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Names released of pair killed in oil field accident

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

WESTBROOK — The identification of two men who were killed in an oilfield-related accident in Mitchell county have been released by the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

Steven Ray McKinney, 32, and Labin Michael Robokoff, 24, both of the Midland/Odesa area and both employees of Midland-based Rayco of Midland, died after being electrocuted when their truck came into a contact with a power

line, according the Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

According to Toombs, the workers were moving parts of a pump jack to another area when a cable came in contact with a power line electrocuting the driver of the truck. The second victim was walking beside the vehicle and touched the truck at the same time. He was also electrocuted. A third man, Harvey Ray McKinney, 35, the brother of

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Teachers were appreciated all over Howard County early today. At Forsan Junior/Senior High School, Superintendent Randy Johnson, left, speaks with Howard County Commissioner-elect Craig Bailey and his wife Julie. In the photo at left, First Baptist Church Minister Mark Lindsey gives the invocation at the third annual Community Prayer Breakfast for Teachers and Paraprofessionals, held at First Christian Church. Also sponsoring the event were First Church of the Nazarene and First Presbyterian Church.

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HERALD file photo
Luther Kelley, center, is joined by former KBST owners Michael and Jerry Rhattigan to celebrate Luther Kelley Day on Oct. 24, 2008. Kelley passed away Wednesday.

Luther Kelley, 93, dies

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Luther Kelley, whose booming baritone voice entertained local radio listeners for decades, has died. He was 93.

Kelley's "Nostalgia Nights" program was a late-night staple on KBST for more than 20 years. He spent more than six decades in radio. He got his first radio job in 1947 at

KPDN in Pampa, Texas. He moved to Abilene in 1948 and worked for KRBC Radio.

The Knox City native moved to Big Spring in 1950 and worked for KBST until 1964. He then worked for local television stations and KBYG Radio before eventually returning to KBST.

It was during that time that "NostalgiaNights" premiered. The program, which featured big-band music from the 1930s, '40s and '50s, ran from December 1982 to February 2009, when he retired.

Funeral services for Kelley are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Obituary information is on Page 2.

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The public has a chance to voice an opinion on the proposed 2014-2015 budget and tax rate rate before trustees with the Forsan Independent School District consider final adoption of the items.

A public forum on the issue has been set for 6 p.m. Monday at the Forsan ISD board-

room, 411 W. Sixth, Forsan.

The proposed 2015 tax rate is 1.38928 per \$100 value, the same as the expiring tax rate, according to legal notices published by the FIRD district. Comparing the average residential value from last year to the average residential value from this year, those property owners will see an increase of \$109.18 in taxes.

This number breaks down

to \$1.04 per \$100 value for maintenance and operating expense and 34.928 cents for debt service.

In other business, trustees will consider adopting board and superintendent goals, personnel matters and budget amendments.

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

Robin Williams' death emphasizes need for treatment of depression

Special to the Herald

Depression is treatable, assistance is available and no one must travel recovery alone, West Texas Centers

CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said.

It's a mantra she has hammered home the past 15 years leading West Texas' most active Mental Health Authority, which operates 15 mental

health clinics in 23 counties in rural West Texas.

But the everyday message she delivers to people she stands behind in line at the

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Obituaries

Luther Kelley



Luther Kelley, 93, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

He was born in Knox City, Texas to Della and I.E. Kelley on Oct. 25, 1920. He was a U.S. WWII Navy

veteran.

He married Florene Denison on Oct. 10, 1942 in San Francisco, Calif. When he got out of the Navy he went to the Jesse Milbourne Radio School for six months and got his first radio job in 1947 at KPND in Pampa, Texas.

He moved to Abilene in 1948 and worked for KRBC Radio. In 1950 he moved to Big Spring and worked for KBST Radio until 1964. He worked for local television stations and KBYG Radio before working for Hemphill Wells and Dunlaps for 10 years. He then went back to work for KBST where he did his big band nostalgic nights radio show from Dec. 31, 1982 to Feb. 9, 2009. He officially retired February 2009.

He was a long-time member of Baptist Temple.

He is survived by one daughter, Sarah Kelley of Big Spring; one son, Warren Kelley and his wife Kay of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, I.E. Kelley and Della Kelley; his wife, Florene Kelley; one brother: Boyd Kelley; and two sisters, Willie Mae Lamza and Annie Lou "Suzy" Brower.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS, 33, of 1809 Mittel, was arrested Thursday on charges of drove without being secured by safety belt, two counts of fail to appear and driving while license invalid.

- GENEVA LYNN OLIVAREZ, 39, of 550 Ditto, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft less than \$50 shoplifting.

- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 31, OF 505 S. Young, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- TYLER JAMES HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1300 Blackmon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse against an elderly person.

- CARLITOS ROGER GUTIERREZ, 19, of 3603 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- KOURTNEY RAMIREZ, 19, of 3603 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- RUBEN CISNEROS, 38, of 1002 N. Main apt.12, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregard stop sign, no drivers license when unlicensed and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- THEFT was reported at S. Service Rd. and Cauble Rd. exit, the 200 block of W. FM 700 – two incidents.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 2000 block of W. 3rd St.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1200 block of Johnson.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1700 block of Main.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 500 block of N. Birdwell.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 600 block of e. 18th st.

- ASSAULT was reported at the 4100 block of S. Highway 87.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 2000 block of Scurry.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 at the time of this report.

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- FRED ALLEN PERRY was booked by DPS on warrants for speeding – 86 miles an hour in a 70 mile an hour zone, violate promise to appear, issuance of bad check – three counts and theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- ERICK SHEROD FRANKS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ARTURO RUIZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have

a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Noon — Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the

month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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

Rafael Lopez III

Rafael Lopez III, 55, of Big Spring, died Wednesday August 20, 2014 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

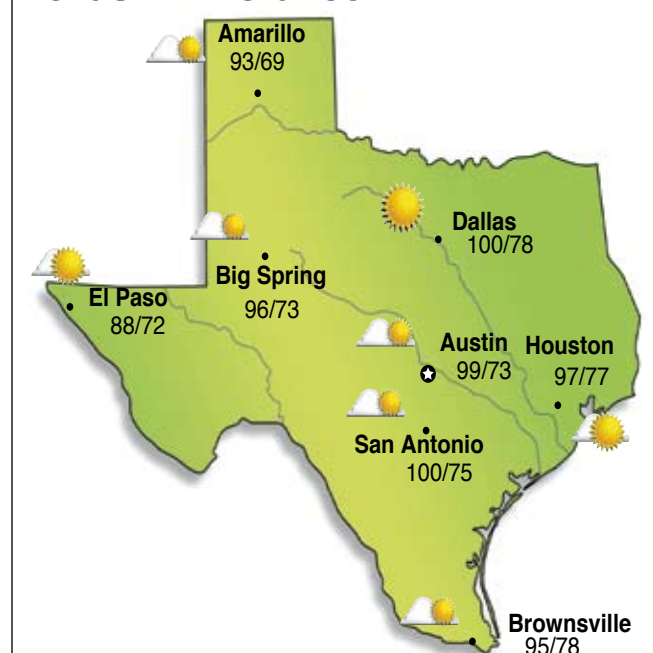
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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96/73 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 96F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	98/73 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/73 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/72 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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Texas At A Glance



Lottery

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 05-06-23-25, Bonus: 20.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 08-21-23-24-36.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "All or Nothing Night" game were: 04-05-06-10-12-14-15-18-19-20-21-24.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 7-6-7, Sum It Up: 20.



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Take Note

• The Howard County Association board invites all elementary school children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to attend the Howard County Fair without charge Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These hours are available only for this age-level student and are not during the regular hours of the fair. To schedule a time for your class to visit, contact Gale Pittman or Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201, 432-935-1604 or uway@big-springtx.com.

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

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

• A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.

• Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• Help Kids Succeed is asking the public to help local struggling families with back to school expenses. The average family spends between \$200 and \$600 per child. Jury Padron and her husband Peter Padron hope to "pay it forward" by helping these families with donations of clothes, shoes or school supplies. To make a donation, go to www.gofundme.com/

ams9v8 or in person by cash, check or money order. To make a supply donation or for more information call Jury at 638-0861 or Peter at 270-5228.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help.

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

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to

treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

ESCO: Man with meth, mini bike flees after attempted oilfield theft

(AP) A man on a mini-bike zipped onto an oilfield lease near Gardendale Tuesday and began stripping copper wire until a worker stopped him, according to the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

The worker, on a Fasken Oil and Ranch lease, called deputies who chased 30-year-old Colby Shawn Figert with lights flashing before arresting him near Cottonwood Road and Western Avenue, according to a release from the sheriff's office. The deputy reported finding Figert in possession of methamphetamine.

Figert, of 112 Monticello Drive in Odessa, remained at the Ector County Detention Center on Wednesday facing felony charges of evading in a vehicle (the mini-bike) and possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at a total \$15,000.

As of Wednesday, Figert faced no charges relating to oilfield theft. But deputies continued to investigate.

Fasken's Operations Manager Jimmy Davis said oilfield thefts on leases close to the more populated areas such as Gardendale are an ongoing problem.

Copper thefts are common, Davis said. But the company also sees diesel thefts and trespassers who destroy locks off the trailers where rig workers keep their belongings, so-called "dog houses," to steal clothing and other items

"We've had several of our well servicing rigs . . . broken into at night and on weekends and haven't been able to catch the people that are doing it," Davis said.

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Steven, saw the accident, and

went to assist, Toombs said. Ray touched the truck and was also electrocuted.

Other Rayco workers on the scene called 9-11 and attempted CPR. Mitchell County Vol-

unteer Firefighters responded to the call, Toombs said. A helicopter was launched, but the three were taken to Mitchell County hospital by ambulance in an attempt to

stabilize the victims.

Both Robokoff and Steven McKinney died at the hospital. Harvey McKinney was transported by helicopter to University Medical Center in

Lubbock and is expected to recover, Toombs said.

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

TREATMENT

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supermarket or one-on-one in her office is now on the tips of everyone's tongues from television correspondents to prize-winning newspaper columnists. Depression gained a spotlight when popular comedian and actor Robin Williams committed suicide in his California home Aug. 11.

Williams had been treated for depression for several years and was seeking help before taking his own life.

His universal familiarity, which stretched several generations, made the news of his suicide a topic of conversation amongst their many clients at their mental health clinics and people in the communities in which they serve, Smith said.

"Depression is what I am asked about over and over and over again out in the community," she said. "Invariably, when I meet someone and they find out what I do, nine times out of 10 they will share that one of their family members lives with depression.

They crave information because they are fearful that someone they love may take their own life."

The death of Williams, who had such an ability to make people laugh and forget their own troubles, makes many people even more fearful, Smith said.

"In talking to people in the community, they believe that if someone who is as successful and funny as Robin Williams can take his own life, no one is safe from the darkness of depression."

Smith has found that in the past week more people have been even more open to talking about depression to her, her mental health caseworkers and to the mental health experts who man West Texas Center's 24-hour Crisis

hotline.

West Texas Centers provides outpatient care for adults, children and their families living with mental illness. But other resources are available in the community.

A good first-line of contact is a person's primary care physician, said Dr. Scott Barclay, a Big Spring physician.

"During a routine visit, I usually ask one or two open-ended questions, like 'How are things going?' or 'Are you doing OK overall?' to give patients a chance to bring up areas in their life where they may be struggling physically or mentally," he said.

"This is the perfect time to let me know if they are struggling

with depression and to what degree. Some people may be living with what we call 'depressed episodes' in their lives. These are short bouts of time when they feel depressed. This differs from major depression which is much longer-lasting and when a total feeling of despair casts a pall over their lives."

"This is when they need medication and therapy," Barclay said. "A family physician or a mental health expert, such as those employed at West Texas Centers, can be a strong a partner in the treatment and care of depression."

Signs of depression include:

- Changes in sleep
 - Changes in appetite
 - Poor concentration
 - Loss of energy, fatigue
 - Lack of interest
 - Low self-esteem
 - Hopelessness or guilt
 - Suicidal thoughts
- If you are anyone you know may be living with depression, please contact a family physi-

cian or call West Texas Centers, 24-hour Mental Health Crisis hotline, 1-800-375-4357.

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Luther Kelley, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. tonight. Graveside service is 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Iona M. Hardison, died Tuesday. Graveside services are today at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Rafael Lopez III, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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The short answer is: everything.

I'm not talking about the killing of Michael Brown. A tragedy, whatever the facts. But what the facts are is something we don't yet know. There are two conflicting stories:

one of an unarmed teenager shot six times while his hands were in the air; the other of an aggressive man who, unbeknownst to police had just robbed a local store (of a box of cigars) and was shot after he attacked the police office in the police car. Both cannot be true. However much some people might want to protect the officer, there are too many people watching, starting with the president of the United States, to do that if he is in the wrong. On the other hand, if the teenager attacked the police officer, then the officer must be protected from unfair punishment. Justice will have to be done.

Having a black president and a black attorney general should help. If Ferguson had similar representation in its own police force, we might not all be writing about this.

Twenty-two years ago, Los Angeles, where I lived, erupted in riots after the acquittal of white police officers that had been charged with beating a black

man, Rodney King. We had looting and rioting and curfews. We had a police department that was overwhelmingly white, largely divorced from the community it was policing, a white police chief who didn't speak to the black mayor, a police department so mistrusted by the community that O.J. Simpson managed to get acquitted two years later.

Two weeks ago, an unarmed black man, some say seriously mentally ill, was killed by police officers. A few hundred people rallied peacefully on a weekend afternoon. If I weren't paying so much attention to the Brown story, I might have missed it.

And why not? The police commission will surely review the police investigation. This is a different city now. The police department, to a degree unimaginable back then, reflects the city. We have a white chief because we passed the point of "needing" a black chief as a symbol of a white department. Since the bad old days, we've had two black chiefs and two white ones.

How could Ferguson be so far behind the times, when, frankly, Los Angeles came late to the understanding that community policing by a police force that reflects and is part of the community is the most effective technique for restoring order, reducing crime and decreasing fear. Why is it — after years of "black flight" to suburbs like Ferguson as the "white flight"



SUSAN
ESTRICH

Showcase of Spanish heritage

In the early evening, as I walked through Main Plaza in downtown San Antonio, headed by the majestic San Fernando Cathedral and reminiscent of the many Spanish colonial plazas throughout Latin America, I noticed that something had changed.

Just a few hours earlier, I had spent some time taking pictures of the plaza, where beautiful fountains reign, and inside that grand Gothic cathedral, where the Spanish faith of the 1700s still lifts your spirit. But now the daylight was fading, and the fountains had been shut off. A huge crowd was gathering at the plaza. People were bringing their own folding chairs and sitting there, all facing the church.

I was tired, on my way back to my hotel after spending the entire day walking around downtown San Antonio, taking pictures in every direction, marveling at how this city showcases its Hispanic heritage. But I had to ask what the evening gathering was about.

"You have several cameras," a woman told me as she searched for the best position to place her portable chair in front of the church. "You can't leave!"

She proceeded to explain that the front of the church was about to turn into a huge outdoor screen and that I was about to witness the most beautiful light show I had ever seen. And she was right!

Moments later, amazing images began to appear on the church's facade, accompanied by music that filled the entire plaza — and I was in awe, snapping pictures and trying to shoot videos at the same time. I wanted everyone to see what I was seeing.

In a 20-minute image montage set to music, French visual artist Xavier de Richemont presents the history of San Antonio and Texas in such an unusual way that it almost hypnotizes people into learning a little history. Unveiled in mid-June, the \$1 million show, commissioned by the city's Main Plaza Conservatory, is called "San Antonio — The Saga." It illustrates the area's native inhabitants and Spanish settlers, the defenders of the Alamo, and many other facets of Texas history with blending images that require undivided

attention and perhaps even multiple viewings to see all there is to see there. This amazing show, presented several nights per week, is both free and priceless. It's a huge addition to a city already beautiful for its proud display of its history. My photos and (shaky) videos are at <http://www.hiddenhispanicheritage.com>.

"San Fernando Cathedral has been the geographic and spiritual center of San Antonio since 1731, when newly arrived Spanish settlers surveyed their town for the spot that would become the threshold of the parish church," according to an exhibit in the cathedral. "It was here that townspeople built their church with hard work and meager funds and repaired it when age, fire, and war took their toll. ... Today, nearly three centuries after its founding, San Fernando Cathedral — the oldest parish church in Texas — is still the heart and soul of San Antonio, a spiritual home for visitors of all faiths and the most constant touchstone to this city's rich and unique past."

The exhibit also notes: "The parishioners and clergy of San Fernando have witnessed conflict, prayed for their soldiers, buried victims of battle, and embraced political refugees for over 250 years.

They have been divided by war and united in peace. Mexico's revolt against Spain, the Texans' war with Mexico, Indian attacks, the Civil War all brought conflict to the doors of San Fernando."

Aside from all its other historical significance, the cathedral draws many visitors because it holds the entombed remains of the heroes who died fighting for Texas independence at the Alamo, which stands only a few blocks away. So a visit to the Alamo is not complete unless you also go to church.

Our Hispanic heritage is often hidden, but San Antonio is a precious showcase of Hispanic history and culture. Its five Spanish missions, including the one better known as the Alamo, its San Fernando Cathedral and its Spanish Governor's Palace (now a museum) date back to the 1700s, before the area was part of the United States, before it was part of the Republic of Texas, before it was part of Mexico and all the way back to when it was part of the Spanish colony New Spain.

Less than two blocks from the cathedral, at the Spanish Governor's Palace, you learn that this

went to the exurbs — that some 3 of the 53 police officers in a town that is 67 percent black are black? Think about it. The town is 67 percent black and the police department, including the chief, is 94 percent white.

So when an unarmed black teenager is shot, you get thousands of people protesting in a small town (compared to only hundreds in the nation's second largest city). You get the police overreacting, which makes things worse. You get a community divided, and lots of good reasons, some having nothing in particular to do with Michael Brown, for people to be angry. You get a young man whose death may or may not be the product, in part, of that very atmosphere of distrust and resentment. You get a young police officer whose career is, rightly or wrongly, ruined, and whose life is also being threatened. And you get a stark reminder that the fact that the country has a black president and a black attorney general comes in handy in a time like this, not because of how far we've come, but precisely because we have not come far enough.

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museum was not the home of a Spanish governor but the original comandancia (residence and working office) for the captain of the Presidio San Antonio de Bexar, a Spanish fort built there in 1722. And a museum brochure also teaches you that "one of the Presidio's functions was to protect the priests at the nearby Mission San Antonio de Valero (later known as the Alamo) and the families who came to settle here." It continues, "In 1731 fifteen families from the Canary Islands arrived to begin the settlement that would become San Antonio."

You couldn't hide that kind of Hispanic heritage, even if you tried!

As the self-appointed guide of the Great Hispanic American History Tour — a series of columns now up to 11 parts and still going — I must admit that I found San Antonio to be the antithesis of the hidden Hispanic heritage I often complain about. I can't get enough of San Antonio.

I went shopping at the San Antonio Market Square, a mall filled exclusively with crafts from Latin America, and I wanted to buy at least half the merchandise. I had lunch at the famous Mi Tierra Restaurant, and I couldn't decide which was better, the beautiful atmosphere, the wonderful Mexican foods or the amazing murals featuring practically every famous Mexican-American in the country.

And yes, I kept the promise made in last week's column. I went to Sunday Mass at a mission church. Alongside some of the descendants of the Native Americans who converted to Catholicism there centuries ago, I knelt and prayed at San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, one of the four still-active mission churches in San Antonio. It was a mariachi Mass — Mexican voices making the sounds of angels — and a moving experience.

From an interview with a tour guide, I also learned about Native American life at the missions and the many ways in which Spanish missionaries — contrary to popular belief — made their lives better. But that's coming next week, when the Great Hispanic American History Tour follows the San Antonio Mission Trail.

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DAILY PRAYER

Lord, give us strength to ask for your blessings daily. Amen

Church News

Spring Creek Fellowship

We will be having a benefit fundraiser for Lorinda Herrod from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Walmart. Enjoy hamburgers, fries, drinks, t-shirts as well as a bake sale.

We will be meeting at Spring Town Plaza on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for the next few weeks to get the portion of the mall to be used as our new church home ready for renovation. All help is welcome and appreciated. Children's activities will resume the Wednesday after school starts.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior K through Junior High this coming year. Applications are being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is opening a preschool in September 2014. It will start out as a two-day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. Times will be 8:00-3:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, go to www.bsccpreschool.org.

Youth will be meeting for Bible study at 5 p.m. All youth who will begin 6th grade this fall through those who just graduated this spring are invited. For more information, contact Clint Bratcher.

Our Boy Scout Troop is collecting school supplies as well as underwear and socks for elementary school students. School supplies will be given to those students who may not be able to afford to buy them and the underwear and socks will be taken to school nurses to have on hand if needed.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Sunday connection groups begin at 9:15 a.m., followed by worship at 10:45. If you would like any information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-7

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 on Wednesdays.

The Church Life Committee will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. to discuss plans for Sunday school classes for the coming year and for the annual church barbecue, which is set for Sept. 28.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Danny Kennemur is lay lector for the month.

The lectionary for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "There Is a Redeemer" by Melody Green as the anthem and "We Come with Joyful Hearts" by Michael Bedford as the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry. Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50. Both meet in the Sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45. A nursery is provided for Sunday school and the 10:50 am worship service. The 10:50 AM Blended Service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will share a message entitled "So Long Self!" The message is taken from Hebrews 12:14-17. When we become followers of Jesus Christ, God begins to download a new identity into our lives. That also means there's no room for the old self. But before God can begin the download, we have to say goodbye to the old self. Sunday's message will help us explore what that all means.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, our Children's Ministry will be holding a "Back to School Slash Bash" at the Big Spring Country Club. There will be swimming, sun, and fellowship ... complete with a hot dog dinner with all the fixings. The cost is \$5 person.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets in Garrett Hall. A meal is served for a small fee beginning at 11:50 a.m. The study concludes at 12:50 pm. The public is invited to attend. Pastor Ivins is currently leading a Bible study based on some of the hymns and songs of the faith. Next Wednesday's study will focus on the Fanny Crosby hymn, "To God Be the Glory".

The Celebration Choir is back in full swing with rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30. New members are always welcome. The choir is under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

Throughout the rest of the summer, First United Methodist Church will be collecting items in order to assist with the needs of immigrant children along the Texas/Mexico border. Among the items we're collecting are children's sneakers and undergar-



ments. All items must be new and can be dropped off at the church office.

The First Family is already gearing up for the fall. Our Fall Launch is scheduled for Sept. 7. Both services will be in the air conditioned comfort of our Sanctuary. A barbeque lunch will follow at noon.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, Bishop Earl Bledsoe will be our guest preacher. Bledsoe is the Bishop of the Northwest Texas Region of the United Methodist Church. During his visit, he'll also launch our fall confirmation classes. The day's activities will also include a luncheon at noon in Garrett Hall.

The summer is in full swing with a whole complement of other activities for children, youth, adults and senior adults. For more information about any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumcbs.com or phone 267-6394.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning, our message is titled "Three Steps of Faith," and comes from John 4:46-54.

On Wednesday evenings we are studying the Book of Genesis. On Sunday evenings we have begun an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. This week we will be examining the question, "Why does God tarry to receive our loved ones to Heaven when they are suffering?" Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

On Sunday, August 31, we will have regular morning worship, but evening services will be a community fellowship as we join Grace Fellowship Church of God at 6:00 P.M. for worship. The church is just south of 4th Street and east of Birdwell on Tulane. We will not have evening services in Forsan that day.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday services begin at 6:00 P.M. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday is SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Staff Appreciation Day. All SWCID employees and their families are invited to join us for the worship service at 10:50, followed by a luncheon. Come and give thanks to God for these special people who we value so much.

On Aug. 31, we will begin offering two Sunday services: a morning service at 10:50, and an afternoon service at 2. We will also have a Wednesday evening Bible study at 6.

CBlessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For additional information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Sunday is Promotion Sunday in our Youth and Children's Sunday School Departments. Join us as we thank God for His presence in each life, and for the excitement of new beginnings that occur with school starting and seasons changing. Sunday school classes meet at 9:30, with adults and youth on the second floor, and children on the first floor. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding your class.

Morning worship service begins at 10:50, and Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "True Grit: A Rugged and Resolute Follower of Christ." Drawn from Matthew 7:15-23, the message titled "More Than Words" explores the depth of Jesus' instruction for bearing the evidence of being a true believer.

A luncheon follows the worship service to celebrate God's work through our Missional Community Groups; everyone is invited.

Our Mother's Day Out Program is pleased to announce the opening of an additional Pre-K room. To inquire about available openings for your child, contact Tracy Boeker from 9-3 Tuesdays or Thursdays at 432-267-8223, ext. 23.

DID YOU EVER WONDER

Tower of Babel

"What did he say? I can't understand a word he is saying! Why doesn't he learn to speak English?"



EUNICE FILLER

Did you ever wonder why it is so hard to learn another language than the one you were raised with? God made it that way!

As the descendants of Noah repopulated the earth, they all lived on the plain of Shinar in what is now Iraq and all spoke one language...the language God used when He spoke the earth into existence.

Around the year of 2000 from the Creation, only 340 years after the Flood, there was a man named Nimrod, who was a forceful leader of men. Gen. 10:9 says, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before God." In Hebrew the context of 'before God' actually means 'running away from God' or 'staying outside His presence.' Further Hebrew words actually call him a 'hunter of men'. People gravitated to him and accepted him as a king; and it pleased Nimrod to lead people away from God.

Nimrod wanted to build a tower that would reach up into Heaven so he could challenge God. I get a picture of Nimrod standing on the top of a gigantic ziggurat, shaking his fist up at the Heavens. He told the people, "Come, let us build us a city and a tower with its tip in the heavens. Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed across the whole earth." (Gen 11:4)

So he had the people make mud bricks and fire them in an oven. They used bitumen from natural oozes of tar from the earth as mortar - pause a moment and think of the vast oil fields that have been developed in that region - and began to build a large tower (possibly in the shape of a ziggurat, similar to the design of the pyramids).

These people were not half-man, half-ape emerging from caves. Many of their building feats are staggering. Most of the basic formulas we use today started with them. They knew about the devastating flood and the reason for it. Maybe they rationalized that since God had waited 1650 years before He punished man's evil ways, they still had a lot of time before He would do it again.

God descended to look at the tower. He said, "If with one language, they have begun to do what should not be done, let us confuse their language, that they cannot understand each other's speech." (Gen. 11:7)

From one people on the plain of Shinar, He divided the people into 70 tribes and dispersed the groups all over the face of the earth, and they each had their own language. They had said, "-lest we be dispersed across the whole earth." They had spoken their punishment.

Have you ever noticed that God is always watching what we do? He is patient with us for a long time, giving us every chance to realize we are on the wrong path and repent. But He eventually comes to check on us and calls bad deeds into account. Let us be careful not to speak our own punishment.

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Mona Lue Tonn marks 29 years of ministry

Spring Tabernacle Ministries will be celebrating 29 years of ministry Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to the 10 a.m. worship service at 1209 Wright. Children's Church will also be held at that time.

Arnold and Mona Lue Tonn started the church in 1985 in a back room at Fox's Pawn Shop, 911 W. Fourth St.

In 1989, the couple bought Faith Baptist, which was closing.

Within the next six years, the ministry was giving food, clothes and Christmas presents to children — items for those in the community who had a need.

Bro. Tonn passed away in 2006 and Mona Lue continued the ministry. Five years ago, she added a jail ministry.

"Since then we feel the Lord is leading us more and more into a drug rehabilitation ministry," Mona Lue said. "We are very excited about this new direction but saddened to let the clothes ministry and Christmas for kids end."

Mona Lue said Spring Tabernacle will present gifts to children for the last time this year — they have been doing it since 1985 — but believes other churches and organizations have adequately provided those gifts over the past few years.

"At one time, we gave 640 kids four presents each," said Mona Lue.

The church will continue its food ministry the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

"We have been truly blessed by God and this community in these ministries and we want to thank the wonderful people for their support, prayers and donations," said Mona Lue. "God bless you all."



Mona Lue Tonn

Let's luau!



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Family Nurse Practitioner Shirlene Sulatan shows patients on the hospital's Summit Unit how to dance the Hawaiian luau during the unit's celebration to call attention to cultural diversity and practice social etiquette Wednesday in the Summit Courtyard. The patients feasted on traditional Hawaiian food and sipped tropical fruit drinks with umbrella decorations.

News in brief

Iraq militants kill 46 in attack on Sunni mosque

BAGHDAD (AP) — Militants targeted a Sunni mosque in a province next to the Iraqi capital during weekly prayers on Friday, killing at least 46 people and wounding over 50 as members of the Islamic State group continue to push through the area, officials said.

An army officer and a police officer said a suicide bomber first broke into the Musab bin Omair Mosque in Imam Wais village in Diyala province, some 120 kilometers (75 miles) northeast of Baghdad, detonating his explosives before gunmen rushed in and opened fire on worshippers.

The officials said that fighters with the Islamic State group have been trying to convince members of two prominent local Sunni tribes — the Oal-Waisi and al-Jabour — to join them but they have thus far refused.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All of them spoke on the condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief the media. The towns of Jalula and al-Saadiyah have recently fallen to militants with the Islamic State group but Imam Wais is thus far in government control.

Since early this year, Iraq has been facing an onslaught by the extremist Islamic State group and allied Sunni militants across much of the country's north and west. The crisis has worsened since June as the militant fighters swept through new towns in the north, killing dozens of people and displacing hundreds of thousands, mainly members of the minority Christian and Yazidi religious communities.

China tries 5 accused sect members for murder

BEIJING (AP) — Five people stood trial Thursday in the beating death of a woman at a McDonald's restaurant in eastern China who reportedly refused to join their anti-Communist Christian sect — a high-profile crime that led to a wave of arrests of cult suspects.

The five members of the "All-powerful Spirit" group, including a man and his two daughters, were accused of hitting the woman with chairs

and a metal pole after she refused to give them her phone number, in violence captured on cellphone video that was later broadcast on state TV.

The "All-powerful Spirit," also known as "Eastern Lightning," believes that Jesus was resurrected as a Chinese woman and sees itself in a struggle against the "Red Dragon," or the Chinese Communist Party. It is one of 14 cults that China has listed as illegal, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

The crime took place on May 28 in Zhaoyuan city in Shandong province, a traditional hotbed for religious sects. The region gave birth to the violent anti-Christian Boxer movement that laid siege to Western interests in Beijing and elsewhere during the waning years of the Qing dynasty in 1900.

The five defendants were accused of murder and three also faced cult-related charges in the one-day trial at Yantai Intermediate People's Court. The court posted photos of what it said were the proceedings on its microblog, and said the judge would give a verdict at an unspecified later date.

State broadcaster CCTV said the five defendants had eaten at the McDonald's on the night of the beating, and that the only male member of the group, Zhang Lidong, asked the victim, Wu Shuoyan, for her telephone number, and she refused. The four women then approached her and asked her. Again, she refused, and the group decided that she was the devil, CCTV reported.

Pittsburgh bishop taking ALS challenge for priest

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's Roman Catholic bishop plans to take the ice bucket challenge to support a diocesan priest who has Lou Gehrig's disease, but will donate his money to a charity that doesn't use embryonic stem cells for its research on the disease.

Bishop David Zubik's announcement comes as the Archdiocese of Cincinnati discouraged its schools from raising money for organizations that conduct research on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, using cells taken from human embryos.

The Pittsburgh diocese agrees with Cincinnati officials that such research violates the Catholic church's teachings on abortion.

CHURCH NEWS

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Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6:15, Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini leads the Annual Fall Kickoff, and all students are invited to bring a friend for the game night featuring "Battle of the Sexes." Youth do not have to be a church member to attend.

Monday, Sept. 8 at 9:30, our Ladies' Bible Study group begins the fall session; the study will be Beth Moore's 'Children of the Day' which focuses on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Call 267-8223 for more information.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all ages. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us for spaghetti Aug. 27.

If you have questions about "why go to church?", or whether God really cares about what you're going through, call 267-8223 or stop by the church and someone will be glad to listen, pray with you and talk with you about the source of all true compassion, Jesus Christ. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at FBC.



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

George von Hassell will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Romans 11:33-12:8.

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

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News in brief

First trucks in Russian aid convoy driven across border into eastern Ukraine

IZVARYNE, Ukraine (AP) — Russia unilaterally sent an aid mission into rebel-held eastern Ukraine on Friday, saying its patience had worn out after a week of delays it blamed on the Ukrainian government.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, which had planned to escort the convoy to assuage fears that it was being used as a cover for an invasion by Russia, said it had not received enough security guarantees to escort the convoy.

Trucks loaded with water, generators and sleeping bags sent from Moscow are intended for civilians in the city of Luhansk, where pro-Russian separatist fighters are besieged by government forces. Shelling of the city has been ongoing for weeks.

An Associated Press reporter saw a priest blessing the first truck in the convoy at the rebel-held checkpoint and then climbing into the passenger seat. A rebel commander on the scene said 34 trucks had gone through. On the Russia side of the border, an Associated Press reporter counted another 32 vehicles going into the customs zone.

The vehicles' immediate destination was not known and it was not clear whether Kiev had granted its approval.

Hamas kills 11 alleged informers for Israel a day after Israel killed 3 top Hamas commanders

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A Gaza security official says Hamas has killed 11 suspected informers for Israel.

Friday's killings came a day after Israel killed three top Hamas military commanders in an airstrike on a house in southern Gaza Strip.

Hamas has vowed revenge for the targeting of its leaders.

The security official says the 11 suspected informers were killed early Friday at the Gaza City police headquarters. He says the 11 men had previously been sentenced by Gaza courts.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss incident with reporters. The killings of the 11 were also reported by Al Rai and Al Majd, two websites linked to Hamas.

Extremists' use of Syria as a sanctuary is at the heart of Obama's counterterrorism dilemma

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the heart of President Barack Obama's quandary over the Islamic State militants is their haven in Syria.

The president may continue helping Iraqi forces try to reverse the group's land grabs in northern Iraq by providing more arms and American military advisers and by using U.S. warplanes to support Iraqi ground operations.

But what if the militants pull back, even partially, into Syria and regroup, as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Thursday predicted they would, followed by a renewed offensive?

"In a sense, you're just sort of back to where you were" before they swept into Iraq, said Robert Ford, a former U.S. ambassador to Syria who quit in February in disillusionment over Obama's unwillingness to arm moderate Syrian rebels.

"I don't see how you can contain the Islamic State over the medium term if you don't address their base of operations in Syria," he said in an interview before an intensified round of U.S. airstrikes this week helped Kurdish and Iraqi forces recapture a Tigris River dam near Mosul that had fallen under control of Islamic State militants.

Remains of MH17 victims return to mourning Malaysia as govt faces fallout of 2 plane tragedies

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Carried by soldiers and draped in the national flag, coffins carrying Malaysian victims of Flight MH17 returned home Friday to a country still searching for those onboard another doomed jet and a government battling the political fallout of the twin tragedies.

The bodies and ashes of 20 victims from the Malaysia Airlines jet that was shot down over eastern Ukraine in July were given full military honors and a day of national mourning was declared, the first in the country's history.

Many people in offices in the nation of 30 million observed a minute's silence as the hearses were driven from the tarmac of Kuala Lumpur International Airport to private funerals. Some public trains in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, stopped operating.

All 298 people onboard died when the jet was shot down over an area of Ukraine controlled by pro-Russia separatists on a flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. The victims included 43 Malaysians and 195 Dutch nationals. An international investigation is ongoing, but no one has been arrested.

The return of the bodies also represented a political triumph for Prime Minister Najib Razak, whose already shaky popularity ratings were hit by his handling of the still unsolved disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 and its 239 passengers and crew in March.

US Ebola survivor thanks God, asks for prayers and aid for African countries fighting outbreak

ATLANTA (AP) — As one of few Ebola survivors with medical expertise, Dr. Kent Brantly seems keenly aware of the position his painful experience has put him in. He hasn't spoken yet about his plans, but spent much of his first public appearance pleading for help for countries still struggling with the virus.

"I am forever thankful to God for sparing my life and am glad for any attention my sickness has attracted to the plight of West Africa in the midst of this epidemic," Brantly said Thursday at a news conference before leaving Emory University Hospital, where he and a medical missionary colleague spent three weeks in an isolation unit as they recovered.

"Please continue to pray for Liberia and the people of West Africa, and encourage those in positions of leadership and influence to do everything possible to bring this Ebola outbreak to an end," he added before hugging all the doctors and nurses, a display of affection telegraphing the message that Ebola survivors are not contagious.

With the world watching, Brantly could continue sending these messages from the United States or even return to Africa with his doctors' blessing.

"My family and I will now be going away for a period of time to reconnect, decompress and continue to recover physically and emotionally. After I have recovered a little more and regained some of my strength, we will look forward to sharing more of our story," said Brantly, visibly thinner than he appeared in an image circulated earlier by his charity organization, the North Carolina-based Samaritan's Purse.

In Ferguson fallout, calls grow for police to wear 'body cameras' — but with caveats

NEW YORK (AP) — What if Michael Brown's last moments had been recorded?

The fatal police shooting of the unarmed black 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri, is prompting calls for more officers to wear so-called body cameras, simple, lapel-mounted gadgets that capture video footage of law enforcement's interactions

with the public. Proponents say the devices add a new level of accountability to police work.

"This is a technology that has a very real potential to serve as a check and balance on police power," says Jay Stanley, senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union.

The case supporters make is simple: Cops and criminal suspects alike are less likely to misbehave if they know they're being recorded. And there's some evidence supporting it. In a recent Cambridge University study, the police department in Rialto, California — a city of about 100,000 — saw an 89 percent decline in the number of complaints against officers in a yearlong trial using the cameras.

The number of times the police used force against suspects also declined. After the trial, the cameras became mandatory for the department's roughly 100 officers.

National Guard to withdraw from a quieter Ferguson; night saw no unrest, few arrests

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — The streets of Ferguson were peaceful for another night, as protests and tensions were subsiding in the St. Louis suburb where unrest had erupted after a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed black 18-year-old.

Gov. Jay Nixon also ordered the Missouri National Guard, which arrived Monday, to begin withdrawing as flare-ups have been easing. Police have made only a handful of arrests in the protest area on the past two nights.

"I feel we're making progress," Nixon told KMOX-AM, noting that a state of emergency remained in effect in Ferguson.

About 100 people gathered Thursday evening, walking in laps near the spot where Michael Brown was shot on Aug. 9. Some were in organized groups, such as clergy members. Police said there had been seven arrests, mainly for failure to disperse. That compares with six on Wednesday night and 47 the previous night — providing hope among law enforcement leaders that tensions were beginning to wane.

Several protesters were still calling Thursday night for St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch to be removed from the case. Some question McCulloch's ability to be unbiased since his father, mother and other relatives worked for St. Louis police.

Coal gas boom in China threatens to spew greenhouse gases as world tries to curb emissions


HEXIGTEN, China (AP) — Deep in the hilly grasslands of remote Inner Mongolia, twin smoke stacks rise more than 200 feet into the sky, their steam and sulfur billowing over herds of sheep and cattle. Both day and night, the rumble of this power plant echoes across the ancient steppe, and its acrid stench travels dozens of miles away.

This is the first of more than 60 coal-to-gas plants China wants to build, mostly in remote parts of the country where ethnic minorities have farmed and herded for centuries. Fired up in December, the multibillion-dollar plant bombards millions of tons of coal with water and heat to produce methane, which is piped to Beijing to generate electricity.

It's part of a controversial energy revolution China hopes will help it churn out desperately needed natural gas and electricity while cleaning up the toxic skies above the country's eastern cities. However, the plants will also release vast amounts of heat-trapping carbon dioxide, even as the world struggles to curb greenhouse gas emissions and stave off global warming.

If all of the plants start up, the carbon dioxide they'd release would equal three-quarters of all energy-related carbon emissions in the U.S., according to U.S. government data and energy experts from Duke and Stanford universities. That is far more than now produced in China by burning coal, the country's main source of power.

So far, China is running only two pilot plants to produce methane, which is also known as synthetic natural gas, in the provinces of Inner Mongolia and far western Xinjiang, with another 21 approved. Building all 60 plants would cost an estimated \$65 billion.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠KJ♥Q85♦AQ762♣AJ6
- ♠7♥Q63♦AK8754♣Q92
- ♠4♥92♦KJ108743♣KJ5
- ♠Q83♥8♦AJ942♣AK84

1. Four notrump. This is simply a raise in notrump and not Blackwood, since partner has shown a notrump distribution and no suit has been agreed upon as trump. Four notrump is obviously a slam try, but partner can pass with minimum values for his bids to date.

Partner's two-trump rebid in this sequence is generally treated as indicating 14 or 15 points. If he has maximum values for his rebid, he should accept your invitation to bid slam, while with minimum values he should pass. In either case, he should be the one to make the decision.

2. Three notrump. Your 6-3-3-1 distribution is not ideal for notrump, but that should not dissuade you from raising partner to game. Your hand is quite likely to provide six playing tricks in support of an open-

ing bid that is not a dead minimum. It would not be right to bid either three diamonds, denying interest in game, or four diamonds, which would be reaching for an 11-trick game.

3. Three diamonds. Here you must warn partner that your two-diamond response was not entirely kosher. Three diamonds tells him that your two-diamond bid, which would ordinarily indicate 10 or more high-card points, was based more on distribution than on high-card values, and that if he continues, it is at his own peril.

4. Three clubs. Game is certain and slam is possible on the bidding thus far, but how many tricks can actually be made — and in what denomination — is still unknown. The best you can do is to try to describe your distribution and high-card values, at the same time hoping that partner has the right cards in the right places for a slam.

Your intention is to show spade support on the next round and thereby pinpoint your singleton heart. The full nature of your hand is thus presented in three installments. What happens after that is up to partner. If he has something like: ♠KJ1074♥A65♦K3♣QJ6, six spades is an excellent proposition.

Tomorrow: Three hurdles to success.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

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Cowboys LB suffers career-ending neck injury

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys said Thursday that linebacker DeVonte Holloman has a career-ending spinal problem that kept him out almost half of his rookie season a year ago.

Coach Jason Garrett said Holloman was advised not to play again after doctor evaluations this week.

After missing the first two days of practice this week,

the 23-year-old Holloman was on the field Thursday in his No. 57 jersey but didn't appear in the locker room when it was open to reporters after Garrett's announcement.

Garrett wouldn't discuss details of the injury other than saying Holloman has been dealing with a neck issue "the last couple of weeks." Holloman came out of last weekend's preseason game against Baltimore midway through

the fourth quarter because of the injury.

"It's a very challenging, difficult thing for a young man who has dreams of being an NFL football player, achieves those dreams," Garrett said. "But this becomes an easy decision for him and for his family when you're dealing with that kind of injury."

Holloman returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown in his Dallas de-

but in the Hall of Fame preseason game last year, and the converted safety ended up starting at middle linebacker in the regular-season finale against Philadelphia because of injuries to other players.

The sixth-round pick, who played the first six weeks before injuring his neck in practice and missing seven games, led the Cowboys with 11 tackles in a loss that kept the Cowboys out of the play-

offs.

"It bothered me a lot ... because me and Holloman, we was like a brotherhood," said safety J.J. Wilcox, another member of Dallas' 2013 draft class. "It just goes to show you that this game here is not for long. It's tough."

The Cowboys have already lost middle linebacker Sean Lee to a season-ending knee injury. Holloman was essen-

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Yanks avoid sweep with 3-0 win over

NEW YORK (AP) — The last time Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros saw Brandon McCarthy, he looked a lot different. McCarthy outpitched Keuchel as they both threw complete games without a walk Thursday, and the New York Yankees avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Astros 3-0.

In mid-June, Keuchel was in control the whole way while the Astros roughed up McCarthy. That came while McCarthy was on his way to going 3-10 with Arizona. Since being traded to New York in early July, he's 5-2.

"We put a hurtin' on him in Houston when he was with the Diamondbacks. He just changed role reversal and beat me," Keuchel said.

New York won for just the third time in 10 games and ended Houston's three-game winning string. Chase Headley hit an early two-run double and the Yankees backed McCarthy with flawless fielding.

The Yankees' fans also made fine plays — sitting in the first row behind the Houston dugout, comedian Chris Rock wound up with a foul ball off the bat of Astros rookie Jon Singleton, and he gave the souvenir to a young boy as the crowd cheered.

McCarthy struck out eight in his fourth career shutout and first this season. Keuchel gave up seven hits and struck out

five.

This was the first nine-inning game where each pitcher threw a complete game without a walk since July 17, 2010, when Mark Buehrle of the White Sox and Carl Pavano of the Twins did it, STATS said.

Houston was trying to become the first team to come into Yankee Stadium at least 20 games under .500 and sweep a series of three games or more since Milwaukee did it to close the 1972 season, STATS said.

Even so, Houston left the Bronx with a 5-4 record, a year after going 51-111.

The Yankees took a 3-0 lead in the second when a double by Martin Prado set up Headley's two-run double. Prado and Headley were the only two Yankees starters to previously hit against Keuchel.

Ichiro Suzuki added a sacrifice fly later in the inning.

"Keuchel was outstanding, just the one inning there and they were able to put some balls in places where we couldn't defend them," Astros manager Bo Porter said.

Dexter Fowler hit a double in the Houston fourth that put runners at second and third. Marc Krauss followed with a hard grounder off McCarthy's leg and, after taking a moment to locate the ball on the grass, the lanky pitcher zipped a throw to first that ended the threat.



Herald photo/ Tommy Wells

The Forsan Buffaloes will open the 2014 football season with a special game — a showdown with cross-county rival Coahoma — on Aug. 29 at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring. The two teams had previously played their annual "Battle for Howard County" at Grande Stadium in Midland.

Coahoma, Forsan to begin '14 with 'Bowl' for bragging rights

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For many years, the Coahoma and Forsan football did the unthinkable — they decided the "Battle for Howard County" outside of the county's boundaries.

That won't be the case this year.

Coahoma and Forsan school officials announced recently that the annual showdown between the two powers would be played at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring on Aug. 29. The game which is being dubbed the "Howard County Bowl" — will start at 7:30 p.m.

A group of local business-

men worked this offseason to get the two schools to bring the game to Big Spring, helping generate several scholarships. The game had been played at Grande Stadium in recent years and had received approximately \$2,000 in scholarship funding.

Under the agreement to bring the game back to Howard County, local businesses have helped the two schools generate more than \$6,500 in scholarships for players, band members and cheerleaders.

Preceding the Bulldogs-Buffaloes' season-opener, a tailgate party will be held, starting at 6 p.m. in the Me-

morial Stadium parking lot. Donations for scholarships will be accepted at the tailgate party, and free hot dogs will be available for those attending.

Advance tickets for the contest can be purchased for \$6 at several area businesses, including KBST, Back in Motion Chiropractic, Bulldog Laundry, as well as Coahoma and Forsan schools and the Big Spring ATC. Tickets purchased at the game on game day will be \$8.

Additionally, souvenir T-shirts are being made for the contest. Shirts may be pre-ordered at the KBST office for \$13.

Angels get Beckham from Sox

BOSTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels have acquired second baseman Gordon Beckham in a trade with the Chicago White Sox.

Beckham has struggled offensively this year, but he gives the AL West-leading Angels another sure-handed infielder with six seasons of major league experience. He turns 28 on Sept. 16.

The White Sox, who selected Beckham pick in the 2008 draft, will receive a player to be named or cash in Thursday's trade.

Beckham made his major league debut in 2009 and hit .270 with 14 homers and 63 RBIs in 103 games with the White Sox. But he is batting .221 this year with seven homers and 36 RBIs in 101 games.

Manziel, Browns agree he's not ready to start

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — On one knee and far from the action, quarterback Johnny Manziel leaned on his orange helmet and watched.

This is his new position.

As Browns starter Brian Hoyer worked with Cleveland's first-team offense during 11-on-11 drills Thursday, Manziel, for now relegated to the second string, observed from the side. He took mental notes as he waited for his turn.

This rookie has been no sensation. He's not ready to start.

Meet Johnny Back-

up. Failing to make any magic happen in his

first two NFL preseason games and unable to close the gap enough to beat out Hoyer, Manziel will begin the season as Cleveland's No. 2 quarterback, matching his uniform number. It's not a major surprise given he's had to learn a complex offense and he entered training camp behind Hoyer.

But Manziel's inability to leap-frog Hoyer, a journeyman who has made four career starts and is coming off knee surgery, shows the jump from college to pros is gargantuan — even for Johnny Football.

"Obviously I didn't want this to be the outcome," Manziel said.

"But at the same time, I didn't necessarily feel I was ready, I felt like there were steps that I needed to take, and I need to take, to get better."

Manziel has shown flashes, just not enough.

Still, the Browns have seen promise in him, and Manziel's immense fan base now has members inside Cleveland's locker room.

"We got arguably the best No. 2 in the NFL," said wide receiver Nate Burleson. "I'm a Johnny Football fan. Not only was I a fan before he got here, but now he's my family because we play for the same team. I'll always be in his corner."

Volleyball tryouts set for next week

The Big Spring Junior High School coaching staff announced it would be holding junior high school volleyball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls on Monday and Tuesday in the west gym.

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

Two tryout sessions will be held on Tuesday. The first session will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Those unable to attend the morning tryout period can attend the afternoon session which will get under way at 4

Steers to scrimmage Estacado

The Big Spring High School Steers will close out their preseason football schedule tonight when they face Estacado. The scrimmage is

p.m. and run until 6 p.m. All students wishing to try out for the BSJHS seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams must have a physical prior to the tryouts.

The BSJHS volleyball teams are scheduled to face Sweetwater and Snyder in scrimmages on Aug. 28 before opening the 2014 season on Sept. 4 with home games against Lamesa.

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

scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Estacado High School field in Lubbock. Big Spring opens the regular season on Aug. 30 against Kerrville.

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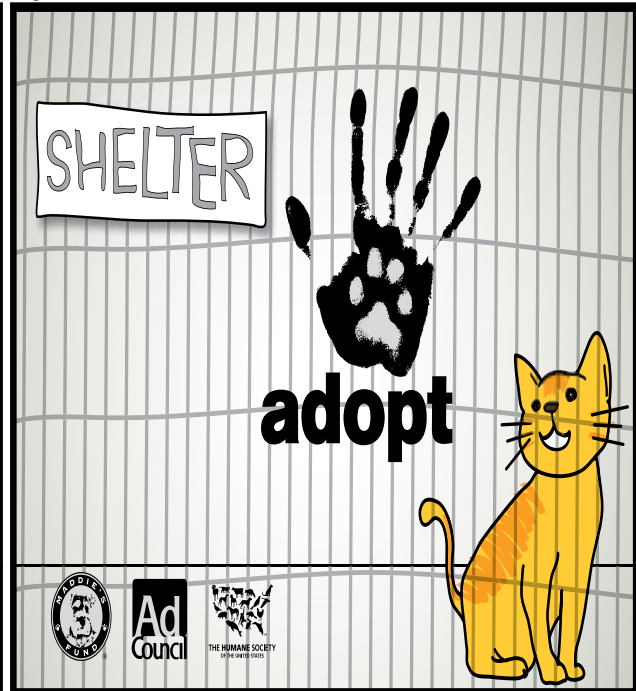
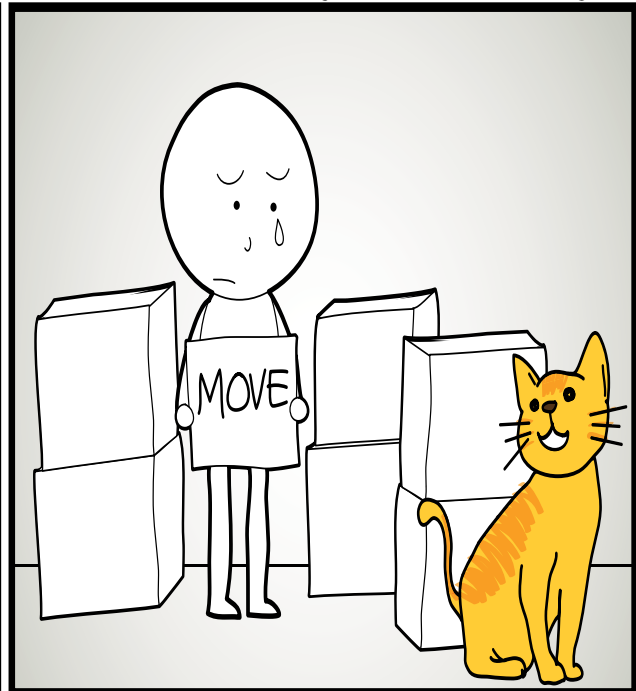
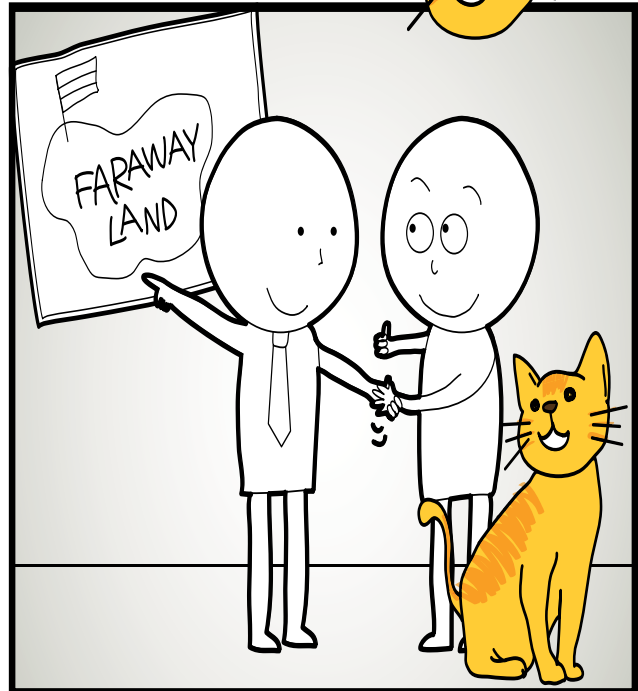


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Dear Annie: Here's my problem: 400-pound barbells dropped in my neighbor's garage. The young couple who moved in next door describe themselves as "practicing athletes" and pursue this hobby every night for 45 minutes. Each drop of the barbells is deafening and jolts our home. I have talked to "the athletes," and they don't care. Their two young daughters follow in their parents' footsteps by running to ring our doorbell and then dashing back home. They did it so many times that we had to have the doorbell disconnected. We have asked the police to stop the barbell noise, but they tell us people in our subdivision can make noise until 8 p.m. Waiting for this agonizing racket every night, day after day, is enough to make me sick. My nerves are in shreds. When a homeowner receives no help from the police, what can I do? I am an 82-year-old woman, and I have tinnitus, which causes loud ringing in my head. Since my neighbors started their weight-dropping routine, it has become worse. Do you have any suggestions other than suing them? -- *Going Deaf in Michigan*

cause to sue them over that. However, if your doctor can document that your tinnitus is worse because of the noise emanating from their garage, you may have a case. In the meantime, please do what you can to muffle these sounds. Put a fan in your room. Turn on the television or radio. Wear earplugs. Even better, get out of the house until 8 p.m. Even though it's late, you aren't going to be able to relax anyway. So go for a walk with your husband, a friend, a relative or another neighbor. Staying home and fuming helps no one.

Dear Annie: I've dealt with a family member who has been a sex addict for years. I've hinted that a "sex addict" is pretty much the same as a drug addict. If it's something you hide from loved ones, it can't be a positive way of life. I've noticed the times when this family member seems to be "holding it together" or "keeping it under control." I don't think you can be "in control" of an addiction. It shows in the face, attitude, weight loss or gain, social life and daily living. It pains me that I can't help. I've been told by several family members that "you can't save everybody." Well, I want to try. What can I do? -- *Caring Relative*

Dear Caring: You can stop

making assumptions about addicts and what it means for them to keep things under control. We know you mean well and want to help. Please suggest that your relative contact Sex Addicts Anonymous at saa-recovery.org. You also can look up sex addiction and see how you can be a source of support.

Dear Annie: Please tell "Ashamed" that people always look at our faces. If I have a red nose, a black eye, missing front tooth, a facial tattoo or even freckles, that is naturally going to attract their attention. How could anyone miss such things? But once that initial glance is done, people look at and speak to the person. If they see a smile or hear a friendly greeting, it is the person they see and address. My sister had terrible acne as a teen, and her face is a mass of scars and discolorations. She is so outgoing and friendly that she is always the one who greets people and initiates conversation. Guess what? People get beyond the scars within seconds. They know they are dealing with a person. -- *Sheboygan, Wis.*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Solar Passage

The passage of the sun from Leo to Virgo comes at the time of year when many children are transitioning from the carefree days of summer to the more structured demands of the early school year. Virgo solar energy will lend a hand to structured efforts and will support us in our industriousness, so the transition shouldn't be too shocking.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You care about coming to a consensus. You'll do so, too -- eventually. Today is about taking everyone's perspective into consideration. A spoonful of sugar will help the medicine go down!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've led an unusual life. You don't think about this much, but when you share your stories with others today, you'll realize that you didn't grow up like them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't be afraid to go deep into the fine details today. This is from whence the good stuff will emerge. Art is choices. The more specific those choices are the more beautiful they will be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Peel back superficial layers of pretense, and you may realize you don't know the people around you as well as you thought you did. You'll make

deeper and more intimate connections today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Things will have exactly the weight and importance you assign to them. If you're not sure what credence to give the statements you hear, it's best to err on the side of levity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The one who makes you nervous is also the one you adore. Don't be afraid to share something more about yourself with this person. And just know that the real you is more loveable than anyone you could try to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can break habits, alter attitudes and modify behaviors that have held you back. Also, you're willing to work -- not necessarily harder, but differently -- in order to obtain a meaningful symbol.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you started doing for money you're now doing for another set of reasons. You love being useful to others. Your contribution is valuable, and you'll be paid for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't feel compelled to react to everything that comes up. You won't get stressed out when obstacles arise; you'll simply try another way. Your maturity will impress someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Imagine that you're blowing out the darkness in the light. You'll get into a super-productive groove. Once you psych yourself up, you'll attract the thing of your focus. Focus on what you want, not on what you don't want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have many interests, but you're better off focusing on just one now. Let one exciting and massive ambition drive the action, and you'll accomplish more in this day than many do in a week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are your harshest critic, but you don't need to be. As you review recent interactions, don't judge yourself too harshly. The social you is only a version of the real you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). This year you'll impress with your strength and unusual talent. You'll find a wider audience in September. October ends a trial of some kind. A critic or mentor will spur you to new heights in November. A major purchase will have you sailing into the new year in style. Your heart connection will be extremely strong with Aquarius and Pisces people. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 6, 20, 14 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Your friends, on some level, feel competitive with you, and it will come up in the action. **TAURUS:** Self-talk is a conversation with the universe. Be mindful of it. It will play in huge with your love life. **GEMINI:** Your success with social media and face-to-face socializing will depend on what and how much you contribute to the conversation. **CANCER:** If you knew you had but one chance to say what's on your mind, wouldn't you speak up? Seize it like there won't be another. **LEO:** Just don't do anything to compromise your

style, because it's major this weekend. **VIRGO:** You'll change a habit because you want to alter your appearance. **LIBRA:** You have no time for relationships of convenience. There has to be more, or you'll move on. **SCORPIO:** You are good for your word. Are they? Just listen closely. Lies have a certain sound you can detect when you're paying close attention. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll fall in love with someone's quirks. **CAPRICORN:** It's what you don't say and do that will earn you the respect of an equally discerning individual. **AQUARIUS:** Look for the one with a similar definition of "fun." **PISCES:** You'll push yourself so much harder than the others would. That's what makes you so good.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the sun in Virgo and the moon in Leo for much of the weekend, these two signs can't get enough of each other. Though they are zodiac neighbors, they have different and complementary strengths. Leo likes to pretend and create; whereas, Virgo has to have the tangible evidence and will not stop working until those fanciful Leo dreams have successfully become reality.

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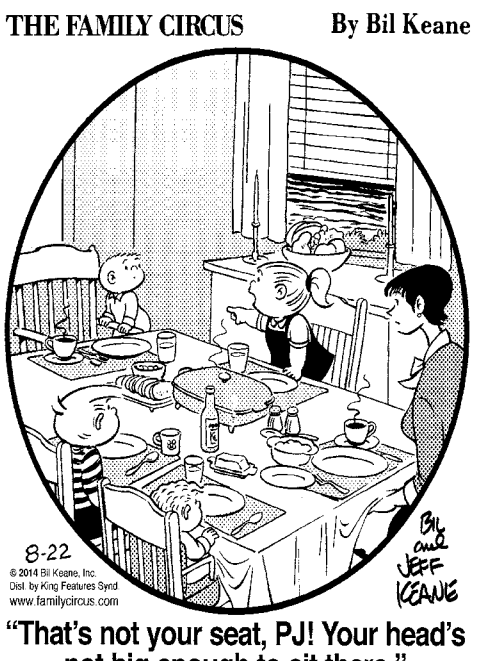
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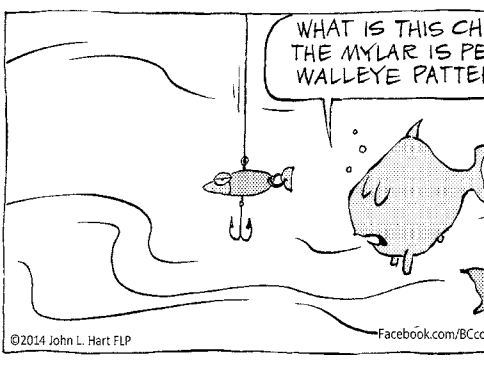
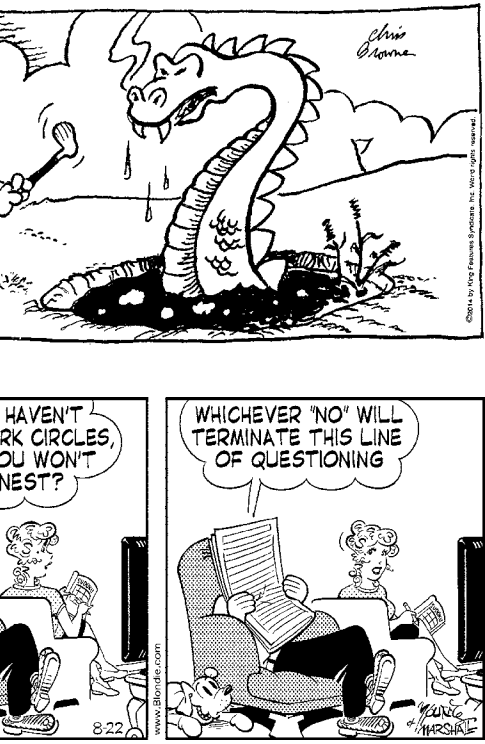


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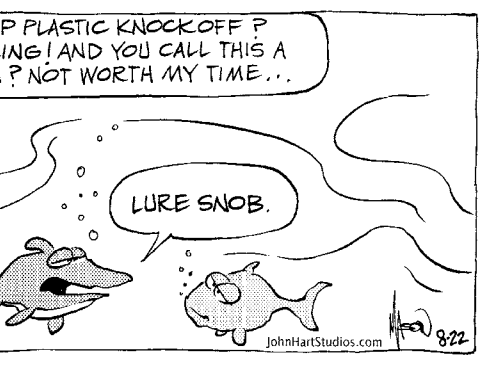
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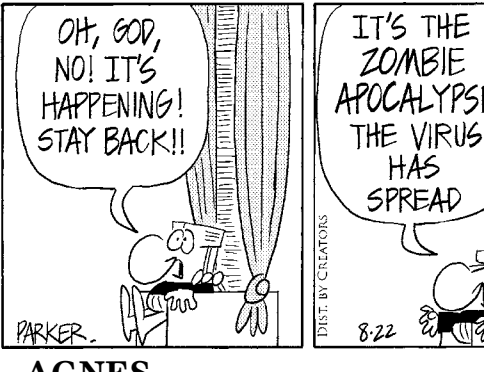
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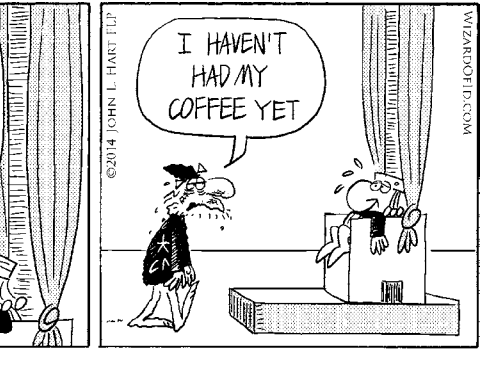
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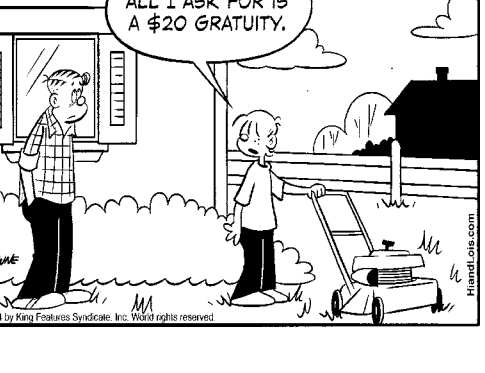
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, August 22, the 234th day of 2014. There are 131 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 22, 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Belgium. On this date: In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses. In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional

Convention in Philadelphia. In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States. In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup. In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II. In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Invitation
4 Green-room visitor
9 Bahamas isle
12 Something handed down
14 Flummoxed
15 Seating section
16 Missing, maybe
17 Morning TV host
18 "Getting to Know You" singer
19 State of confusion
20 ___ moment (epiphany)
21 Hog-nosed snake
22 Eat at
24 Disappoints
27 Long-term indisposition
30 Wind up
31 Text to RSVP to
32 Wind up
33 Thorough defeat
37 Canon rival
38 Trending now
39 Near-miss, perhaps
40 App buyer
41 Dental concern
42 Crowd on the move
43 Dinero
45 Appetizer sampler
46 Grimm girl
49 Piece of gig gear
50 Divert
51 '70s First Daughter
53 Snooty attitude
57 "Don't look at me!"
58 Ebenezer's partner

- 60 Sugar Bowl org.
61 Peter Pan beast
62 Usher's beat
63 Relaxing practice
64 Female grouse
65 Aren't colorfast
66 Worn-down pencil
7 Holy ___ (Vatican)
8 Pine product
9 Deeded apartment
10 Resignee of '73
11 Pine (for)
13 Easy-listening genre
15 Firehouse group
21 Beast in a pack
23 Where it all began
25 Buoy up
26 Sunroof, for instance
27 Selection screen
28 Zipcar's parent company
29 Cotton to
32 As long as
34 Regatta gear
35 Pakistani tongue

- 36 Be crawling (with)
39 Leveling piece
41 Dickens alias
44 Chorus Line finale
45 Guest-room furniture
46 Sort of dressing
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UH plans cuts to address red ink

(AP) — University of Hawaii sports programs are again projecting a deficit and plan to cut spending on budget items by about 5 percent.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Thursday the UH athletic department projects a deficit of \$1.48 million for the fiscal year that closes June 30.

That may be optimistic.

Athletic director Ben Jay tells regents that the department's projected \$31.28 million revenue target is ambitious and

the deficient could reach \$3 million.

The 5 percent reduction will not affect salaries or benefits.

The department oversees 21 teams and has run up a deficit in 11 of the past 13 years.

Jay drew attention earlier this week when he told university regents while making the case for more state funding that if the department's finances don't improve, the school could lose its football team. Jay said later there are no active plans to cut any sports.

Ticket sales could help.

The budget projects an 8.3 percent increase in football ticket revenue. Jay says a strong start Aug. 30 against 25th-ranked Washington would win back "the wait-and-see fans."

Women's volleyball and men's basketball are expected to hit or beat \$1 million in ticket revenue, a mark basketball hasn't reached since the 2008-2009 season. The department also expects nearly \$1.5 million from boosters and other donors.

Jay said there are

some increases that can't be avoided, including \$250,000 in negotiated raises for union employees.

"Many of our rising costs are not within our control," he said.

Jay said the department is also affected by rising costs for tuition, housing and other items at the university as a whole.

"While the university does provide funding support for most of our scholarship costs, the department must pay the unfunded difference of approximately \$700,000."

CHL's Arizona Sundogs suspend team operations

(AP) — The Arizona Sundogs are suspending operations for the upcoming Central Hockey League season, but hope to resume play in 2015-16.

Brad Fain, the team's majority owner, announced the move Thursday. He says slower than expected off-season revenue was one of the main reasons for the decision along with other

league issues.

Fain says the organization "is actively pursuing other opportunities in hopes of keeping the team in Prescott Valley for the 2015-16 season and beyond."

All players currently under contract for next season or whose CHL rights were held by the Sundogs will immediately become free agents.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-3)

Eastern Conference
Atlanta vs. Chicago
Friday, Aug. 22: Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 24: Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Aug. 26: Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana 1, Washington 0
Thursday Aug. 21: Indiana 78, Washington 73
Saturday, Aug. 23: Indiana at Washington, 5 p.m.
x-Monday, Aug. 25: Washington at Indiana, TBD

Western Conference
Phoenix vs. Los Angeles
Friday, Aug. 22: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 24: Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Aug. 26: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Minnesota 1, San Antonio 0
Thursday Aug. 21: Minnesota 88, San Antonio 84
Saturday, Aug. 23: Minnesota at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, Aug. 25: San Antonio at Minnesota, TBD

Miami (H.Alvarez 9-5) at Colorado (F.Morales 5-6), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Despaigne 3-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 8-7), 9:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 10-10), 10:10 p.m.

Texas League
North Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas	33	25	.569	—
Springfield	28	30	.483	5
NW Arkansas	26	32	.448	7
x-Tulsa	25	33	.431	8

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Frisco	34	25	.576	—
Midland	33	26	.559	1
San Antonio	28	31	.475	6
Corpus Christi	27	32	.458	7

x-clinched first half

Thursday's Games
Midland 4, Corpus Christi 1, 1st game
Springfield 8, Northwest Arkansas 5, 12 innings
San Antonio 6, Frisco 2
Arkansas 3, Tulsa 2
Corpus Christi 5, Midland 0, 2nd game

Friday's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 8:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.
Frisco at Midland, 8 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

Jacksonville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned OF/1B Alex Hassan to Pawtucket (IL). Reinstated OF/1B Allen Craig from the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Released LHP Charlie Leesman.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned OF Brennan Boesch to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Chase Whitely to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled INF/OF Zelous Wheeler to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Gardner on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed SS Starlin Castro on the bereavement list. Placed RHP Edwin Jackson on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Logan Watkins and LHP Zac Rosscup from Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHPs J.J. Hoover and Carlos Contreras to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Pedro Villarreal and LHP David Holmberg from Louisville.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled RHP George Kontos from Fresno (PCL) as 26th man.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent OF Steven Souza Jr. to Hagerstown (SAL) for a rehab assignment.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Sold the contract of LHP Sean Bierman to the Atlanta Braves.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released DT Anthony McCloud.
ATLANTA FALCONS —

Released WR Jabin Sambrano. Signed WR Eric Weems.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Traded G Rishaw Johnson to Tampa Bay for S Kelcie McCray.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Marcus Forston and TE D.J. Williams.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released DE James Ruffin. Signed G R.J. Mattes.
Canadian Football League
CFL — Announced commissioner Mark Cohon will not return when his contract expires next year.
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DB Cauchy Muamba to the practice roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Announced the retirement of G Jean-Sebastien Giguere.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Danny Kristo.
American Hockey League
LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Agreed to terms with LW Austin Fyten on a one-year, two-way contract.

ECHL
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Named Ben Boudreau assistant coach.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Traded MF Nigel Reo-Coker to Chivas USA for MF Mauro Rosales.

COLLEGE
NCAA — Placed Cheyney University on five years probation for lacking institutional control over its certification processes from 2007-11.
CLEMSON — Announced OL Shaq Anthony is transferring out.
EAST CAROLINA — Signed women's basketball coach Heather Macy to a five-year contract extension through the 2019-20 season.
LA SALLE — Named Nina Kauffman assistant trainer.
NYU — Named Will Boylan-Tett men's and women's cross country and track and field coach.
RPI — Named Mark Gilbride men's basketball coach.
RUTGERS — Named Jesse Bernhardt men's assistant lacrosse coach.
SAINT ROSE — Named Kyle Wilkins interim baseball coach.
TEMPLE — Named Aaron McKie men's assistant basketball coach.

BASEBALL
American League
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	73	52	.584	—
New York	64	61	.512	9
Toronto	65	62	.512	9
Tampa Bay	62	65	.488	12
Boston	56	71	.441	18

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	70	56	.556	—
Detroit	68	57	.544	1½
Cleveland	64	62	.508	6
Chicago	59	68	.465	11½
Minnesota	56	70	.444	14

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	76	50	.603	—
Oakland	74	52	.587	2
Seattle	68	58	.540	8
Houston	54	74	.422	23
Texas	49	77	.389	27

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 3, Houston 0
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0
L.A. Angels 2, Boston 0

Friday's Games
Baltimore (Gausman 7-4) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 6-4), 2:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 9-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Greene 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 3-8) at Cleveland (Carrasco 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 7-10) at Toronto (Stroman 7-4), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 13-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 9-9) at Texas (Lewis 8-10), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Ray 1-3) at Minnesota (Milone 6-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 3-7) at Oakland (Gray 12-7), 10:05 p.m.

Canadian Football League
East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Toronto	3	5	6	196	208
Hamilton	1	6	2	149	185
Ottawa	1	6	2	119	199
Montreal	1	6	2	109	193

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	6	1	12	191	114
Edmonton	6	1	12	173	115
Winnipeg	5	3	10	206	201
B.C.	5	3	10	196	162
Saskatchewan	5	2	10	173	135

Friday, Aug. 22
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Toronto at Edmonton, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24
Calgary at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 7 p.m.

National Football League
Preseason
American Conference
East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Jets	2	0	1,000	38	27
Miami	1	1	500	30	30
New England	1	1	500	48	58
Buffalo	1	2	333	49	54

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	1	1	500	32	39
Jacksonville	1	1	500	35	30
Tennessee	1	1	500	44	47
Indianapolis	0	2	000	36	40

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	2	0	1,000	60	33
Pittsburgh	1	2	333	56	67
Cincinnati	0	2	000	56	66
Cleveland	0	2	000	35	37

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	2	0	1,000	55	16
Kansas City	1	1	500	57	67
Oakland	1	1	500	33	36
San Diego	1	1	500	41	48

National Conference
East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	3	0	1,000	64	55
Washington	2	0	1,000	47	29
Philadelphia	1	2	333	94	97
Dallas	0	2	000	37	64

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	2	0	1,000	57	48
Atlanta	1	1	500	23	42
Carolina	1	1	500	46	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	000	24	36

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Chicago	2	0	1,000	54	47
Minnesota	2	0	1,000	40	34
Detroit	1	1	500	39	39
Green Bay	1	1	500	37	27

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	1	1	500	60	30
Seattle	1	1	500	57	35
San Fran.	0	2	000	3	57
St. Louis	0	2	000	31	47

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 21

Friday, Aug. 22
Carolina at New England, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.



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Howard taking break from U.S. national team

CHICAGO (AP) — Star goalkeeper Tim Howard is taking a one-year break from the U.S. national team because of a "commitment" to his family.

The three-time World Cup veteran asked U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann to not consider him for the roster until September 2015. The 35-year-old Howard will continue to play for Everton in the English Premier League.

"Having played overseas for the last 12 years and missing out on spending time with my family, making this commitment to my family is very important at this time," Howard said in a statement Thursday. "It's the right decision at the right time. Jurgen has always been up front with all the players in saying you have to earn your place, which is something I agree with. So I look forward to coming back next fall and competing for a spot."

Howard starred in this year's World Cup in Brazil, particularly in a second-round 2-1 loss to Belgium in which he made 15 saves.

He is United States' career leader for goalkeep-

ers in appearances (104) and wins (55). He has played every minute for the U.S. in the last two World Cups. The main event he will miss is the Gold Cup next summer.

"I totally understand Tim's situation," said Klinsmann, who spoke extensively with Howard about the decision. "He was very straightforward and honest in his approach, and I admire him for that."

"I told him as long as he is the same Tim Howard that we always see performing well, he will be welcome back with open arms and right back competing for a spot. He knows that he has to prove that he deserves to be back."

Howard's backup on the national team is Brad Guzan, who also plays in the EPL for Aston Villa. Real Salt Lake's Nick Rimando was the third keeper at the World Cup.

Klinsmann sees plenty of opportunity for the other goalies to prove themselves.

"Always when somebody steps aside for a moment," Klinsmann said, "it gives an opportunity for the next ones in line."

Angels' Richards out for season with knee injury

(AP) — The Los Angeles Angels are going to be without Garrett Richards for a playoff run.

One of the AL West leader's top starters sustained a serious knee injury, tearing his left patellar tendon Wednesday against Boston.

Richards was 13-4 with a 2.61 ERA this year. It's a serious blow to the Angels, who also lost starter Tyler Skaggs to Tommy John surgery earlier this season.

"You're going to be thinking of Garrett once every fifth day when he was out there," manager

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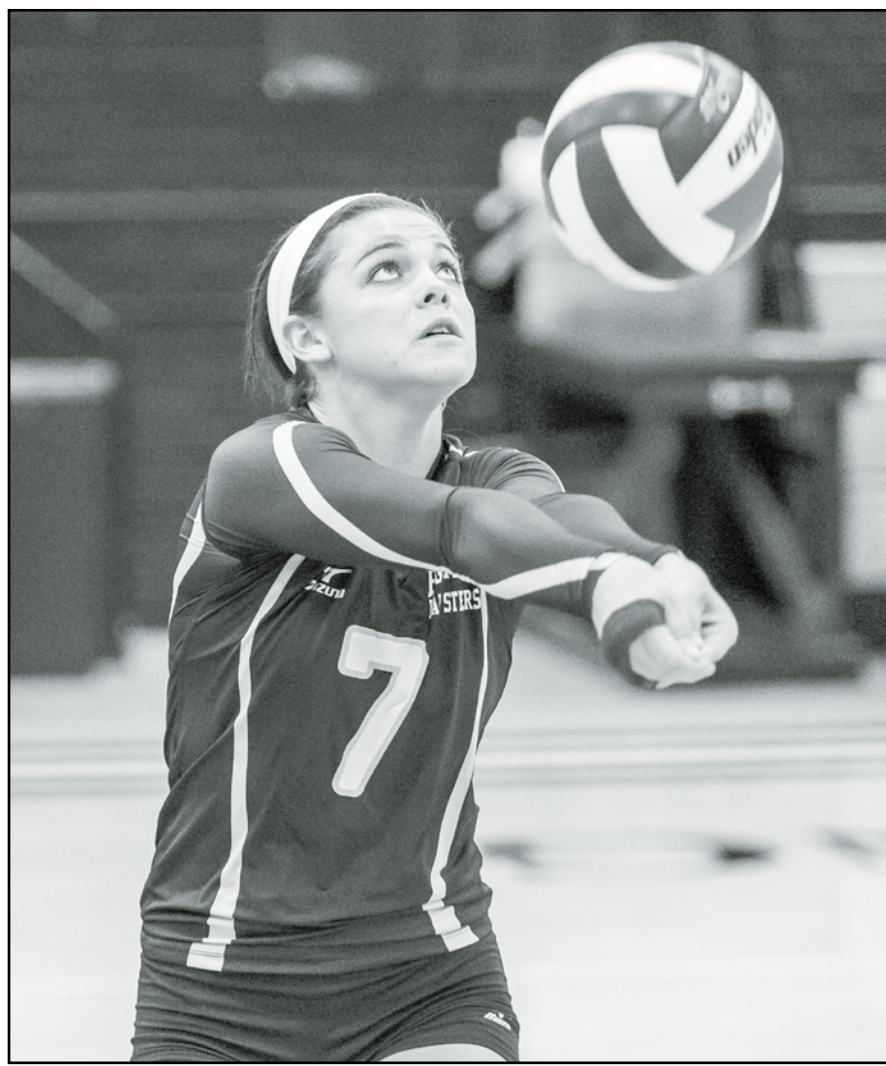
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tially slotted as Lee's backup while getting work at both outside linebacker spots as well. His versatility was expected to help offset the loss of Lee.

"He was such a good role player for us last year," Garrett said. "At every turn just took full advantage of the opportunity to show us what he's all about. Did that this year in training camp as well. You could tell he was dealing with this though."

Several Dallas players heard the news on Holloman from reporters, including Orlando Scandrick. The seventh-year cornerback has been suspended for the first four games for violating the ban on performance-enhancing drugs.

"It's humbling," Scandrick said. "It's something that I've done for so many years, to have it temporarily taken away from me. And I can't even imagine how he feels to have something permanently taken away from him for things that he can't control."

Holloman played four years at South Carolina and had seven career interceptions as a safety.



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in Granbury ...

Big Spring standout Emilie Smith passes a ball during a recent game. The Lady Steers will be competing in the Granbury Classic this weekend. Big Spring participated in pool play today, along with squads from Boswell, Trinity, Paschal and Lubbock High.

Foles, Philly offense sharp as Eagles beat Steelers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — This was more like last year's Eagles.

Nick Foles threw one touchdown pass and led Philadelphia's starting offense to three first-half scores in a 31-21 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday night.

"I feel we're improving every week," Foles said. "We have to keep moving forward."

Eagles All-Pro running back LeSean Mc-

Coy left the game with a right thumb injury after a 22-yard TD catch gave Philadelphia a 7-0 lead. X-rays on McCoy's thumb were negative, but he didn't return. McCoy showed no effects of a toe injury that forced him to miss one practice earlier in the week.

"It's no big deal," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said.

The Eagles' first-team offense had only one touchdown on six drives

in road losses to Chicago and New England. But they looked more like the unit that set several franchise records in

2013.

"We have a lot we can improve on," Foles said. "It's important not to get complacent."

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