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## Rave Run tonight

Tonight is the night. The moon will be full and the runners will take to the mountain. The third Moonlight Rave Run will begin at 11:55 p.m. at the top of Big Spring State Park. Registration is from 10 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Admittance to the park will be closed off at 11:30 p.m. for the safety of participants. Registration is \$20 per person or \$35 for two races — the last race set for Aug. 31 — with a \$5 discount given to those who wear their Moonlight Run shirt.



Courtesy photo  
Anne-Marie Lugo, a Forsan student, is featured on the AJRA 60th anniversary Dodge truck.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
Darlene Edwards watches as Lisa Brooks, representative for U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, presented veteran Lacy Edwards with a certificate naming him July Veteran of the Month. Edwards was also presented with a flag which flew over the state capitol, a plaque and a baseball cap.

## Veteran Edwards honored for serving his country

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

Many years of service were recognized as Lacy Edwards was honored as the Hangar 25 Air Museum July Veteran of the Month on Thursday morning. Edwards, a Navy and Air Force veteran, received the honor at his home, because of medical reasons. The eventful, emotion-filled ceremony held meaning to all those attending. "We have been trying to honor him as veteran of the month for more than a year now," Mike Tarpley, fel-



low veteran and member of the Veteran of the Month group, said. "Once he finally agreed to be veteran of the month, cancer hit him. "This is all a product of agent orange. So the war is still killing our buddies, 40 years later. We wanted to recognize him before he had gone, that is the main thing now." Edwards served off the coast of Vietnam and supported the B-52 air strikes off the coast of Utapao, Thai-

land. After retiring from the military, he moved back to Big Spring and worked in the oil-field and eventually retired from Colorado River Municipal Water District. "Everyone who serves has a special story and that's the way we feel about it. It's about getting their stories," Tarpley said. "Lots of them say they weren't in combat, they weren't shot at, but they served." Letting veterans know service to their country is important and they are not

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## FHS girl chosen as 'face' of AJRA

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

The American Junior Rodeo Association has a new face, a local face, at least for awhile, that is. Anne-Marie Lugo, a 14-year-old Forsan High School student, was recently chosen to be featured on the AJRA 60th

anniversary Dodge truck given away for the year. Though rodeo is a big part of her life and her resume is full of accomplishments to prove it, her talents don't stop there. "Not only has she been a winner at every stage at this point, but she has also been

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## Stanton railroad crossing to be closed temporarily

**STANTON** — A railroad crossing here will be closed for a few hours Sunday morning. Starting at 7 a.m., the Texas Department of Transportation will be conducting some pavement work on Highway 137 just south of the intersection of Business Interstate 20. The Highway 137 crossing over the railroads tracks — both southbound and northbound — will be closed. Business 20 will remain open. The work should take less than three hours, so the impact on the traveling public on a Sunday morning will be minimized as much as possible, TxDOT officials said.

## Man arrested in deputy's death

**Abilene Reporter News**

**BIG LAKE** — A small town and its sheriff's department were coming to terms Thursday with the death of a young deputy in the line of duty, allegedly by a suspect with Brown County ties. Josh Mitchell, 26, of the Reagan County Sheriff's Office, was shot to death Wednesday night, and the man suspected of killing him was recover-

ing in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A charge of attempted capital murder has been issued against Marcus Madison, a 42-year-old resident of Big Lake. A nearly 17-hour standoff



Madison




Mitchell

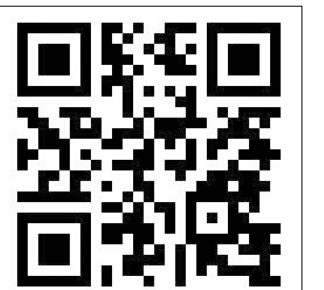
ended with Madison turning himself over to authorities after shooting himself with a rifle. The bloodied suspect was flown to Shannon Medical Center with a wound to his face. After an overnight vigil outside the house at 11th and Main streets in Big Lake, a SWAT team en-

tered through the back and searched the house about 11 a.m., Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner said. They found Madison in a bedroom closet. It was not clear at what time during the standoff Madison shot himself. "Every effort was made to get him to come out on his own," Garner said, "which

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## Obituaries

### Samuel Ross



Samuel Ross, 43, of Jonestown, Texas, passed away July 30, 2012. Samuel was born to Tommy and Virginia Ross on Feb. 1, 1969, in Big Spring, Texas. Samuel married Ginger Brooks on Aug. 8, 1993.

He attended Texas A&M University, where he received a BS in Industrial Distribution. He was the owner of a landscape management company in Jonestown,

Texas, for the past 16 years. He enjoyed camping, motorcycles and spending time with his family on vacations.

Samuel is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Ginger; sons, Kane and Kip Ross, of Jonestown, Texas; father, Tommy and Vonda Ross of Midland, Texas; mother, Virginia Ross Berdoll of Cedar Creek, Texas; sister, Jennifer Ross of San Antonio; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Theda Brooks of Big Spring, Texas; step siblings, Trey Lockhart of Midland, Texas and Lindsey Lockhart of Dallas, Texas; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be held at K-Oaks Clubhouse in Lago Vista on Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wrench Funeral Home & Cremations, 1200 Bagdad Rd., Leander, Texas. 512-260-8800, www.WrenchFuneralHome.com.

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

- Mike Eggleston, former Howard County law enforcement officer, will be signing copies of his books "The Distorted Pillars" and "The Sharpest Ever," at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Nobles in Midland.

- The Compassionate Friends is a grief support group for those who have lost a child. The local chapter will meet Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please use the doors on the southeast corner of the family life center.

- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14, 15, 16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books.

- Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county.

Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

- Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allans Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

- 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.

## Police blotter

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

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 65, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Thursday on charges of evading arrest or detention, public intoxication and theft (shoplifting).

- JIMI LEE PAREDEZ, 25, of 105 W. Eighth St. Apt. C, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for interfering with an emergency phone call and criminal trespass and a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

- LATASHA QUIVITTIE WOODSON, 32, of 2512 Fairchild, was arrested Thursday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, possession of a controlled substance, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.

- MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON, 30, of 101 Apache in Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Marijo.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger less than 15 years of age.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 65, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, theft and evading arrest or detention.

- JIMI LEE PAREDEZ, 25, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for fictitious or counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display and charges of interfering with an emergency phone call, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct – vulgar language.

- LATASHA QUIVETTE WOODSON, 32, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, search or transportation, no driver's license and failure to appear.

- MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- DONISHA ROSHU MCGEE, 17, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to attend school.

- JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 31, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- HECTOR MANUEL GONZALEZ JR., 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on district court indictments from 2011 for aggravated sexual assault of a child (four counts).

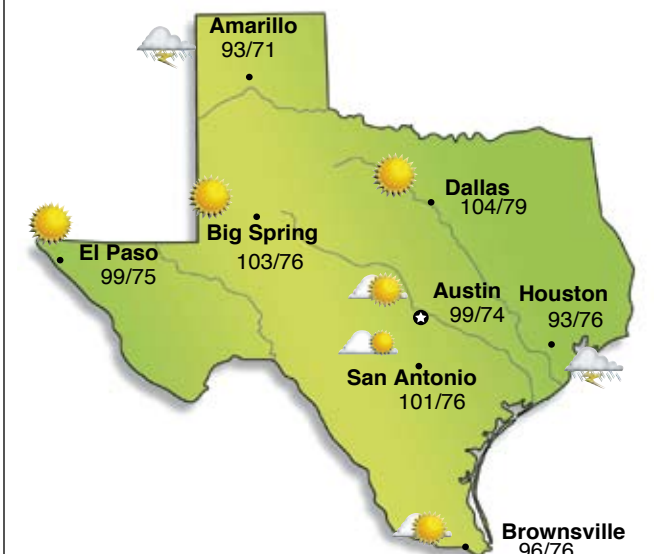
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6	Tue 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9
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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	77	sunny	Kingsville	98	76	t-storm
Amarillo	93	71	t-storm	Livingston	95	73	t-storm
Austin	99	74	mst sunny	Longview	99	77	mst sunny
Beaumont	90	75	t-storm	Lubbock	99	72	mst sunny
Brownsville	96	76	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	76	t-storm
Brownwood	104	76	sunny	Midland	101	78	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	78	t-storm	Raymondville	98	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	101	76	mst sunny	Rosenberg	93	75	t-storm
Dallas	104	79	sunny	San Antonio	101	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	103	81	sunny	San Marcos	99	74	mst sunny
El Paso	99	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	102	77	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	sunny	Sweetwater	102	76	sunny
Gainesville	103	76	sunny	Tyler	101	78	mst sunny
Greenville	102	76	mst sunny	Weatherford	104	76	sunny
Houston	93	76	t-storm	Wichita Falls	106	77	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	72	mst sunny	Minneapolis	78	60	sunny
Boston	85	75	pt sunny	New York	84	77	t-storm
Chicago	83	62	mst sunny	Phoenix	104	84	pt sunny
Dallas	104	79	sunny	San Francisco	60	54	pt sunny
Denver	88	64	pt sunny	Seattle	88	64	pt sunny
Houston	93	76	t-storm	St. Louis	93	67	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	64	sunny	Washington, DC	94	78	pt sunny
Miami	88	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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

### 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.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 1-3  
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Aug. 3  
**Scenic Mountain Moonlite Rave Run**  
Big Spring State Park  
Walkers are welcome Run/Walk begins at 11:55pm For more info contact **Ron Alton at CELL 806-241-5741 OFFICE 432-263-4931**

Aug. 4-Sept. 11  
**Heritage Museum Presents: The Zenith Transoceanic Radio Collection Belonging to John Weeks**  
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# ► Odds & Ends

## Police: Vermont man crushed cop cars with tractor

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Working in a stout former bank building with windows closed and air conditioners humming, Orleans County sheriff's deputies didn't know what was happening in their parking lot until a neighbor called 911.

A man on a big farm tractor, angry about his recent arrest for resisting arrest and marijuana possession, was rolling across their vehicles — five marked cruisers, one unmarked car and a transport van.

By the time they ran outside, the tractor was down the driveway and out onto the road.

With their vehicles crushed, "We had nothing to pursue him with," said Chief Deputy Philip Brooks.

Thursday afternoon's incident ended when city police in Newport, the county seat of the northern Vermont county, caught up with Roger Pion, 34, a short distance away.

No one was injured. At least two deputies had gone inside a few moments before after washing their vehicles, officials said.

"Nobody was hurt. That's the thing everybody's

got to cherish," said Sheriff Kirk Martin.

Vermont State Police said in a statement that Pion would face seven counts of felony unlawful mischief, one count of misdemeanor unlawful mischief, one count aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, one count of gross negligent operation, and one count of leaving the scene of an accident.

Pion was being held at the Northern State Correctional Center in Newport on \$15,000 bail.

## Thousands of bees delay flight

IMPERIAL, Pa. (AP) — A beekeeper says he had to be called in to gather up a swarm of thousands of bees that delayed a Delta Air Lines flight from Pittsburgh International Airport to New York.

Master beekeeper Stephen Repasky said he was called out Wednesday when the bees gathered on the wing of the plane as crews were getting ready to fuel it.

Repasky says such swarms form when colonies become too large and the queen leaves half of her bees behind to find a new home. Some swarms can contain 25,000 to 30,000 bees.

Repasky says it's likely there's a wild honeybee colony at the airport somewhere.

The beekeeper was called to remove the insects because they're a protected species that cannot legally be killed.

## Chihuahua finds 2 lost girls

NEWNAN, Ga. (AP) — A Chihuahua is being hailed as a hero after authorities say it sniffed out two girls who were lost in a Georgia forest.

The girls, ages 5 and 8, disappeared Monday for a couple of hours when they were walking on trails near their neighborhood about 30 miles southwest of Atlanta. As police and firefighters began to search for the girls, neighbor Carvin Young grabbed his 3-year-old Chihuahua and joined the search.

Young tells CBS Atlanta (<http://bit.ly/QwAlwY>) the dog, Bell, picked up the girls' scent and began running until she reached them.

Rebecca Parga, the girls' mother, says her children play with Bell almost every day, and the dog is very familiar with them.

The girls, Carlie and Lacey, were scared when they were found but were not hurt.

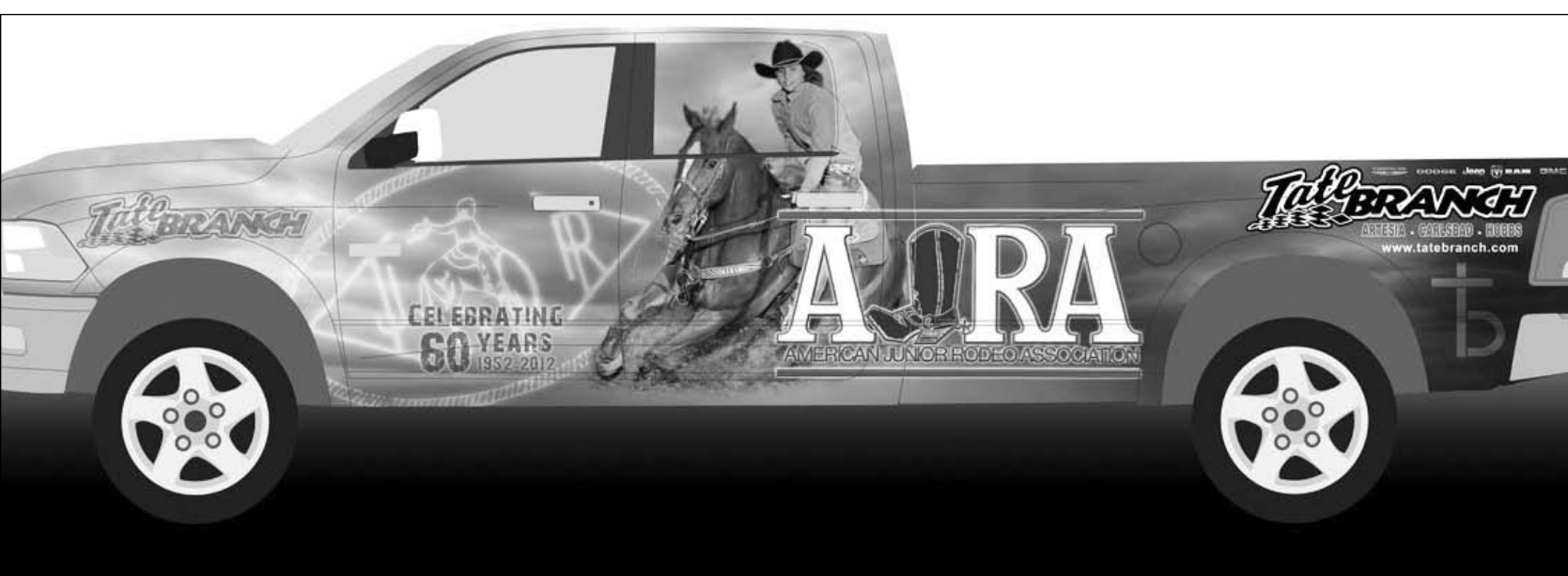
## Men floating river save bear

KENAI, Alaska (AP) — Three Alaska men are being credited with saving a brown bear from drowning.

The Peninsula Clarion reports Dustin Klepacki was floating the Kenai River with his father and their friend last weekend when they came upon the bear cub drowning in a whirlpool.

They tried to bump the bear out of the whirlpool, but the water caught their boat and they turned in circles as the bear became more frantic.

Finally, the current brought the boat up against the bear, and Dustin's father, Mike Polocz was able to nudge the bear to slower-moving water.



## LUGO

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a fantastic example for her peers and regularly mentors younger girls," Cindy Lugo, Anne-Marie's mother, said.

Her accomplishments in the rodeo circuit start at the age of 6 and include WTRA Pole Bending Champion of 8 and under division in 2006 with a 10-performance win streak and multiple wins in 4H horse

judging competitions at 6, 7 and 8 years old. She is a three-time Jurassic Classic Barrel Racing Pee-Wee 2D champion from 2006 to 2008. In 2010, she was the Midland Classic Target Race Average Winner in open barrels and the Lone Star Cowboy Classic Barrel Race winner of more than \$3,200 in one summer and CC5D finals combined.

She was a state qualifier in poles in the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association for 2011-12. Since the beginning of this

year, she has had multiple wins in the 14- to 18-year-old age group in the Howard County Youth Horseman's Club and has placed in the top five in barrels and top seven in poles in WTRA.

"My short term goal is to be competitive and go as far as possible in both AJRA and THSRA. My goal, however, is to qualify for state and nationals in high school rodeo. Between now and high school graduation I want to compete in WTRA junior division, which

would lay the groundwork for competition in PRCA/WPRA rodeos on the professional level," Anne-Marie said.

Her mother added, "Hopefully, with this groundwork laid, as any good little barrel racer will tell you ... Vegas, here we come for the National Finals Rodeo ... one day. It's always good to have goals and be focused."

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## VETERAN

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forgotten is a main focus of the Veteran of the Month program.

"If it wasn't for him (Edwards) doing what he did, none of us would have made it as good as we made it," Tarpley said.

When choosing veterans of

the month, nominations are reviewed and nominees are interviewed. Past honored veterans include those who served as supply personnel as well as those who fought in combat.

"It took each and everyone to fight the wars we fought," Tarpley said.

There is a file on each of those who have been named veteran of the month at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Anyone can go and view those files to find out

more about past veterans of the month.

"We ask that the community be real supportive of each veteran, not only the veterans of the month," Tarpley added.

As for Edwards, his duty to his country continued even after he was out of the service. Upon being diagnosed with cancer, according to Tarpley, he went under several experimental treatments.

"He knew they probably

wouldn't save him, but he felt that anything they could learn by treating him then it was worth it if it would help someone else," Tarpley said.

To nominate a veteran of the month, stop by Hangar 25 at 1911 Apron Drive or call 432-264-1999.

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## DEATH

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eventually he did."

Madison was not armed when he walked out the front door, but police found several long rifles at the residence, including, Garner said, a .30-06-caliber, a .243-caliber and a .30-30-caliber.

Madison left the house through the front door of his own accord, Garner said, and no other occupants were in the house at the time.

Events began Wednesday night when Mitchell went to the house on 11th and Main to talk to Madison, who had a history of being on the wrong side of the law, Garner said.

Garner declined to dis-

close any information about the complaint that took Mitchell to the house, which he said was of a "personal nature" rather than a criminal complaint.

Mitchell was shot about 6 p.m. at or near the house. He was taken to Reagan Memorial Hospital in Big Lake, where he died from the wound.

"It's unknown to me why Mr. Madison shot my officer," Garner said.

Throughout the evening, personnel and equipment from about a dozen different agencies arrived at various times, bringing firetrucks, armored transportation vehicles and a mobile tactical center.

Officers took turns sleeping behind the wheels of their patrol

cars. American Red Cross volunteers were at the scene to feed first responders who couldn't leave the area.

Madison's father was in the house at the time Mitchell was shot Wednesday night, but he left the house shortly after Madison went in, Garner said. Madison's father helped officers with questions about the layout of the house. Madison apparently lived in the house with his father, acquaintances said.

Garner said he has known Mitchell and his family for many years. Mitchell started working at the Reagan County Jail when he was 18 and worked his way up into law enforcement.

When asked about losing "one of his own" Garner paused, visibly

moved, and explained how he had known Mitchell his entire life.

"Josh Mitchell was a fine young man. He was an excellent officer," Garner said. "He would do anything in the world for anyone. He was not the kind you can just replace."

Mitchell's body was delivered to Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo about 6 p.m. Thursday. The entrance to the funeral home was lined with dozens of local law enforcement officers and citizens who came to pay their respects.

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*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- Patrick Stocks, 18, from Nottinghamshire, England, for taking on the venture of traveling across the United States.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger for providing and planning another successful Kids Klub program this summer.

Also to all those who took the time out to volunteer and to be guest speakers during the week long camp.

- Chicano Golf Association for providing 16 \$500 scholarships to area graduating seniors and helping local youth advance their education career.

Also all who participated and sponsored the tournament making the scholarship presentations possible.

- Santos Lujan, Big Spring native, for speaking to the students presented with scholarships at the Chicano Golf Association scholarship presentation.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and city of Big Spring for setting up the senior citizens low impact water exercise program at the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**May we take time to discuss our hopes, dreams and concerns with You, Lord, every day.  
Amen**

# Watching others realize my dream

**W**hen we see people protesting all over the Arab world — liberating themselves from oppressive dictators, using social media to come together and taking amazing risks in order to regain their freedom — most of us cringe a little. We admire their courage and their yearning for democracy, but we worry for their safety.

Not I. I'm a Cuban-American. I've spent most of my life waiting to see a popular uprising on the streets of Havana. I can't think of anything I rather would see than the day of my own people's liberation. When I see people regaining their freedom in other parts of the world, all I feel is envy.

I know our day is coming. But frankly, watching other people realize my dream is very painful, especially when we Cubans have waited longer than anyone else. We are the victims of the world's longest dictatorship — 51 years! — and now it is becoming clearer than ever that it is also one of the world's most repressive.

Let's face it; Cuba is not as free as some of the Arab states with dictatorships. There is repression, and then there is Cuban repression, which is about absolute control and intimidation.

There is repression like the kind we saw in Egypt, where the opposition used computers, mobile phones, Facebook and Twitter to organize massive demonstrations, and then there is Cuban repression, which restricts the people's access to the Internet. And in Cuba, potential organizers of a popular uprising are constantly watched, harassed, physically abused and thrown in jail even for planning a protest.

You've heard of preventive medicine, right? Well, in Cuba, the Castro brothers practice preventive repression. Unlike Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, the Fidel and Raul Castro regime has made limiting the Cuban people's access to the Internet and social networking technology a top priority.

These things are hard to explain to anyone who has not lived under Cuba's Stalinist

## Mitt Romney does it yet again

**L**ast spring, when he was ever so carefully seeking the Republican nomination, Mitt Romney's scripted, straight-from-the-briefing-book style made him a favorite of the comedians on "Saturday Night Live." On the other hand, when he went off script — the Cadillacs and the NASCAR owners — it was even worse. That's when Democrats were giving each other high-fives and thinking about the new drapes in the White House.

Then the fight ended, and Romney proved his incredible efficiency in picking up cash, and the economic recovery didn't feel like a recovery at all, and we started wringing our hands.

Now, Romney is on the road again, and his handlers must be wringing their hands and wishing he would stick to that script, after all, even if it's an SNL joke.

Going abroad made perfect sense. Massachusetts governors need to do something to prove they have credibility on foreign policy — and not to win points on the issue but to try to neutralize the negative in advance. Voters are certainly focused on the economy, but they're not willing to risk international havoc for what might be a marginal improvement, if any.

Going to Israel made even more sense, given that Barack Obama hasn't been there in his nearly four years as president, leading many to question whether his definition of "evenhandedness" (a term that got him into a lot of trouble in the campaign) is

brand of totalitarian communism. Many of my American friends simply don't understand me when I try to illustrate the reasons the Cuban people have tolerated so many atrocities for so long. And I don't blame them. Unless you have lived in Castro's Cuba, unless you feel the profound fear that has become part of Cuban culture, it's incomprehensible.

But the Cuban people do live in deep fear. They find the Castro brothers much more intimidating than the sharks in the Caribbean. Mind you, if Cuba and the United States were to open the floodgates and allow Cubans to flee from the island on flotillas to Florida — as has occurred in the past — surely thousands would risk their lives crossing the Florida Straits on anything that floats to regain their freedom. And yet they find demonstrating against the government a lot more life-threatening. Doesn't that say something?

No one turned out Monday for a Havana demonstration that was organized from the United States to follow the example of the people of Egypt, Tunisia and Libya.

It was obviously an underestimation of the absolute control of the Castro regime.

So why, you ask, don't the Cuban people run out to the streets and do what we have seen recently throughout the Middle East and North Africa? Well, first, because most of them have not seen it. The government-controlled Cuban media obviously want to prevent the domino effect from happening and show the Cuban people very little of what is actually happening in the rest of the world.

But even if they had clearly seen the examples of other popular uprisings, Cubans would not take to the streets, because they lack the cellphones, computers and other communication technology that has armed and strengthened other dissidents around the world.

Cellphones were not even allowed in Cuba until 2008, and they are still unaffordable to the overwhelming majority of the Cuban people. Only 14 percent of Cubans have access to the Internet, and most of them are government officials and Communist Party loyalists. When dissidents use social media to organize any kind of protest in Cuba, most of the people they are

notifying are Castro's goons.

Cuban dissidents are better-known abroad than they are within Cuba because, though they can communicate with the outside world, they have no way of reaching or mobilizing the masses within the island.

Yet perhaps motivated only by wishful thinking, Cuban-Americans have started Facebook pages calling on their compatriots on the island to heed the call for freedom coming from the Middle East. One page is called "If Egypt did it, why not Cuba?" Another such page, "For the Popular Uprising in Cuba," already has more than 4,500 members, calling for "a popular and peaceful uprising in Cuba, without bloodshed, without violence, with people taking to the streets ... igniting the spark of freedom in order to cause a social and political change that will lead Cuba to a democracy."

As they waited for some kind of news from Cuba Monday and realized that the uprising they expected had failed to materialize, Cuban-Americans sadly began to acknowledge that the conditions for a popular uprising still don't exist in our homeland.

Perhaps the time will come when communication technology can be used to drive the Castro regime out of power, but expecting it to happen immediately — just because other dictatorships have become technologically vulnerable — is extremely naive. It's OK for others to wonder why the Cuban people can't liberate themselves from the choking grip of the Castro brothers. If they have not lived under their regime, the extent of Cuban repression may be hard to grasp.

But Cuban-Americans who know the Machiavellian ways of the Castro brothers should know better. We know they'd do anything to remain in power.

The Arab countries have shown us the weapon that can liberate Cuba — social media — but first we have to find a way to arm the Cuban people. If we want to realize our own dream of freedom, if we want to see our people dancing in the streets of Havana, it's time to declare a cyberwar.

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thority, during which the press got to see the two men make small talk about the London Olympics. (Ouch, but just a little ouch.)

And then he did it again. Clearly going off script, Romney reportedly told a group of heavy-hitting donors that the reason the Palestinians are so much worse off than the Israelis (but not as bad off as they really are) is cultural differences. "Culture makes all the difference," he reportedly said. "As you come here and you see the GDP per capita, for instance, in Israel, which is about \$21,000, and compare that with the GDP per capita just across the areas managed by the Palestinian Authority, which is more like \$10,000 per capita, you notice such a dramatically stark difference in economic vitality."

Sheesh. I am one of those strong supporters of the state of Israel who wishes Obama would at least make a quick stop. But even I know that first there are some pretty serious trade restrictions that contribute to the failing status of the Palestinian economy, and that the disparity is closer to 10 to 1 than 2 to 1.

Palestinian leaders are calling him a "racist." But the real problem for him, back home at least, may not be accusations of racism, but the realization that this guy is just not ready for prime time, much less the presidency.

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**Church News**

**Forsan Baptist Church**

Wednesday, we will begin studying the Book of Revelation. As our James study wraps up in the next few weeks, we will be studying Revelation on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. This will be a verse-by-verse study of the entire book.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m. with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

**Birdwell Lane Church of Christ**

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ will be having Vacation Bible School from Monday through Wednesday for ages kindergarten through sixth grade and adults.

We are located at 1616 E. 11<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is "Righteous Roundup." Our lessons Monday will be on service, Tuesday will be on prayer and Wednesday we will cover compassion.

**North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church**

North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads the worship service and Amy Meadors will do the music in the absence of Jacque Mauch. There will be no evening services during the summer months.

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. The adult class will be unit three, "Justice Promised" with Madeline Boadle leading the discussion on "Praise for God's Justice" taken from Psalm 146:1-10; Exodus 21-23; and Isaiah 58.

In the absence of so many members because of sickness and traveling, the administrative council meeting was postponed until a later date.

Continue to pray for rain and for our firefighters as they request the fire ban to be put back in place. Don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors during this hot weather and if their yards need help please pitch in.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241. If no answer leave a message.

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org).

Between the Lines women's ministry's next meeting is Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. Call the church office for more details.

Our next family movie will be "7 Days in Utopia" on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. The movie is based on Author David L. Cook's best-selling novel "Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days at the Links of Utopia" coming to the big screen in this inspirational sports drama starring Lucas Black and Robert Duvall. Nursery is available for ages four and under. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available for the movie. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

Visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org) for information about any of our events.

Our next youth fundraiser brisket dinner is planned for Sunday, Aug. 26 after worship. Donations go toward youth camp and events. To go plates are available. Place your order before worship service and it will be ready to go when you are.

Spring Creek prayer ministry and invites you to participate at 1:45 p.m. on Thursdays at the church. Come and spend an hour interceding for our fellowship and our community. Childcare for 4 year olds

and under is available.

Sunday school classes/Connection groups are available for all ages. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Wednesdays we have a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible study and youth and children's activities are at 6 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org).

**First Christian Church**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church service starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh will bring the message, "The Kind of Unity we Need" from Ephesians 4: 1-16.

Elders will be Erma Dunne and Carol Stephens. Deacons will be Barbara Erwin, Eulaine McIntosh, Mariah McIntosh and Wanda Brock. Worship Leader will be Dan Miracle and communion prep will be Barbara Erwin and Wanda Brock. Greeter will be Erma Dunne and homebound communion will be Carol Stephens.

Each week Isaiah 58 is open 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. We are now working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. sorting and cleaning items from Walmart and are in need volunteers for those days to help.

Samaritan Counseling takes place at our church Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Committee chair persons who are going to have a meeting in August, please let Church Secretary Nell know when they are going to be so she can put it in the church weekly bulletin.

Coming events on the 19th:

We will have a church luncheon after services with a special guest Aug. 19. On Aug. 24, we will have a teachers prayer breakfast with guest speaker Dr. Sparks from Howard College, from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. with the help of St. Mary's Church and First Presbyterian Church.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at [www.fcbs125@yahoo.com](http://www.fcbs125@yahoo.com) or email to [fcbs125@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbs125@yahoo.com).

**First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir has resumed practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

We were pleased to have 17 students from India join us at worship and at the fellowship meal last Sunday. They are attending Jarle Boe's U. S. Flight Academy.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of this week's "Take Ten."

The lectionary is II Samuel 11:26-12:13; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35. The choir will offer the anthem, "Come to the Banquet," by Joseph Martin and "O For the Wings of a Dove," by Felix Mendelssohn for the offertory.

The Rev. Craig Meyers, retired pastor from St. Paul Presbyterian, San Angelo, will be the guest preacher and will celebrate communion. We continue to take items for the back to school supplies annual drive.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org).

**College Baptist Church**

At 6:30 p.m. tonight senior adults from the Baptist churches in the Crossroads Baptist Association will meet at East Fourth Street Baptist church for an ice cream social. All senior adults are invited.

Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon, first through fifth grade students of our children's Sunday school department will have a pizza party in the CBC gym.

Pastor Ken McMeans will be starting a new sermon series next Sunday morning called "All Things New." The first sermon will be, New Beginnings.

People of College Baptist are signing up to give blood Aug. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to give blood or learn more, call the church office at 267-7429.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

St. Mary's Holy Eucharist service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Daily Grind with God — coffee hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. A lector's class will be offered Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the church.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

**Christ in the Country Fellowship**

First Sunday fellowship is Sunday. A meal will be served after worship service.

Sunday fellowship is at 10:30 a.m. For those who come early there will be coffee and doughnuts.

Christ in the Country Fellowship is located at 5100 E. FM 846 in Luther. For more information, call 267-5725.

**First United Methodist Church**

This weekend, two van loads of our EPIC youth program are attending "Rock The Desert" in Midland. Our thanks to Beau, J.D., Shanna and a host of volunteers for making this and other summer events possible.

Sunday's services of worship will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Pastor Bill Ivins preaching at both services. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

Monday morning is Vacation Bible School at First Methodist. "Sky, All Things Are Possible Through God" is this year's theme. Dinner will be served by the Epworth Class in Garrett Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by the various classes and activities. The event is being held Monday through Thursday.

Wednesday there will be a Bible study and luncheon in Garrett Hall at noon. Pastor Bill will be leading the study. Cowboys will be catering the meal and serving is at 11:50 a.m.

The men's barbecue and movie will be held at Richard Steels' on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Kick-off Sunday is Aug. 26. Wear your favorite team's colors and stay for the tail gate dinner following the late service.

Check our website [www.fumcbs.org](http://www.fumcbs.org) for information regarding schedules and events.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry. Call us at 432-267-6394.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

St Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS) is located at 810 Scurry.

Sunday worship, with Pastor Don Rosentreter, is at 9 a.m., followed by fellowship and Bible study in our fellowship hall.

Wednesday Bible study class is studying Francis Chen's book "Crazy Love, Overwhelmed by a relentless God." We meet at 11 a.m. in the pastor's office for one hour.

**Recognizing giftedness**

Intelligence, that inexplicable measure of mental capacity that drives creativity and invention, has been the subject of much research. It has also been the topic of much observation and the sparkplug of several interesting quotes.

American writer E.B. White observed, "Genius is more often found in a cracked pot than in a whole one."

Former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson admitted, "I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow."

An artist named Salvador Dali once said, "Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings."

German physicist Albert Einstein, whose name and undisciplined hair style have become icons of intelligence, claimed "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination."

Einstein also said of his own intellect, "It's not that I am so smart, it's just that I stay with a problem longer."

In the field of education, understanding and increasing intelligence has been the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for centuries. In the past few decades, however, the research of a man name Howard Gardner has influenced the way many educators view intelligence.

Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences changes the one-bucket definition of intelligence to a many-faceted panorama of intellectual abilities. His theory explores the idea that students may be gifted in one area and lacking in ability in other

disciplines. Therefore, the student who excels in mathematics or science may have a deficit of linguistic skills. Likewise, the talented musician may struggle in other areas.

Although the spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament are not talents or natural abilities related to intelligence, there is a parallel between the application of spiritual gifts within the church and the theory of multiple intelligences.

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all" (1Corinthians 12: 4-7 TEV).

When it comes to recognizing giftedness, either natural abilities or spiritual gifts, we must become experts at detecting gifts in others and discerning how to use our own gifts. Within the church, all gifts are to be used for the common good of the body of Christ.

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# A self-controlled life

Throughout scripture we're told we need to be self-controlled (Galatians 5:23 and Titus 2:6).

The original word for self-controlled carries with it two basic ideas: (1) to be in one's right mind and (2) to curb one's desires.

At times, though, we are not self-controlled.

The ultimate goal is to be self-controlled in every situation we find ourselves in, but I want to offer up a few situations that it is absolutely crucial we are self-controlled if we want to live a peaceful life.

We need to be self-controlled when facing our own failures. Each and every one of us will

fail, yet a lot of times we get angry or depressed or irritated when that happens. David after committing his sin with Bathsheba possessed self-control. In Psalm 51 David demonstrates that he had repented and realized what needed to happen if he was to overcome his terrible mistake. When we are in our right mind we will be less prone to make the mistake into a larger mistake.

We also need to be self-controlled when figuring out our future. Remember, self-control deals with curbing our desires yet most people when

thinking about their futures focus completely on their desires. Many kids who go off to college picture in their minds all the cars they will own and how large their house will be and many other things once they graduate. Adam Faughn says when talking about this thought, "May our young people never leave God out of their plans. He may have a different path laid out for you, or there may be bumps along the way that cannot be seen from a distance. We must remember to include 'if the Lord wills' in all our plans (James 4:13-15). Seek His way for your life, and be prepared to handle both the ups and down with His aid."

Exercising self-control during our life will allow us to possess peace on such a greater level because we do not always get what we want and we will be less prone to react out of anger or frustration when our life is not going according to way we thought it would go. I pray that the Lord will strengthen all who read this article and strive to implement it during their lives.

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KENNETH GARCIA

## Reflections

# On a mission: Run to win

All eyes are focused on London for the Olympics where we are mesmerized by the best athletes of the world competing at the limit of their talent and determination. A high bar was set for the entertainment factor when the Queen appeared to skydive into the opening ceremonies alongside her 007 agent, James Bond.

The Olympic games date back to 770 BC and were expanded in the first century by Augustus Caesar, the Emperor of record at Jesus' birth. Writing to Greeks in the first century, the Apostle Paul drew on Olympic metaphors to help them understand how to live the Christian life: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." (1 Corinthians 9:24).

Christianity is not a spectator religion. We all must run! In spite of the fact that our churches are arranged so that most of us appear to be sitting in the stands watching a few performers on the stage, the truth is that we must compete in the race. Sunday services are more like team meetings in the locker room to get us ready for the main event that starts on Monday.

The Academy Award winning movie Chariots of Fire depicted the 1924 Olympic competition between Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams, the two fastest men of their day. Abrahams had never lost a race until Eric Liddell beat him in the 100 meter dash

by a single step. Mortified by the loss, he later sat in the empty stands with his fiancé. She kept trying to encourage him, but he finally snapped at her, "You don't understand. If I can't win, I won't run." Stunned, she paused for a moment then responded with typical feminine insight. "If you don't run," she said, "you can't win!" That is the Apostle's point. If we don't run, we can't win. We must all live out our faith in Christ in such a way that we "run to win!"

This requires discipline. Paul continues, "Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." (1 Cor. 9:25). The athletes we are watching in London must exercise great discipline in diet and training. Only by imposing discipline upon their bodies can they compete for the gold.

Too many Christians think that once they accept Christ by faith and receive the assurance of heaven that they can live however they wish. They are like someone who has been accepted to the Olympics and chooses to train for their event by eating Blue Bell ice cream and watching others compete on TV. They might be at the Olympics, but they won't win the prize. The Apostle concludes, "I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." (1 Cor. 9:27).

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## Church groups

- The Compassionate Friends is a grief support group for those who have lost a child. The local chapter will meet Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please use the doors on the southeast corner of the family life center.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

## Religious briefs

### Group warns Ohio city over religious symbols

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP) — An activist group is warning a small eastern Ohio city to back off in the fight over whether religious symbols should be removed from its official logo.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation on Thursday cautioned the city of Steubenville not to risk taxpayers' money by opposing the effort by the group and a city resident to get the symbols taken out of the logo. The Madison, Wis.-based group has threatened to sue if it doesn't happen.

Earlier this week, city officials put the brakes on an earlier plan to remove the symbols after a groundswell of support and offers from lawyers who want to help oppose the move.

The city's logo features the cross and silhouette of the Christ the King Chapel on the Franciscan University of Steubenville campus.

### China discourages fasting for Uighur Muslims

BEIJING (AP) — China is discouraging some Muslims in the far western region of Xinjiang from fasting during Ramadan. The government says the move is motivated by health concerns, but others said Friday that it's a risky campaign to secularize the Muslim minority that will likely backfire.

Several city, county and village governments in Xinjiang have posted notices on their websites banning or discouraging Communist Party members, civil servants, students and teachers from fasting during the religious holiday. Muslims around the world abstain from food and drink from dawn to dusk during the 30-day period.

Regional spokeswoman Hou Hanmin was quoted in the state-run Global Times newspaper Friday as saying authorities encourage people to "eat properly for study and work" but don't force anyone to eat during Ramadan.

Xinjiang is home to the traditionally Muslim Uighur ethnic group. Long-simmering resentment among Uighurs over rule by China's Han majority and an influx of migrants has sporadically erupted into deadly violence.

Those familiar with the region say attempts to restrict participation in Ramadan are not new, but this year's campaign is more intense.

There is "a much more public and concerted effort" than in previous years and in some cases Communist Party leaders are delivering food to village elders to try to get them to break their fast, according to Dru Gladney, a professor of anthropology at Pomona College in California and an expert on China's Muslim minorities.

"I think it is a misguided effort to try to secularize the Uighurs and my feeling is it will backfire," said Gladney. "It makes the Uighurs even more angry at the party for not honoring their religious customs."

### Judge clears Portland Diocese of clergy abuse case

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A Maine judge has ruled that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland did not conceal prior sex abuse allegations against a priest accused of molesting a young boy in the late 1980s.

The now 38-year-old Augusta man who made the abuse claim said in a lawsuit that the diocese covered up previous sex abuse complaints against the Rev. Raymond Melville. The alleged victim says he was abused as a boy between September 1986 and June 1988.

Judge Donald Marden wrote in a decision released this week that "it is undisputed" that the diocese received no sexual abuse complaints against Melville prior to 1990.

Melville was previously ordered to pay the Augusta man \$4.2 million.

The alleged victim's lawyer tells the Kennebec Journal (<http://bit.ly/MnbZ7L>) that the decision will be appealed.

### Vietnam says U.S. religious freedom report is wrong

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam has protested a U.S. report that accused the government of abusing some of its citizens' religious freedom.

The U.S. State Department's annual assessment of religious freedom around the world released this week criticized Afghanistan and Pakistan, while also taking aim at Iran, China and North Korea.

The report said Vietnam has generally respected religious freedom but continues to harass some followers, particularly Christians.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Luong Thanh Nghi said in a statement late Thursday that the report acknowledges progress but contains erroneous information. He said Vietnam ensures full religious freedom for all.

Relations between the one-party communist state and some religious groups often flare over land seizures and the detention of religious leaders.

### Bryant: 'Unfortunate' church blocked black wedding

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant said Thursday it is "unfortunate" that a predominantly white church in the state wouldn't allow a black couple to get married in its sanctuary.

Bryant said Mississippi should encourage the union of any couple — as long as the couple is made up of a man and a woman.

Charles and Te'Andrea Wilson say they weren't allowed to marry in July at First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, a small town south of Jackson.

The Rev. Stan Weatherford, pastor of the church, married the Wilsons at a predominantly black church nearby. The wedding was moved after some congregants at First Baptist told Weatherford they opposed allowing black people to marry in the church.

"As hard as we work to try to convince the rest of the world that Mississippi has changed — and, in fact, we have — to see an unfortunate situation like that occur is very disappointing," Bryant said Thursday in response to questions from The Associated Press.

### KC priest pleads guilty to child porn charges

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest in Kansas City pleaded guilty Thursday to producing child pornography in a federal case that also led to charges against the diocese bishop for failing to report suspected child abuse, and prosecutors said they would recommend that he be sentenced to life in prison.

The Rev. Shawn Ratigan, 46, had been scheduled for trial later this month. He was charged with child pornography in May 2011 in Clay County after police received a flash drive from the priest's computer that contained hundreds of images of children, most of them clothed, with the focus on their crotch areas. Prosecutors alleged he photographed girls, sometimes under their skirts, in and around churches where he had worked in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.



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## News in brief

### New jobs numbers likely to set tone for Obama and Romney as each looks for an advantage

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is bracing for another potential dose of lackluster economic news while Republican challenger Mitt Romney readies to take advantage of any weakness in the monthly jobs report.

The new unemployment numbers, due Friday morning from the Labor Department, will paint a fresh picture of the U.S. economy three months before Election Day. The closely watched report will also help set the tone for the next phase in the battle for the White House as the candidates race toward their party conventions and a fall campaign blitz.

In an unshakably static campaign, Obama and Romney will each seek to spin the report to their advantage.

The nationwide unemployment rate stands at 8.2 percent. That's down from a peak under Obama of 10.1 percent in 2009, but it's far too high for an economy trying to break out of the doldrums.

Another dour report would provide fresh fodder for the central premise of Romney's campaign: Obama's economic policies have failed and Romney's experience as a successful businessman would help him put the country on a clearer path to growth and job creation.

### Uncertain economic outlook likely kept U.S. hiring weak for fourth straight month in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. hiring was likely sluggish in July for a fourth straight month, held back by slower economic growth and an uncertain outlook.

Analysts forecast that employers added 100,000 jobs last month, according to a survey by FactSet. The unemployment rate is expected to remain at 8.2 percent for the third straight month.

The Labor Department will report on July hiring and unemployment trends at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Friday.

Hiring was robust at the start of the year, but then slowed sharply in the spring and early summer. Employers added an average of 75,000 jobs per month from April through June, a third of the average monthly gains from January through March.

That's not enough new jobs to keep up with population growth, let alone satisfy the 12.7 million Americans who are unemployed and looking for work.

### Gay rights activists answer 'Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day' with national 'Kiss In'

ATLANTA (AP) — Gay rights activists and other supporters of marriage equality plan a national "Kiss In" at Chick-fil-A restaurants Friday to protest the fast-food chain owners' opposition to same-sex unions.

Participants are encouraged to come to the fast-food chains and kiss a fellow demonstrator of the same sex. One organizer, Carly McGehee of Dallas, said she hopes the event "helps LGBT youth who feel isolated and are victims of bullying."

The gatherings come two days after hundreds of thousands of customers, many of them conservative Christians, recognized "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day" at more than 1,600 locations.

Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy stirred the controversy by confirming his opposition to same-sex marriage. The Southern Baptist family has long been known for publicly expressing its faith, including never opening their businesses on Sundays.

### Alien-sounding lingo accompanies NASA's latest Mars mission; time to brush up on the language

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Fascinated by NASA's latest Mars mission and planning to tune in?

Well, good luck understanding the space agency's everyday lingo, which resembles a sort of Martian alphabet soup.

In the highly specialized world of spacecraft engineering, there are many moving parts and pieces — not to mention processes. Names and descriptions are often reduced to acronyms and abbreviations, which are faster to string together in a sentence but can end up sounding downright alien.

So if you want to know if MSL will nail the EDL and what it can do on different sols, you have to learn the language.

Even speakers admit the jargon is sometimes jarring.

### UN General Assembly resolution to tell Syria to lock down chemical weapons, stop tank attacks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With the U.N. Security Council deadlocked over the Syrian crisis, the General Assembly prepared Friday to denounce Syria for unleashing tanks, artillery, helicopters and warplanes on the people of Aleppo and Damascus, and demand that the Assad regime keep its chemical and biological weapons warehoused and under strict control.

The Assembly was overshadowed by the resignation of former U.N. chief Kofi Annan on Thursday as the joint U.N.-Arab League envoy to Syria after his peace proposals failed.

The anti-Syria resolution was expected to easily pass in the 193-member General Assembly after its Arab sponsors de-fanged two key provisions in the original draft — a demand that President Bashar Assad resign, and a call for other nations to place sanctions on Syria over its civil war.

U.N. peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous, meanwhile, told the Security Council on Thursday that U.N. military observers in Aleppo are seeing "a considerable buildup of military means, where we have reason to believe that the main battle is about to start." The rebels have commandeered tanks, and are bringing them into combat as Syrian warplanes strike back.

"Even in Damascus, I was there a few days ago, one could hear explosions regularly, interminably," Ladsous told reporters after briefing the Council.

### USDA to announce that farmers' markets surge under demand for local produce

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — As demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables has increased, so too has the number of urban farmers markets sprouting up across the nation.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will announce Friday that the number of direct-sales markets has increased 9.6 percent in the past year, with California and New York leading the way.

"Farmers markets are a critical ingredient to our nation's food system," USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan said. "These outlets provide benefits not only to the farmers looking for important income opportunities, but also to the communities looking for fresh, healthy foods."

After 18 years of steady increases, the number of farmers markets across the country now registered with the USDA is 7,864. In 1994, there were 1,744.

Organizations such as Slow Food, founded in 1989 to counter fast-food, junk-food lifestyles, first ignited consumer demand for fresh, local produce.

### 'There was blood everywhere:' 1 killed, dozens injured after Megabus crashes in Illinois

LITCHFIELD, Ill. (AP) — As a Megabus slammed into a bridge support pillar on an interstate highway in Illinois, the impact was so powerful that it flung 16-year-old passenger Baysha Collins from the upper-level seat where she was resting to a stairway leading to the lower level.

From there, she heard moaning from her fellow passengers on the double-decker bus, the front end of which was so mangled from the collision that emergency crews had to use ladders to rescue those trapped inside. At least one passenger was killed and dozens of others were hospitalized following the Thursday crash, authorities said.

"There was a lot of screaming and crying," said Collins, of Minneapolis, who was on her way to St. Louis to visit relatives. "There was blood everywhere. I was just in shock."

Aditi R. Avhad, 25, a native of India, was killed in the crash, Illinois State Police Trooper Brad Lemarr said late Thursday. Lemarr said she was headed to Columbia, Mo., but he didn't know where she was currently living or from where she was traveling. Authorities also did not know where she was seated on the bus.

At least 38 people — nearly half of those on the bus — were taken to hospitals or trauma centers, at least five who were transported by helicopter, Trooper Doug Francis said.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the king of diamonds. Trumps are divided 2-2. How would you play the hand?

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♥ A K J 7 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ 8 7 4  
♥ Q 10 9 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ K J 10 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the queen of hearts, which you duck, and continues with the jack, which you win, South following suit. When you next lead the king of spades, South takes the ace and returns a spade to your queen. How would you continue?

**WEST**  
♠ K Q J  
♥ A K 7 4  
♦ A K J  
♣ K 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 4  
♥ 6 5 2  
♦ 9 4 3 2  
♣ A 6 5

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1. The obvious danger is that North has the ace of spades and that you may misguess which way to take the club finesse. Thus, suppose you won the diamond lead, drew trumps and lost a club to South's queen. He could then return a spade, which would defeat the contract if North

had the spade ace. Similarly, if you took the club finesse the other way and lost the trick to North's queen, you could go down if North then returned a low diamond to South for the killing spade shift.

To cover all contingencies, the proper play is to duck the king of diamonds at trick one, thereby severing the North-South communication in that suit. Let's say North continues with another diamond. You win with the ace, draw trumps, lead the jack of clubs from dummy and finesse. Even if the finesse loses, you are home with 10 tricks consisting of five hearts, the ace of diamonds, three clubs and a diamond ruff in dummy.

2. You have eight sure tricks and so must try to develop a ninth. The question at this point is which is better: to cross to dummy with a club and take a diamond finesse, or to play the A-K-J of diamonds, hoping the suit divides 3-3 or that either opponent started with the singleton or doubleton queen or ten.

The finesse offers about an even chance of success, while playing the A-K-J of diamonds from your hand will succeed in developing an extra trick about two-thirds of the time. Leading the A-K-J is therefore the superior play.

Tomorrow: That number 13 again.

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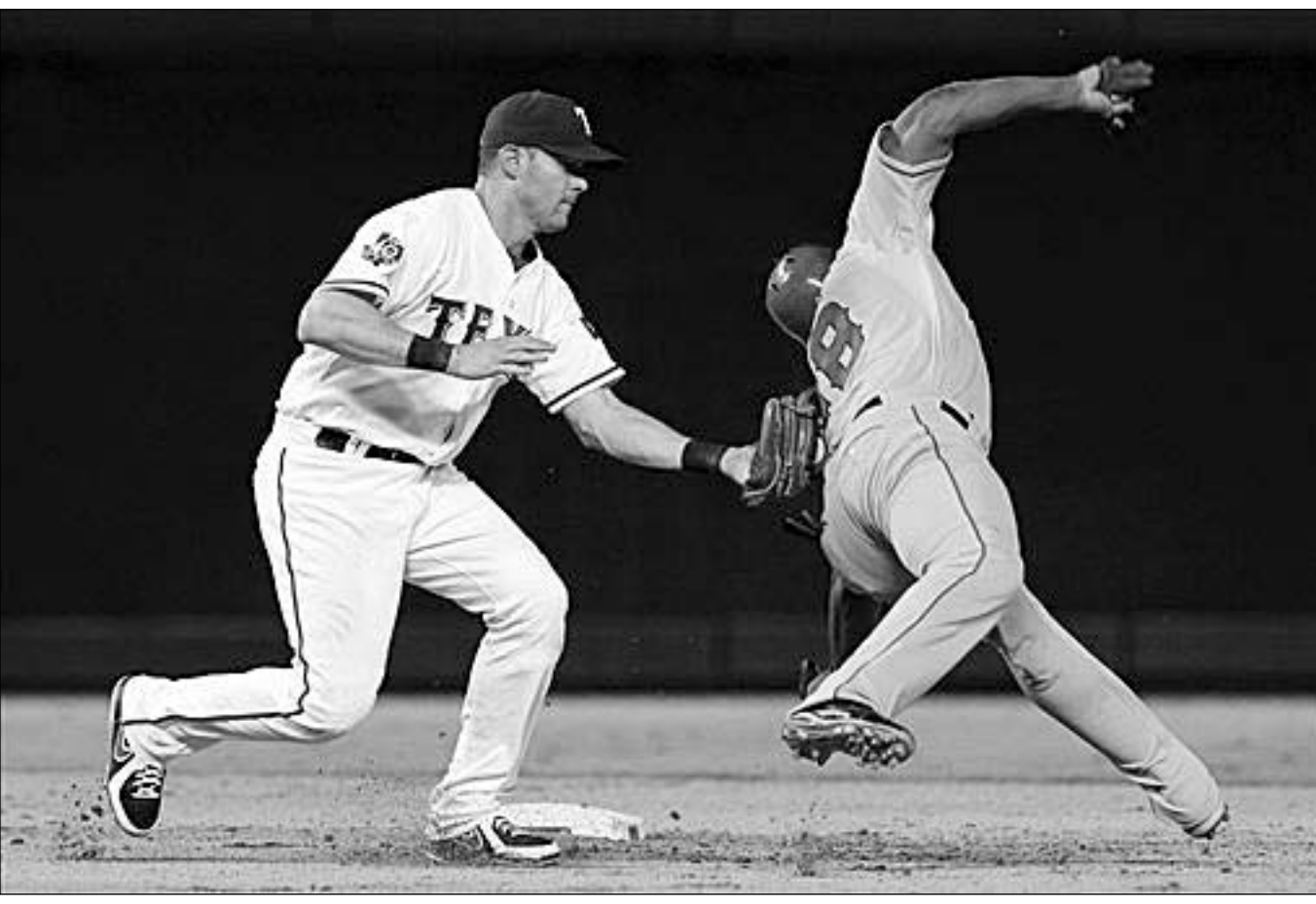
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Texas' Michael Young catches Los Angeles' Torii Hunter in the act of stealing second base during the Rangers 15-9 victory over the Angels Thursday. The Rangers split the series 2-2 with their AL West rivals 2-2.

## Rangers split with Angels after 15-9 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton got back on track and helped the Texas Rangers' offense stay on a roll on Thursday night.

Hamilton drove in four runs and the Rangers bailed out Ryan Dempster in his Texas debut in a 15-9 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Hamilton hit .177 in July, but had his second four-RBI game of the season. He has 10 RBIs in his past nine games.

"Basically I've said

stop thinking about it, stop listening to everybody — everybody's got something to say," Hamilton said. "Just go out there and play. React. Try to slow the game down again. It worked. There's nothing wrong with my swing, it's just about trusting myself, not being too aggressive and trying to slow the game down again."

The Rangers broke an 8-8 tie after six innings when they scored four runs in the seventh,

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## Local briefs

### Youth Soccer registration opens Saturday

Want your child to get involved with the fastest growing sport in America? The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups are slated to begin Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you can't make it this week, registration will be open Saturday, Aug. 11 as well as Saturday, Aug. 18, also from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Additional times include Monday, Aug. 13-Friday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m., also at the Big Spring Mall. Age groups are 4-U, 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 14-U. The cost per child is \$70. A full uniform is included. Business sponsorships are available for \$200.

### Youth Football League signups open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is

holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration will close Saturday, Aug. 18. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (8-9 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available but must be paid in full by Aug. 18. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. For more information, contact Manuel Baeza at 517-0225.

### Benefit Ragball tourney slated for Aug 10-11

Ragball will be played for a good cause Aug. 10-11 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. The tournament's proceeds will be donated to Alexia,

a four-year old girl battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Registration will begin Friday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at the sports complex and play will begin that evening at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Randy at 816-5487.

### Country club to host Over 80 Scramble

A tournament benefitting the Big Spring Shrine Club will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Aug. 18-19. The tourney will be a 2-person scramble format. The combined age of the two players on each team must be 80 or more. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. A shotgun start will kick off each day at 1 p.m. Entry fee includes barbeque on the course Saturday and mulligan. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

## Cowboys' Witten wants different story this season

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Jason Witten has let it be known that things have to be different this time.

Only minutes after the Dallas Cowboys' plane landed in California for training camp, the seven-time Pro Bowl tight end said this year "can't be the same old story."

Going into his 10th season with quarterback Tony Romo as the longest-tenured Cowboys, Witten knows there might not be too many more chances for him to be part of an NFL champion.

"It goes fast and I will be damned if I let this opportunity slip away and not come away with a championship," Witten said this week, expanding on his initial comments. "It has been a heck of a run. But it's time we grab it. That goes for all of us, the core group of us. That is what coach (Jason) Garrett has talked about. This group is trying to do it."

Dallas (No. 15 in the AP Pro32) had its weekly day off Thursday, a day after the first practice in pads.

The Cowboys are a five-time Super Bowl champion, but Witten and his good friend Romo have been in the playoffs only three times. Their only postseason victory came in 2009, 13 years after the team had last won a playoff game, and they have missed the playoffs

the two seasons since then.

Last season, the Cowboys lost four of their last five games and finished 8-8. That included the regular season finale that determined the NFC East title. The New York Giants beat Dallas 31-14 on New Year's Day, clinched the division title at 9-7 and went on to win their second Super Bowl in five years.

In little more than a month, the Cowboys open their new season against those same Giants.

"Our actions have to speak louder than our words. None of y'all are believing it. Why should you be?" Witten said. "The approach we are taking is if we are going to be the team we think we can we have to go show it. What a great opportunity we got coming up Sept. 5. So that's the focus of this team."

Garrett thinks it is good for young players to hear things like that from a leader like Witten who understands how close the Cowboys have been at different times without getting the job done.

Dallas goes on the road for four of its first six games before playing the Giants again at home Oct. 28. New York is 3-0 at Cowboys Stadium since it opened in 2009.

Part of the team's message during camp is to finish strong.

## Douglas shatters glass ceiling with historic win

LONDON (AP) — Gabby Douglas believed two years ago, when she convinced her mother to let her move halfway across the country.

Martha Karolyi became a convert over the winter, when the bubbly teenager with the electric smile developed the tenacity required to be a champion.

Under the brightest lights, on the biggest stage, that belief shattered a glass ceiling.

Even if the first African-American to win an Olympic all-around title didn't quite realize it.

"I kind of forgot about

that," Douglas said with a laugh.

Don't worry, Gabby, the world is going to have fun reminding you.

Douglas soared her way into history Thursday night, leading the whole way to climb a mountain paved by Ron Galimore, Dominique Dawes and a handful of others who showed the sport isn't just for the white or the privileged.

"How inspiring is that?" said Natalie Hawkins, the woman who allowed her then 14-year-old "baby" daughter to move from Virginia to Iowa in

2010 after Douglas convinced her that she was good enough to compete at the top.

She didn't have to wait long to find out.

Douglas was still trying to get used to the feeling of having her second gold medal in three days around her neck when Oprah chimed in.

"OMG I'm so THRILLED for Gabby. Flowing happy tears!" Winfrey posted on Twitter.

Karolyi, the U.S. women's team coordinator called it "history made" while Liang Chow, the coach who channeled

Douglas' precocious talent, believes his star pupil is "ready to move onto higher things."

She certainly looked like it on a flawless night in which Douglas grabbed the gold during her first event and never let silver medalist Viktoria Komova of Russia come close to wrenching it from her hands.

Explosive on vault and exquisite on uneven bars, Douglas never trailed. Though she sealed the third straight women's all-around title for an American

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## Phelps to swim last individual Olympic race

LONDON (AP) — Michael Phelps got off to a slow start in the London Games. Now the most decorated Olympian in history is set to sprint to the finish in the last individual race of his career.

Phelps will swim the 100-meter butterfly on Friday, with a chance to add a second threepeat to his resume.

He won his first individual gold in London in the 200 individual medley on Thursday, making him the first man to win the same individ-

ual event at three consecutive Olympics.

"He didn't have it on his goal sheet, but for me that was important," Phelps' coach Bob Bowman said. "I always wanted him to do three just because that was cool."

Phelps can do it again in the 100 fly, going into the final with the fastest time of 50.86 seconds. He has no special strategy for the two-lap sprint.

"It's the 100," he explained. "You just kind of go for it and hopefully hang on."

Chad le Clos of South Africa, who out-touched Phelps to win the 200 fly, will be in the lane next to him as the second-quickest qualifier. Tyler McGill of the U.S. and Milorad Cavic of Serbia are also medal contenders.

"Phelps is out of our league. It's not fair that I'm talking for everybody, but I'm expecting something special tomorrow," Cavic said.

"I think he's going to go 50.5. I'm going to have to go 50.9 to assure myself a medal." Phelps' fourth

and final Olympics started out with a loss to rival Ryan Lochte in the 400 IM — "the big downer" Bowman called it.

But things quickly began looking up. He has two golds and two silvers in five races, with the 100 fly on Friday and the 4x100 medley relay on Saturday before taking off his suit, cap and goggles for the last time.

"He's gotten himself together," Bowman said. "Physically he's good and it lets us know he's going to be pretty good

tomorrow and finish up strong."

Phelps has been more forthcoming as retirement draws closer. His emotions are closer to the surface, too, with tears welling in his eyes on the medals podium.

"Going into the relay, it'll probably kick into my head more and more," he said.

He swam a dominating butterfly leg in the 200 IM on Thursday to win in 1:54.27 for his 20th career medal and 16th gold.

"It's a relief to win an individual gold," he said.

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**3 FAMILY** Garage Sale: 2710 Lynn, Saturday 8am-1pm. Couch, vanity, dishes, clothing, work out machine, toys, and lots of misc.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your friendship skills are exceptional, and you'll use them well today. You'll be funny. You'll listen. And your belief in others will help them grow into the people they want to be.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Though you don't go around publicly stating that you approve of yourself, it shows. You'll come across as very comfortable in your own skin, and your actions will be congruent with your inner drive.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can move forward in good faith. If it turns out to be a more prickly arrangement than you would have liked, this is an opportunity, too. Having

grace in a difficult situation will create good karma.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Before you make others walk the plank, remember that you're the captain of your fate. Take responsibility for recent decisions, and make sure others understand that you're doing so.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Curiosity might have killed the cat, but when used judiciously, it often saves the day. You've been feeling in the dark about certain things. Now is the time to shine the light of your curiosity on them.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance is in the air, and you've been walking around for far too long under an umbrella of indifference. Put your reserve away, and feel the cool rain of possibility on your cheeks.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Patience doesn't let you know how patient it's being. If someone is trying to show you patience while putting emotional pressure on you or rushing you along, this is a lie in action.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mirrors can only reflect what you show them. Today, the very best mirrors are your friends and family. Show up and interact. Get feedback about recent decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships at home and at work have been frazzled — and not just by the heat, but by a few hotheads who love to stir up the heat. Turn up your emotional AC, and remember to keep your cool when tempers flare.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A little devil and an angel have taken up permanent residence on your shoulders thanks to a constant temptation. Stop wrestling. It's time to brush them both off and focus your attention elsewhere.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Workplace confusion has sown a fair amount of stress, but now is the time to cut through the fog of miscommunication. Have that conversation you've been putting off, and everyone will soon relax.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're undaunted by the things that used to

make you back away in fear. The heavy responsibilities are also the ones that make you shine the brightest.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (August 3). Your taste and focus change this year, and it's thrilling to discover what you really want. Out with the old plan, and in with adventure over the next six weeks. October brings romance and creative satisfaction. November offers strong relationships. A group dynamic helps you develop your talents. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 32, 7 and 18.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You'll feel more amorous while listening to the romantic and fun songs that remind you of the one you love. TAURUS: You're spending too much time waiting. Change your focus. Get busy with something else. GEMINI: You'll hear "no" a few times before you get to the "yes" that's best for you. CANCER: You are in a cut-and-dried situation. You either act, or you don't. LEO: You fall in love much more easily than you fall out of it. VIRGO: Your sweetness sometimes goes without comment, but everyone feels and appreciates it. LIBRA: You'll love watching someone you care about develop into a more capable person. SCORPIO: Your quest for beauty has a wonderful outcome on Sunday. SAGITTARIUS: There is little mystery involved in courtship now. You know what you're doing, and good manners will take you far. CAPRICORN: A fire sign will make you forget the meaning of the word "boredom."

AQUARIUS: Don't be in a rush to spend your whole life with someone. Instead, enjoy your time together with an open mind. PISCES: You'll apply lessons you learned from your parents (from either their good or bad example) to excellent effect.

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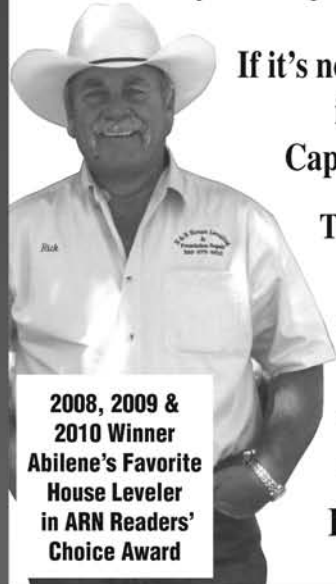
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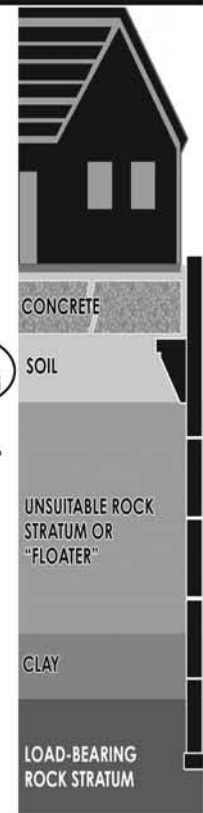
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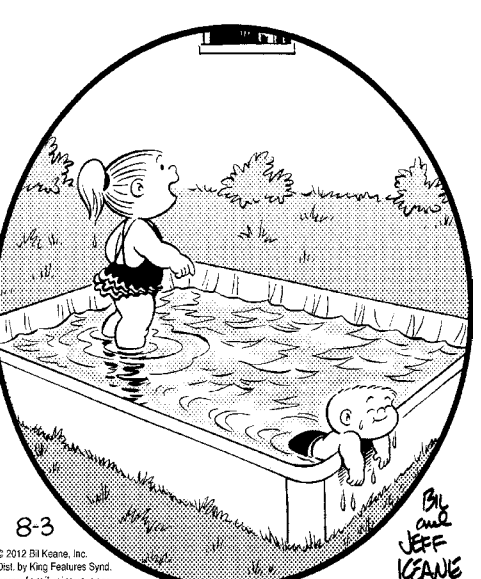
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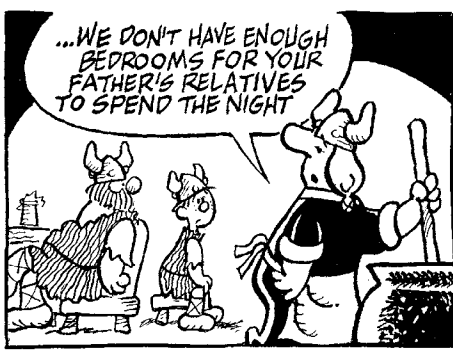


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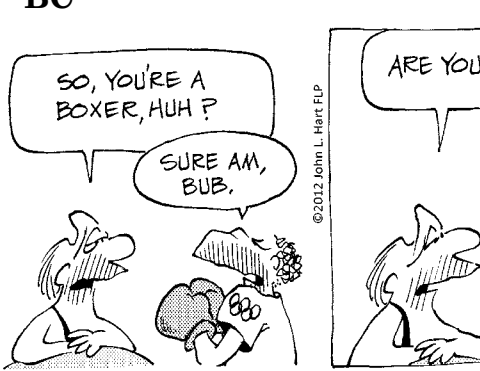
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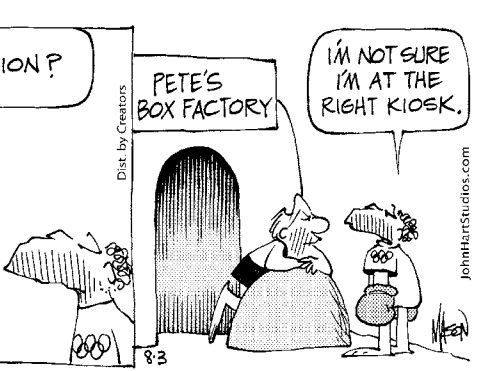
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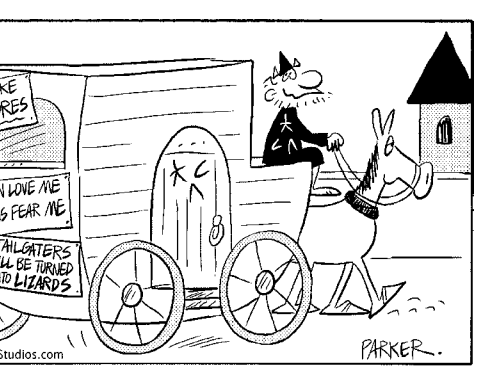
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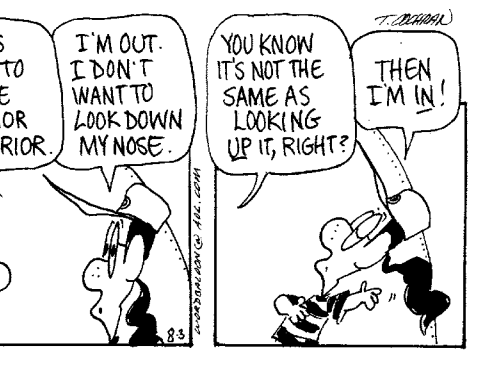
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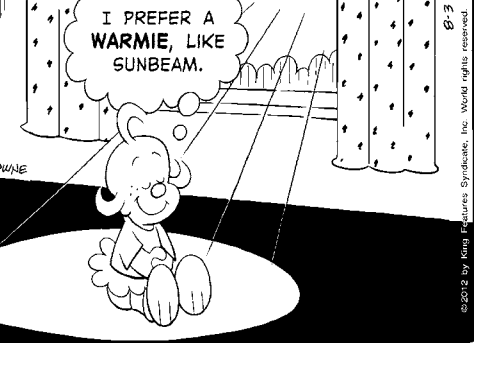
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Newsday Crossword



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2012. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

In 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis refused to reinstate the former Chicago White Sox players implicated in the "Black Sox" scandal, despite their acquittals in a jury trial.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Port of Iraq
- 6 Adventurous expedition
- 11 Not quite right
- 14 Put on cuffs, maybe
- 15 Dickensian clerk
- 16 Condense
- 17 Start of a quote by 39 Across
- 19 It may be rallying
- 20 It means "distant"
- 21 Downed a sub
- 22 Sovereignty
- 24 Oscar cinematographer Nykvist
- 25 Part 2 of quote
- 28 Gold brick
- 30 Very
- 31 One in front
- 32 "It will come — surprise . . ."
- 34 Official emblem
- 38 Cabin announcement
- 39 Source of the quote
- 42 Place for a mani-pedi
- 43 Reserved parking space, e.g.
- 45 Combatant of 1899
- 46 Poopdeck (Popeye's dad)
- 48 Disney CEO
- 50 Fantasy imprint
- 51 Part 3 of quote
- 56 Iliad warrior
- 58 Herding dog
- 59 www. medicare. \_\_\_\_\_
- 60 Hang on
- 61 Emulating

DOWN

- 10 Sharp stickers
- 11 Bibliography abbr.
- 12 City on the Red River
- 13 Actor played by Jude Law in The Aviator
- 18 Verb used by Tweety
- 23 Sources of pride
- 26 Revere
- 27 Applebee's sister chain
- 29 Poetic sphere
- 31 Verve
- 32 Cancel on short notice
- 33 Miss designation
- 35 Artificial language
- 36 Legendary nurseryman
- 37 Set down
- 40 Toe the mark
- 41 Air quality agcy.
- 44 Powerful checker
- 47 Sea snail
- 49 Brief flashes
- 50 Tax
- 51 Poker phrase
- 52 Sound effects, in film lingo
- 53 Deliver an address
- 54 Fictional fiends
- 55 Long passes
- 57 Do decorative work
- 63 Close watch
- 64 Simpsons shopkeeper
- 65 Russian fighter jet

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**DOUGLAS**

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with a floor routine that delighted the O2 Arena crowd, it was her pretty set on beam that provided the difference.

The event is a 90-second test of nerves, a twisting, turning ballet on a 4-inch slab of wood 4 feet off the ground. And for months, Douglas struggled to find a rhythm on it. She led the national

championships after the first day, only to hop off the beam moments into her first rotation of the finals, opening the door for world champion and friendly rival Jordyn Wieber to claim the title.

Wieber watched the Olympic finals from 20 rows up in the stands with the rest of Team USA after failing to make it out of qualifying. Teammate Aly Raisman never really recovered from a work-

manlike set on bars and an uncharacteristic wobble on beam.

Raisman ended up tying with Russia's Aliya Mustafina for third, but the steely Russian earned the bronze on a tiebreaker, a wrenching setback for the American captain, an integral part of the group that won the first U.S. team gold in 16 years on Tuesday.

There were no such technicalities involved with Douglas, not even

on the beam. She dazzled with a sparkling 15.5, never wavering, never wobbling, never losing focus.

This was the same girl who was so out of sorts when the team arrived in London a couple of weeks ago that Karolyi ordered Chow to give her a little pep talk?

Chow's message that day wasn't complicated. He urged Douglas to ignore the pain in her leg from a minor muscle strain and get

down to business.

"He just said that everyone has pain, so just go out there and you know, why are you focused on that?" Douglas said. "He said, 'You're at the Olympics, and put that behind you, and, if you don't push it now you don't have a chance, you'll regret it.'"

She didn't. Not after winning her mother over with the idea her future lay in Iowa with Chow instead of her family's home in Virginia Beach. Not after those long days in the gym when she would ask herself, "Why do I have to do this?" only to go and do it anyway.

**U.S. men trounce Nigeria 156-73 in Olympic basketball**

LONDON (AP) — The last group in England with this many records was The Beatles.

The U.S. men's Olympic basketball team beat Nigeria 156-73 Thursday night, an epic blowout that answered the Americans' detractors and sent a clear message to let them be.

After two opening routs that provoked criticism of their slow starts and outside shooting, the Americans rewrote the record books.

They led by 26 in the first quarter, had an Olympic-record 78 points in the first half and Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points, including 10 of 12 3-pointers, to break the U.S. single-game scoring record in less than three quarters.

"Our guys just couldn't miss," said coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Incredibly, they eclipsed the 100-point mark with 5 minutes still left in the third.

"When we get hot, it's a big problem," Kobe Bryant said. "So you have all these guys on one team and then all get hot on the same night, it's tough."

They broke the Olympic record for most points in a game with 4:37 still to play, and set U.S. records for 3-pointers (26), field goals (59) and field-goal percentage (71).

When Andre Iguodala hit a 3-pointer with 4:37 left, the Americans had surpassed the previous Olympic record of 138 points set by Brazil against Egypt in 1988. When the record was announced to the mesmerized crowd, all the players seated on the U.S. bench got up and walked single file past Krzyzewski, slapping hands

with him and his staff.

Gentlemen, take a bow.

"It was just one of them nights where as a unit we had it going," Anthony said. "It could have been anybody out on the court playing against us."

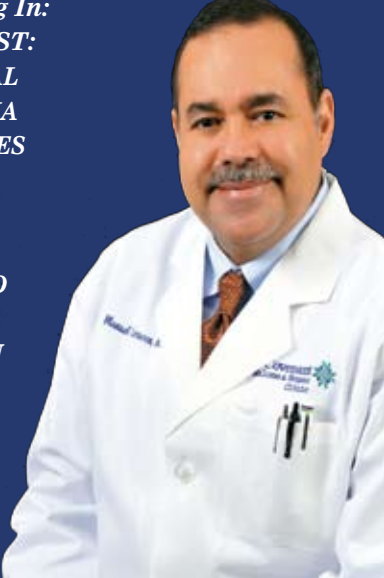
The Americans even one-upped the 1992 Dream Team. The 83-point margin of victory was the largest in U.S. national team history, eclipsing the 79-point spread when Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Co. beat Cuba 136-57 in their first game.

The U.S. seemed intent on breaking Nigeria's spirit, and when that was accomplished with ease, the Americans made a profound statement with their marksmanship.

Nigeria was the first to get the message.

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**RANGERS**

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including Hamilton's two-run double, and added three in the eighth.

Dempster allowed eight runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings. The Rangers acquired Dempster from the Cubs minutes before Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline.

Roy Oswalt (4-2) threw two scoreless innings in relief for the win.

C.J. Wilson gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings. David Carpenter (1-2) took the loss for the Angels. Angels relievers were charged with 11 earned runs in 6 1/3 innings in the last two games of the series.

The Rangers earned a split of the four-game series with the Angels after Wednesday's night's 11-10 win in 10 innings.

"It was kind of a momentum kill from how we played the first two nights to how we played these last two," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "It's tough. It's a good team there and it's not a forgiving park if your guys don't hit their spots, and some of our guys in the pen had a tough time doing that."

It was the Rangers' first time scoring in double figures in consecutive

games since May 7-8.

"It's been a lot of fun," Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "We're starting to show some excitement. We have a lot of momentum offensively right now. This was more of a prototypical Rangers game where we scored as many runs as we needed to win. We kept pounding them."

Texas leads Los Angeles by five games in the AL West.

Kinsler went 3 for 5 and scored four runs and Elvis Andrus and Michael Young also had two hits and two RBIs as Texas finished with 18 hits.

Mitch Moreland and David Murphy hit back-to-back pinch-hit singles before Hamilton's double in the seventh.

Outfielder Torii Hunter led the Angels with three hits, two RBIs and a run scored. Kendrys Morales went 2 for 5 with a homer and two RBIs. Albert Pujols, Alberto Callaspo and Howie Kendrick added two hits each for Los Angeles.

Besides Dempster, catcher Geovany Soto and rookie first baseman Mike Olt made their Texas Rangers debuts.

Soto went 2 for 5 with two RBIs and two runs scored, and Olt, a rookie from the University of Connecticut, went 1 for 3 with a run scored.

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