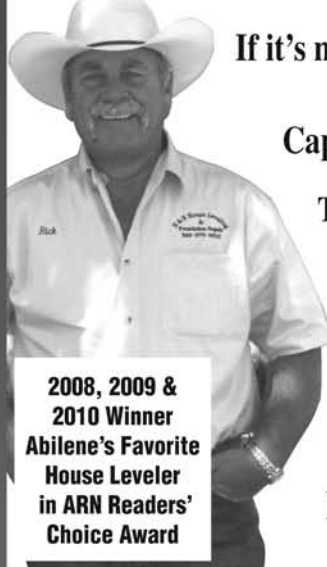
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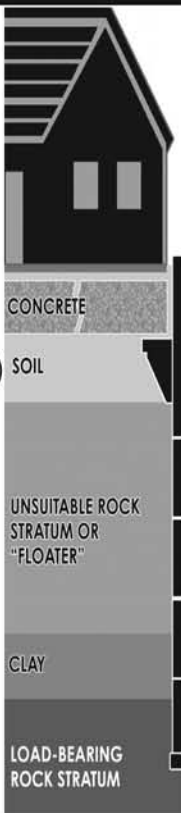
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FRIDAY, JULY 27

7:30 p.m. **NBC Opening Ceremony.** Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron. (L) (CC)

2:36 a.m. **NBC Opening Ceremony.** Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Equestrian, Fencing, Shooting, Archery, Handball.** Soccer; beach volleyball; volleyball; equestrian; fencing; shooting; archery; handball. (L)

SATURDAY, JULY 28

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: early rounds. (L)

MSNBC Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Handball, Badminton, Table Tennis. Soccer: women's qualifying; beach volleyball; handball; badminton; table tennis. (L)

8:30 a.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

9:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Basketball, Rowing.** Swimming; cycling; beach volleyball; volleyball; basketball, women's; rowing. (L) (CC)

NBCSN Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Equestrian, Fencing, Shooting, Archery, Handball.

3:30 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Beach Volleyball.** Swimming; gymnastics: men's; beach volleyball: USA vs. Team TBA. (L) (CC)

12:30 a.m. **NBC Weightlifting, Table Tennis.** Weightlifting: women's final; table tennis. (L) (CC)

1:30 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Beach Volleyball.** Swimming; gymnastics: men's; beach volleyball: USA vs. Team TBA. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Field Hockey, Beach Volleyball, Handball, Equestrian, Shooting, Archery.** Basketball, men's: USA vs. France, Spain vs. China; field hockey; beach volleyball. (L)

SUNDAY, JULY 29

7:00 a.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Rowing.** Gymnastics; swimming; cycling; beach volleyball; volleyball; water polo; rowing. (L) (CC)

BRAVO Tennis. Tennis: early rounds. (L)

MSNBC Soccer, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Badminton. Soccer,

men's; weightlifting: finals; table tennis: qualifying; badminton: qualifying. (L)

8:30 a.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

9:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Field Hockey, Beach Volleyball, Handball, Equestrian, Shooting, Archery.** Basketball, men's: USA vs. France, Spain vs. China; field hockey; beach volleyball. (L)

3:30 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

7:00 p.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving.** Gymnastics; swimming; diving: women's springboard synchronized final. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. **NBC Canoeing.** Canoeing: whitewater qualifying. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving.** Gymnastics; swimming; diving: women's springboard synchronized final. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Equestrian, Boxing, Shooting.** Basketball, women's; beach volleyball; volleyball; equestrian; boxing; shooting. (L)

MONDAY, JULY 30

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: early rounds. (L)

9:00 a.m. **MSNBC Basketball, Water Polo, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Badminton, Field Hockey, Handball.** Basketball; water polo; weightlifting; table tennis; badminton; field hockey; handball. (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Equestrian, Boxing, Shooting. Basketball, women's; beach volleyball; volleyball; equestrian; boxing; shooting. (L)

10:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Rowing, Canoeing.** (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Diving.** Swimming; gymnastics: men's team final; diving: men's platform synchronized final. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Canoeing.** Swimming: semifinals; canoeing. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Diving.** Swimming; gymnastics: men's team final; diving: men's platform synchronized final. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Soccer, Basketball, Equestrian, Beach Volleyball, Water**

Polo, Boxing, Shooting. Soccer; basketball; equestrian; beach volleyball; water polo; boxing; shooting. (L)

TUESDAY, JULY 31

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: singles early rounds. (L)

9:00 a.m. **MSNBC Field Hockey, Basketball, Soccer, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Handball, Badminton.** Field hockey; basketball; soccer; weightlifting; table tennis; handball; badminton. (L)

NBCSN Soccer, Basketball, Equestrian, Beach Volleyball, Water Polo, Boxing, Shooting. Soccer; basketball; equestrian; beach volleyball; water polo; boxing; shooting. (L)

10:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Canoeing, Rowing.** Swimming: qualifying; beach volleyball; volleyball; water polo; canoeing; rowing. (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving.** Gymnastics: women's team final; swimming, final: men's 200m butterfly; diving. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Beach Volleyball.** Swimming: semifinals; beach volleyball. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving.** Gymnastics: women's team final; swimming, final: men's 200m butterfly; diving. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey,**

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: early rounds. (L)

9:00 a.m. **MSNBC Soccer, Basketball, Boxing, Weightlifting, Fencing, Table Tennis, Handball, Badminton.** Soccer; basketball; boxing; weightlifting; fencing; table tennis; handball; badminton. (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Shooting. Basketball: women's; soccer; beach volleyball; field hockey; shooting. (L)

10:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Rowing, Canoeing.** Swimming; beach volleyball; volleyball; water polo; cycling; rowing; canoeing. (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Beach Volleyball, Diving.** Swimming: men's 200m breaststroke final; gymnastics; beach volleyball; diving. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Table Tennis.** Swimming: semifinals; table tennis. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Gymnastics, Beach Volleyball, Diving.** Swimming: men's 200m breaststroke final; gymnastics; beach volleyball; diving. (L) (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Boxing, Table Tennis, Shooting, Archery.** (L)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: singles quarterfinals. (L)

9:00 a.m. **MSNBC Basketball, Water Polo, Field Hockey, Handball, Badminton, Judo, Equestrian.** (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Boxing, Table Tennis, Shooting, Archery. Basketball; beach volleyball; volleyball; field hockey; boxing; table tennis; shooting. (L)

10:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Rowing, Canoeing.** Swimming; beach volleyball; volleyball; water polo; cycling; rowing; canoeing. (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Rowing.** Gymnastics: women's all-around final; swimming; beach volleyball; rowing. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. **NBC Canoeing, Table Tennis.** Canoeing: women's; table tennis. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. **NBC Gymnastics, Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Rowing.** Gymnastics: women's all-around final; swimming; beach volleyball; rowing. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Boxing,**

Archery, Shooting. Basketball, women's; soccer; beach volleyball. (L)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 a.m. **BRAVO Tennis.** Tennis: singles semifinals. (L)

9:00 a.m. **MSNBC Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Handball, Equestrian, Badminton, Table Tennis.** Gymnastics; weightlifting; handball; equestrian; badminton; table tennis. (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Boxing, Archery, Shooting. Basketball, women's; soccer; beach volleyball. (L)

10:00 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Water Polo, Rowing.** Swimming; track and field; beach volleyball; water polo; rowing. (L)

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8:00 p.m. **NBC Swimming, Track and Field, Diving, Volleyball, Cycling.** Swimming: men's 100m butterfly final; track and field; diving; volleyball; cycling. (L) (CC)

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1:35 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Track and Field, Diving, Volleyball, Cycling.** Swimming: men's 100m butterfly final; track and field; diving; volleyball; cycling. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Basketball, Triathlon, Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Equestrian, Cycling, Weightlifting.** Basketball; triathlon; tennis; beach volleyball; field hockey; equestrian; cycling. (L)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 a.m. **MSNBC Soccer, Water Polo, Badminton, Track and Field.** Soccer: men's quarterfinals; water polo: men's qualifying; badminton; track and field. (L) (CC)

8:30 a.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

9:00 a.m. **NBC Track and Field, Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Rowing, Gymnastics.** (L) (CC)

NBCSN Basketball, Triathlon, Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Equestrian, Cycling, Weightlifting. Basketball; triathlon; tennis; beach volleyball; field hockey; equestrian; cycling. (L)

3:30 p.m. **CNBC Boxing.** Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

8:00 p.m. **NBC Swimming, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving.** Swimming; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (L) (CC)

12:30 a.m. **NBC Track and Field, Badminton.** Track and field: finals; badminton. (L) (CC)

1:30 a.m. **NBC Swimming, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving.** Swimming; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (CC)

4:00 a.m. **NBCSN Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Weightlifting, Volleyball, Cycling, Field Hockey, Badminton.** Tennis; beach volleyball; weightlifting; volleyball; cycling; field hockey; badminton. (L)

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am an attractive 30-something female who began experiencing thinning hair in my late 20s due to a thyroid disorder. Many women have the confidence to accept their hair loss and do nothing to hide it. I admire that. However, for me, it contributes to embarrassment, low self-esteem and a lack of confidence.

When I started wearing wigs several years ago, I could only afford synthetics, but found some affordable, realistic ones.

The problem? There have been a handful of times when people — namely co-workers and guests at social gatherings — have come right out and asked me, in the company of others no less, whether I wear a wig.

Their tactlessness never fails to stun me, and the only response I can muster is, "Why do you ask?" The most common response is, "It always looks too perfect."

More appalling is when people touch or tug on my hair without my permission to "see if it's real." Sometimes people ask where I get my hair done, which I know is an attempt to find out whether I wear a wig. I fear that one day someone will pull it off.

I don't like to lie, so I usually change the subject or act distracted. I have perused hair loss forums on the Internet for advice and have found that many women are very open about it as a means to educate others. I'm not like that.

My experience has been painful and personal. Other than my doctor, I never have

admitted to anyone that I wear a wig. It's no one's business.

Why on earth are these people so fixated on my hair? How do I respond to these intrusive, thoughtless and insensitive people without raising any fuss? — *Wigged Out in the U.S.A.*

Dear Wigged Out: What colossal nerve. Even if your wig is more obvious than you think, it does not excuse such terrible behavior. We know you don't want to disclose your hair loss, but it might be quite liberating and certainly would put an end to the anxiety you are experiencing over discovery.

Until then, however, feel free to respond to these idiots with wide eyes and a shocked expression, saying, "I'm sure you didn't intend to be so rude." Then walk away.

Dear Annie: My son is getting married, and my husband and I are paying for the rehearsal dinner. My mother is adamant that all out-of-town guests be invited.

My son and his fiancée prefer to keep the guest list to the wedding party, parents and grandparents. Otherwise it risks becoming too large. And if we include out-of-towners from our side, we also have to include those from the bride's side.

Is it normal protocol to invite out-of-town guests to the rehearsal dinner? Could we invite only some of them? — *Rehearsal Blues*

Dear Blues: If there are large numbers of out-of-town

guests, you do not need to invite them to the rehearsal dinner, although you should provide some type of refreshment when they arrive, either in their hotel rooms or by way of a hospitality suite.

If there are people traveling a great distance who are special to the family, you may invite them individually, but we don't recommend including most of the groom's side and none of the bride's.

Dear Annie: As for egregious etiquette errors, how's this one? At the end of a wedding shower, a guest who had brought no gift stood up and said, "I am giving a special gift to the bride: She doesn't need to send anyone here a thank-you note."

And we never received any acknowledgement for our generous present. — *Miffed Guest*

Dear Miffed: How charming. A smart bride would have ignored that "gift."

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Julien Absalon of France

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

6:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, Basketball, Cycling, Equestrian. Track and field; beach volleyball; tennis; volleyball; water polo; basketball; cycling. (L) (CC)

7:00 a.m. MSNBC Water Polo, Wrestling, Synchronized Swimming, Field Hockey, Table Tennis, Handball. Water polo; wrestling; synchronized swimming; field hockey; table tennis; handball. (L)

8:30 a.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

9:00 a.m. NBCSN Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Weightlifting, Volleyball, Cycling, Field Hockey, Badminton. Tennis; beach volleyball; weightlifting; volleyball; cycling; field hockey; badminton. (L)

3:30 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: elimination bouts. (L)

7:00 p.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Diving, Beach Volleyball. Gymnastics: men's floor exercise final; track and field; diving; beach volleyball. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Badminton. Track and field: finals; badminton. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Diving, Beach Volleyball. Gymnastics: men's floor exercise final; track and field; diving; beach volleyball. (CC)

3:00 a.m. CNBC XXX Summer Olympics (L)

4:00 a.m. NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Boxing, Field Hockey, Volleyball,



Ryan Lochte of the U.S.

Weightlifting, Shooting. (L)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 a.m. MSNBC Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Table Tennis. Beach volleyball: quarterfinals; basketball, men's; wrestling; table tennis. (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Boxing, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Shooting. Basketball; soccer; boxing; field hockey; volleyball; weightlifting; shooting. (L)

10:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Cycling, Equestrian, Synchronized Swimming, Canoeing. Track and field; volleyball; water polo; cycling; equestrian; synchronized swimming. (L)

5:00 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: men's quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving. Gymnastics: men's still rings final; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Cycling. Track and field: finals; cycling: track events. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving. Gymnastics: men's still rings final; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (CC)

4:00 a.m. NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Triathlon, Cycling, Equestrian, Synchronized Swimming, Field Hockey. Basketball; soccer; triathlon; cycling; equestrian; synchronized swimming. (L)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 a.m. MSNBC Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling, Table Tennis. Beach volleyball: semifinals; volleyball; water polo; wrestling; table tennis. (L)

NBCSN Basketball, Soccer, Triathlon, Cycling, Equestrian, Synchronized Swimming, Field Hockey. Basketball; soccer; triathlon; cycling; equestrian; synchronized swimming. (L)

10:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Diving, Water Polo, Cycling, Canoeing. Track and field; beach volleyball; volleyball; diving; water polo; cycling; canoeing. (L)

5:00 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: men's



Phil Dalhausser of the U.S.

quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)

8:00 p.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving. Gymnastics: men's parallel bars final; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (L) (CC)

12:35 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Weightlifting. Track and field: finals; weightlifting. (L) (CC)

1:35 a.m. NBC Gymnastics, Track and Field, Beach Volleyball, Diving. Gymnastics: men's parallel bars final; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. (CC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:00 a.m. NBCSN Basketball, Field Hockey, Handball, Table Tennis. Basketball: men's quarterfinals; field hockey; handball; table tennis. (L)

9:00 a.m. MSNBC Volleyball, Water Polo, Boxing, Wrestling. Volleyball: men's quarterfinals; water polo: men's quarterfinals; boxing; wrestling. (L)

10:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Water Polo, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, Equestrian, Canoeing. Track and field; water polo; cycling; beach volleyball; equestrian; canoeing. (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: elimination bouts. (Same-day Tape)

6:00 p.m. NBCSN Basketball, Field Hockey, Handball, Table Tennis. Basketball: men's quarterfinals; field hockey; handball; table tennis. (L)

8:00 p.m. NBC Track and Field, Diving, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball. Track and field: women's 200m final; diving; beach volleyball; volleyball. (L) (CC)

12:05 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Table Tennis. Track and field: qualifying; table tennis. (L) (CC)

1:05 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Diving, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball. Track and field: women's 200m final; diving; beach volleyball; volleyball. (CC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 a.m. NBCSN Soccer, Basketball, Synchronized Swimming, Wrestling, Field Hockey. Soccer: women's final; basketball; synchronized swimming; wrestling; field hockey. (L)

9:00 a.m. MSNBC Basketball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Handball. Basketball; volleyball; water polo; equestrian; field hockey; handball. (L)

10:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Diving, Water Polo, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Swimming, Canoeing. Track and field; diving; water polo; volleyball; beach volleyball; swimming; canoeing. (L) (CC)

5:00 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing:



Matthew Mitcham of Australia

men's final; track and field; handball; taekwondo. (L)

10:00 a.m. NBC Basketball, Gymnastics, Cycling, Volleyball, Wrestling, Canoeing. Basketball; rhythmic gymnastics; cycling; volleyball; wrestling; canoeing. (L) (CC)

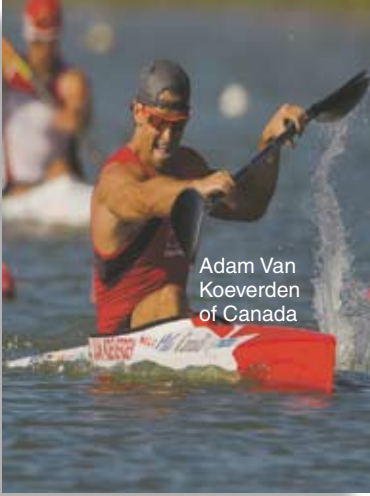
MSNBC Basketball, Field Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Taekwondo. Basketball: women's bronze medal; field hockey; modern pentathlon; taekwondo. (L)

3:30 p.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: finals. (L)

8:00 p.m. NBC Track and Field, Diving, Volleyball. Track and field: men's 4x100m relay final, men's 5,000m final; diving; volleyball. (L) (CC)

12:30 a.m. NBC Wrestling. Wrestling: freestyle finals. (L) (CC)

1:30 a.m. NBC Track and Field, Diving, Volleyball. Track and field: men's 4x100m relay final, men's 5,000m final; diving; volleyball. (CC)



Adam Van Koeverden of Canada

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

6:00 a.m. NBC Track and Field. Track and field: men's marathon. (L) (CC)

NBCSN Basketball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Handball, Modern Pentathlon. Basketball: men's bronze medal; volleyball; water polo; handball; modern pentathlon. (L)

7:00 a.m. MSNBC Cycling, Wrestling. Cycling: men's mountain bike final; wrestling. (L)

8:30 a.m. CNBC Boxing. Boxing: final. (L) (CC)

10:00 a.m. NBC Basketball, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling, Gymnastics. Basketball: men's final; volleyball; water polo; wrestling; rhythmic gymnastics. (L) (CC)

7:00 p.m. NBC London Gold. (L) (CC)

8:00 p.m. NBC Closing Ceremony. (L) (CC)

11:35 p.m. NBC Closing Ceremony. (CC)



Tomorrow's Horoscope

As the moon shifts from Libra to Scorpio, so may some of your attitudes toward a close friend. Platonic feelings have a way of transforming under the Scorpio moon, which tends to bring sparks to situations that are poised to ignite. The passionate Leo and Mercury traveling backward in the sign as well set the stage for fresh excitement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It may seem to you that it will be difficult for you to predict where you'll be next month, only because your needs are so rapidly changing, declining and developing anew.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The one you're attracted to may not fit sensibly into your life. It's because infatuation doesn't come from a wise and experienced place in your psyche. It is infantile in its impulsive whimsy. Cupid is a child.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're usually excellent at staying in touch with people, but right now socializing isn't the number one priority. You may have to convince someone that out of sight isn't out of mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't worry about seeming inconsistent. Flow with what you feel. Like your ruling luminary, the Moon, you appear in different forms to your loved ones, depending on where you are in the cycles of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Get an unpleasant task out of the way. You can treat it like ripping off a Band-Aid. Faster is better — there will be a sting; then it's over and you can get on with what promises to be a stellar day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone learns differently. What will work for you will be different from what works for another. So just be honest and non-judgmental with yourself about what works and what doesn't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The circumstances around you may have you very wound up indeed. Relax. It's the best thing you can do for yourself. Once you make relaxation a priority, you'll actually have fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be engaged in a job that you think just about anyone on earth could do, but the truth is that no one can — at least not in the way you can do it. Sometimes it just has to be you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your questions will have more of an impact on the day than your answers will. Asking an excellent question can blow a locked door right off its hinges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your interest in

the problems of ordinary people is quite extraordinary. You'll influence others with your thought, but only because you follow it up with such interesting actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No matter how talented you already are, there is always more waiting to burst forth. And if you feel limited, there is someone inside you who can blow through those limits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A personal development effort may seem to have led you right back to where you started, except for the impossibility of that outcome. Everything you experience changes you in some way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 25). You know what you want and you'll do what it takes to get it this year. Your partner in fun and crime will be by your side every minute in August — so much so that you may crave solo time in September. October focuses on getting finances in line so you're ready to take an important step in January. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 23, 2 and 35.

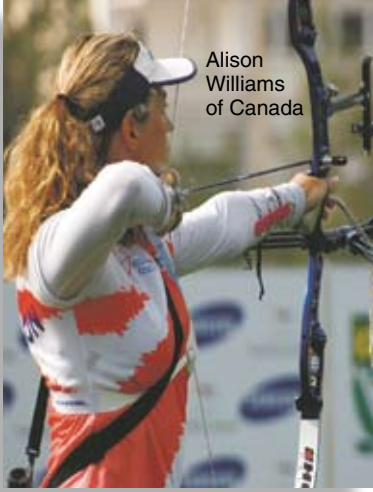
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 24 year old Gemini who just moved in with my girlfriend two months ago, and I think I made a terrible mistake. She's already talking about marriage and I'm starting to resent the pressure. Because she's older than me (she's a 35 year old Virgo), she's concerned about starting a family. I may have romanticized about having a baby with her, but realistically, I cannot imagine this happening anytime soon. What should I do? I really do love her, but it's all happening too fast for me."

Your sign is famous for changing your mind — it's as though the twins inside you have to argue a bit

before you make a firm decision. That's your prerogative. At least you can't say you didn't give it a try. In romantic movies and books, love conquers all, but in real life there are several factors to making a relationship work, many of which have to do with timing. It's kinder to back out now and give your Capricorn girlfriend (who is a traditionalist at heart) the chance to find someone who is ready for the things she wants in life instead of let things drag on indefinitely, wasting her time.

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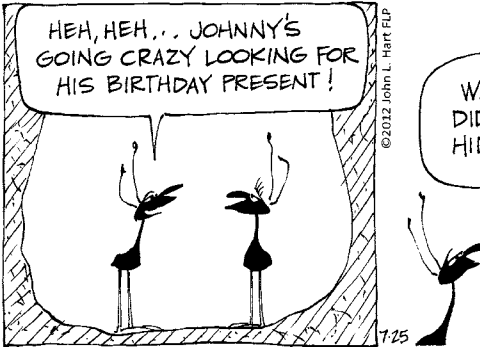
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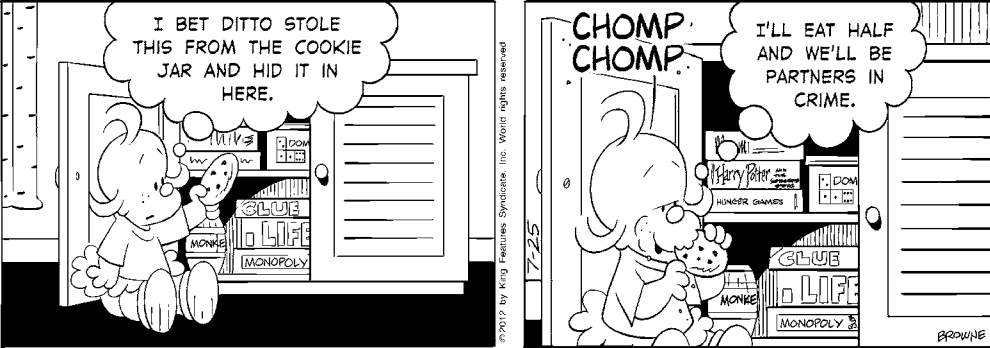
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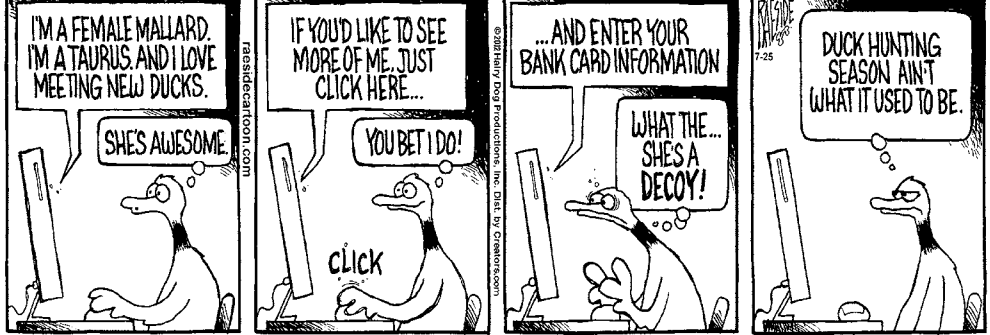
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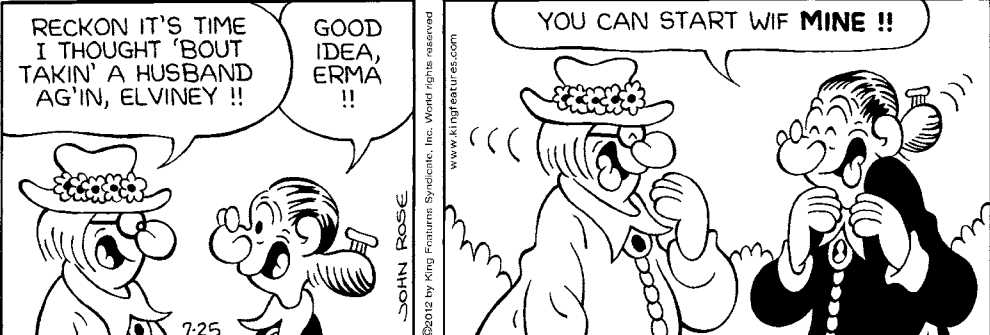
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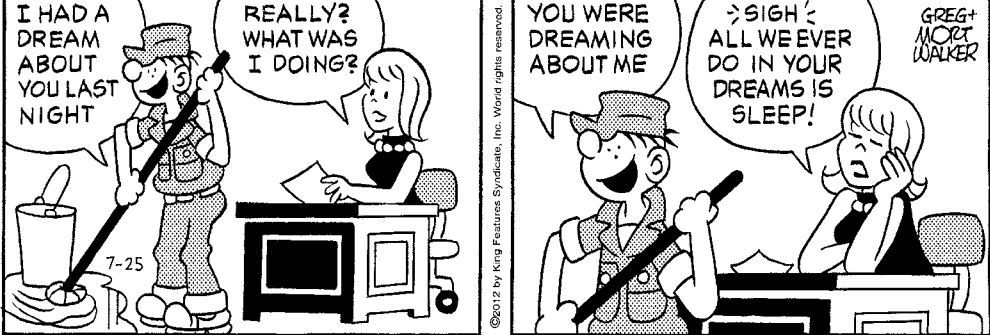
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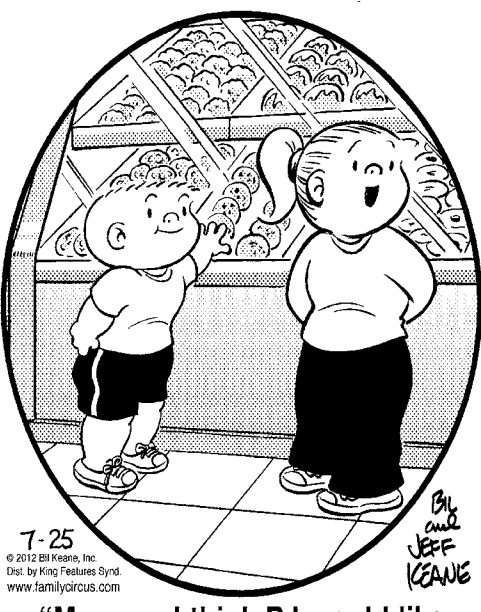
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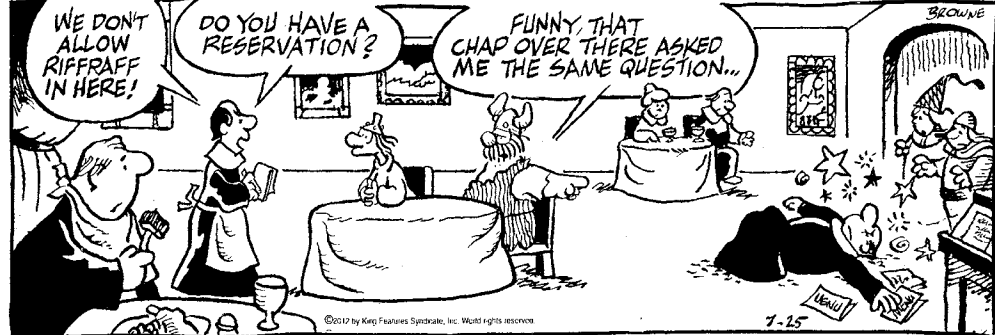


THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, I think PJ would like to show you something."

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 25, the 207th day of 2012. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 25, 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as *The Associated Press* reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been allowing poor, rural black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them to die, as a way of studying the disease.

On this date: In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1898, the United States invaded Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War.

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot (bleh-ree-OH') became the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel, traveling from Calais

(kah-LAY') to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt froze Japanese assets in the United States in retaliation for Japan's occupation of southern Indochina.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner *Andrea Doria* collided with the Swedish passenger ship *Stockholm* off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed.

In 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, N.C., that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1962, the Bell System inaugurated Skyphone, an air-to-ground radiotelephone service, as American Airlines stewardess Hope Patterson placed a call to Associated Press writer Francis Stilley in New York while flying over Lakehurst, N.J.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya (sah-VEETS'-kah-yah) became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station *Salut 7*.

In 1992, opening ceremonies were held in Barcelona, Spain, for the Summer Olympics.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after take-off, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Harris is 77. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 69.

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Answer to previous puzzle											
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 "Out, cat!"
- 5 Nautical greeting
- 9 Take over one's knee
- 14 Cry of dread
- 15 Alaska city
- 16 "Deck the Halls," for one
- 17 Tries hard to remain silent
- 20 Day before a holiday
- 21 Small songbird
- 22 Chant
- 23 Carrot-top
- 25 Go on the lam
- 26 Desk wood
- 27 Prefix for day or week
- 28 Somewhat moist
- 32 Lazybones
- 35 Bats' hangouts
- 37 Spy org.
- 38 Harasses from behind
- 41 Pester
- 42 Steven of *American Idol*
- 43 Cartoon mirages
- 44 Bacon hunk
- 46 Chili holder
- 47 According to
- 48 Devastate
- 50 Nuptial knot
- 54 Quaking trees
- 57 A ton of
- 58 "The Tell-Tale Heart" writer
- 59 Gets overly dramatic
- 62 One-on-one pupil

- 63 It means "against"
- 64 Two-tone cookie
- 65 Get to work
- 66 Sword fight, e.g.
- 67 Give notice to
- DOWN
- 1 Rational
- 2 Sour-cream tidbit
- 3 Chipped in
- 4 Tip of a shoe
- 5 Polar coat
- 6 Improved, as skills
- 7 Warning sign
- 8 "It's a deal!"
- 9 Tea biscuit
- 10 Respired, as a retriever

- 11 Golden Fleece ship
- 12 Part of speech
- 13 Swiss painter
- 18 Call names
- 19 Marks over some n's
- 24 Works in the garden
- 25 Half a sawbuck
- 27 French painter
- 29 Experts
- 30 Marathon fraction
- 31 Overtake
- 32 Roadside stops
- 33 Old phone feature
- 34 Women's links org.

- 35 Analogy symbol
- 36 Cobbler's coloring
- 39 Data entry clerk
- 40 British noble
- 45 Beer maker
- 47 Test taker's need
- 49 Not hard yet
- 50 Fritter away
- 51 *William Tell* or *Falstaff*
- 52 Kitchen gadget
- 53 Turn one's focus to
- 54 Takes steps
- 55 Sealed up
- 56 Animal rights org.
- 57 Bistro listing
- 60 Once owned
- 61 Right away

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Architects faced double challenge for London Olympics

LONDON (AP) — When the world tunes in for the London Olympics opening ceremony Friday night, viewers will judge the new Olympic Park on whether it provides a spectacular backdrop for the world's finest athletes.

But for residents, the park will be gauged on whether it becomes an integral part of the British capital, providing not just sporting facilities but also housing, jobs and transport links for decades to come.

That's been the challenge for the architects trying to transform a derelict site into a showcase: How to dazzle the multitudes (who fondly remember the spectacular Bird's Nest stadium from the 2008 Beijing games) while creating a viable, new London neighborhood from scratch?

Philip Johnson, a principal architect with Populous who worked on the master plan, the Olympic Stadium and other venues, said there was no trade-off between the designers' need to focus on the "legacy" aspect while still creating a park that looks and feels inspiring.

"With something as prestigious as the Olympic games, we're always looking to wow the public," he told The Associated Press.

"I think we'll see the impact Friday night. But the legacy will evolve over time, two years, 10 years, 30 years. I think success will be defined by how the local community judges it. Do these links actually work? Do people use it?"

The project was extremely ambitious, he said, because it required designers to work with a site that was crisscrossed by roads, unused railroad lines and polluted waterways and littered with junked cars and thousands of discarded tires.

"It was something of a mess," he said. "It took quite a leap of imagination to see how this could develop. It was disconnected from the rest of London, that made it very hard to knit together."

To that end, the Olympic park features new pedestrian bridges and cleaned-up waterways that give it a pleasant, tranquil feel.

Plans for the future are in place: The media center is set to be turned into a high-tech office building expected to provide employment, and the athletes' village will become a mix of subsidized and free-market housing.

Commuters, meanwhile, will rely on the many new transit links that provide fast service to many parts of London.

These are in addition to the permanent venues, including the welcoming Olympic Stadium, the spectacular Velodrome with its distinctive double-curved roof, the Aquatics Center and the Copper Box, which will be used for handball and fencing.

Some sporting sites, like the basketball arena, are designed to be dismantled and shipped out after the games — perhaps to show up at the Rio Olympics in four years time — while others will be downsized for community use.

The site has an English feel. It's extensively planted with wildflowers, perennials and special wetland plants expected to thrive along the cleaned up River Lea, providing a bit of a haven in a capital city long renowned for its grand royal parks.

There is no unifying design to the buildings. Richard Burdett, a London School of Economics professor of urban studies who advised Olympics officials, said there was no attempt to impose a single vision on the architects.

"There were no design-thought police," he said. "There was no sense it should all be curvy and white or all flat and red. It is more fragmented and organic. The sense that it doesn't all hang together is part of it. It doesn't try to intro-

duce top down a piece of Manhattan, like Canary Wharf does, or a piece of Paris."

Does the whole thing work?

Some architects and architectural critics have been skeptical, calling the look and feel ho-hum, but the final touches — the landscaping in particular — seems to have won many over. The stadium has already garnered some awards and been shortlisted for the prestigious Royal Institute of British Architects Stirling Prize, while the overall plan is seen by many as having created an inviting new park in what was, literally, a wasteland.

"I think long term it will be very valuable," said Oliver Wainwright, critic for Building Design magazine.

ASTROS

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mistake, Drew Stubbs hit it out and they won."

Cincinnati closer Aroldis Chapman allowed a hit in a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

Reds starter Mike Leake (4-6) scattered seven hits with two runs over eight innings for his first win since his pitched a complete game on June 29.

The day marked the end of an era for the Astros, who sent Rodriguez and cash to the Pirates for Triple-A All-Star Rudy Owen and Colton Cain, both left-handers, and outfielder Robbie Grossman. Rodriguez was the fifth pitcher the rebuilding Astros have traded since Friday.

Leake walked Marwin Gonzalez to start the fourth. Chris Johnson singled with one out and Gonzalez was thrown out trying to reach third. Maxwell followed with his home run.

Houston has lost 21 of its last 23 games, but took this one a bit harder than some recent losses because they led most of the way.

"They're all tough, but this one a little more because we were in the game," Johnson said. "We were playing good behind Lucas. Lucas did a great job tonight so this is a tough one."

RANGERS

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After Beltre left the game with a bruise, Michael Young grounded out to end the inning.

"We had some chances and we just didn't get the hits," Washington said.

Alfredo Aceves notched his 21st save of the season.

Cody Ross scored for Boston in the fourth when he walked and Kelly Shoppach doubled on a drive that right fielder David Murphy misplayed at the warning track.

The Rangers had a player hit a double for the third consecutive inning in the sixth when Andrus doubled with one out. Andrus went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a slow groundout by Josh Hamilton.

Boston starter Clay Buchholz gave up only four hits in seven innings.

Martin Perez, called up from Triple-A Round Rock on Monday after starter Colby Lewis was put on the disabled list for season-ending surgery, pitched six innings, giving up five hits.



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Former TCU players sentenced to probation

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Three former TCU football players who were among more than a dozen students arrested during a drug sting have been sentenced to probation on marijuana delivery charges.

Melody McDonald, a spokeswoman for Tarrant County prosecutors, says 21-year-old D.J. Yendrey pleaded guilty last week and was sentenced to three years of probation. Yendrey, who is listed as David Yendry in court records, was fined \$300 on each

charge.

Tanner Brock and Tyler Horn, both 21, pleaded guilty to the same charges last month.

Brock received four years' probation and was fined \$1,200. Horn was sentenced to three years' probation and was fined \$300.

McDonald says the convictions will be cleared from their records if they complete probation. The three were arrested in February after a six-month investigation by Fort Worth police.

Greece expels athlete over racist tweets

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece has removed triple jumper Voula Papachristou from the country's team at the London Olympics over her comments on Twitter mocking African immigrants and ex-

pressing support for a far-right party.

The Hellenic Olympic Committee says in a statement Wednesday that Papachristou is "placed outside the Olympic team for statements contrary to the

values and ideas of the Olympic movement."

Papachristou is in Athens.

The committee says she was to travel to London shortly before the track events start.

PSU players vow to stick together

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — About 30 Penn State football players say they're staying put despite devastating sanctions levied by the NCAA.

Although convicted former assistant Jerry Sandusky wasn't mentioned by name, senior linebacker Michael Mauti said Wednesday the program would not be torn down by

"one man." A scathing investigative report found former coach Joe Paterno helped cover up a child sex abuse scandal.

Mauti says "no sanction, no politician" will take away Penn State's accomplishments.

Senior fullback Michael Zordich calls the players "true Penn Staters" who will stick out the sanctions.

Kalil predicts championship for Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Ryan Kalil predicts the Carolina Panthers will win the Super Bowl this season — and he put his money where his mouth is to prove it.

The Panthers three-time Pro Bowl center took out a full page advertisement in the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday boldly declaring fans will be rewarded for their unwavering support with a "one hundred-

percent, sterling silver victory — the Lombardi Trophy."

That's a bold prediction for a team coming off a 6-10 season that hasn't won a playoff game since 2005.

But Kalil believes in his teammates.

In the 178-word letter Kalil says something special is happening in Carolina. He says there's "a sense of urgency and a winning attitude".

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