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Preparations continue for Top '0 Texas Rodeo and Parade

Organizers plan longer route, plus more features for the rodeo parade

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Preparations for this year's 66th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo are gaining steam, with a new route planned for the rodeo parade. At 10:30 a.m. on the last

day of the rodeo on Saturday, August 11, the parade will begin on the 1000 block of North Somerville going south through downtown, and concluding at the train depot on Atchison. The parade will have a longer route than last year, and include an emcee, live music and

free hamburgers for participants. "This one's going to be quite an event, I think, and there are a lot of things to really be excited about," said Robert Douglas, President of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association. "It's really neat to be starting back on Somerville, and coming towards downtown. We're really pleased with it."

An emcee, who will be at the corner of Cuyler and Kingsmill, will be a new addition to the event.

"We have two different bands that are

going to play on the float as they come through," said Douglas. "We haven't had that in quite a while. We're going to have an emcee at the corner with the band, and they're going to be telling everybody's name and who's in the parade. They'll play after the parade's over."

The rodeo parade reboot comes along with a day of events on that Saturday that organizers hope will rev up local enthusiasm for the rodeo, as well as the **RODEO** cont. on page 3A

CHAMPIONSHIP BUCKLES



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DeeAnn Ledbetter (Gebos Manager), **Michael Craig** (Chairman of Jr. Rodeo) and **Robbie Locke** (Gebos Assistant manager) show off the All Around Buckles Gebos is donating for the Jr. Rodeo, which will be held July 21 and 22.

Two killed in three-vehicle accident

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Two people were killed and one person was injured in a three-vehicle accident that happened Monday morning on I-40 near the 142 mile marker in Gray County.

Around 8:30 a.m., A 2000 Ford F150 pickup was traveling eastbound on I-40, when a front tire blew out of the vehicle, causing it to cross the center median and travel into the west bound lanes of traffic. The pickup struck a semi-trailer truck and a 2010 Dodge Avenger.

The driver of the pickup, **Jimmy Franco**, 25, of Bigfork, Minn., was ejected from the vehicle. Franco was not wearing a seat belt.

Franco and the driver of the Avenger, **Barbara Seibert**, 84, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., were both pronounced dead on the scene at 11 a.m.

The semi driver, **Steven Box**, 45, of Edmond, Okla., was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He remains in critical condition, with blunt force trauma.

Seibert and Box were both wearing seat belts.

Early voting to start next week in primary runoffs

Primary runoff election day will be Tuesday, July 31

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Early voting in the primary runoff election will begin next Monday, July 23 and run through Friday, July 27. From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., registered voters can hit the polls at one location, the non-juried courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse.

The primary runoff election day will be on Tuesday, July 31 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"We'll have three locations on election day," said **Linda Lewis**, Gray County elections administrator. "We're going to combine our voting locations in town. We'll have them all at the MK Brown Auditorium, and that will take in the Grandview-Hopkins polling place, too."

Voting will be available at McLean's public library and at Lefors City Hall on election day, and people can also turn in their ballots by mail.

"All of the voters should have their voter ID cards at this time, but if they don't, they can bring a driver's license, and we can scan that license into our poll book, if they're a registered voter," said Lewis.

"We've been processing a lot of ballots by mail," she added. "We're right at the 300 mark processing ballots by mail for people who are going to be out of

the county. They have to meet certain requirements, and they can call the office, and we can get them that information."

Lewis said that her office has been busy answering voters' questions on the upcoming election.

"People are curious about what's on the ballot, and it's going to be a very important election runoff," she said. "I know a lot of people don't typically show up for runoffs, but our local Warren Chisum is running for Railroad Commissioner, and local representation is very minimal, at best, so people should be thinking about our representation. If we want to keep someone who is local as a voice for us in Austin, we need to really show our support, and think about our local officials who are running."

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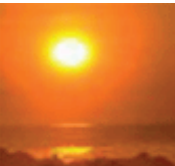
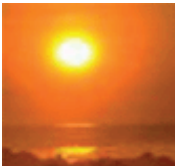
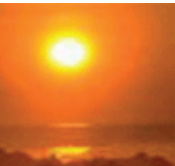
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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 70. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Buzzard Zachry, 85

Dorothy Buzzard Zachry, 85, died July 16, 2012, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery, with John Curry, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Zachry was born December 8, 1926, in Spearman to Denzil and Ruth Fulbright Bradford and moved to Pampa in 1936. She was a 1945 graduate of Pampa High School and attended the University of Oklahoma. She married Ross N. Buzzard on June 3, 1946, in Madison, Wis. He preceded her in death in 1983. She later married Dr. Jack Zachry on September 25, 1995, in Panhandle. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2001. Dorothy worked briefly for Security Federal Savings and Loan prior to her marriage. She lived in Norman, Okla. for about four years before returning to Pampa in 1950. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for first graders for many years. She was a member of the Twentieth Century Study Club and Greenpeace.

Survivors include a daughter, Andrea R. Buzzard of Santa Fe, N.M.; a son, Mark N. Buzzard and wife Vanessa of Pampa; a sister, Rosalie Bossay of Dallas; a step-daughter, Dianne Meaker of Panhandle; three grandchildren, Matt Buzzard of Marathon, Fla., Beth DeStephens and husband Jimmy of Boston, Mass., and Ross Buzzard of Beaumont; eight nieces and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124.

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Zachry

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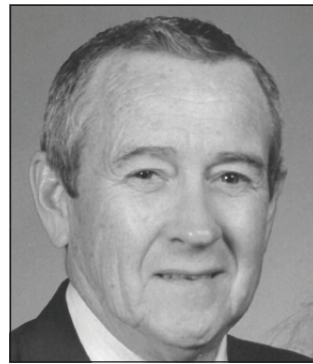
Gene was born June 15, 1931, in Spearman, to Reuben D. and Irene A. Howell. He moved to Pampa at an early age and graduated from Harvester High School. Gene married his high school sweetheart Shirley Moore on July 22, 1950. He was a devoted husband and family man and enjoyed traveling with his wife where they would go on ski trips together.

He was a loving and generous person and that certainly showed with his love and care that he took for his wife for the last few years of her life when her health was failing. Gene retired from Wichita Freightliner in 2005 after 33 years, where had been since it was Hodges Truck and Tire. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed boating and water skiing, pulling his kids on skis and teaching others how to ski. In later years he discovered snow skiing and went every winter for years. Gene loved spending holidays with his grandkids and even put a pool in his backyard before his first one was born. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Gene was a member of Faith Village Church of Christ and attended faithfully until his health would no longer allow him to.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley; and one brother, Tom Howell.

Survivors include daughters, Lesley Kephart, Christy Baker and husband Tommy; grandchildren, Brooke Coleman, Darin Kephart, Megan Graham and husband Robbie and Katelyn Baker; great-grandchildren, Elijah Kephart, Ethan Kephart and Ptolemy Graham.

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Howell

Jack Robin Hood, 82

Jack Robin Hood, 82, died July 17, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012, at First Christian Church, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating.

Private burial will follow in Erick, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hood was born June 30, 1930, in Erick, Okla., graduating from Erick High School. He attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving a degree in Pharmacy in 1952. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1952 and owned and operated Hood Pharmacy for over 40 years. He married Charlene Hill on October 10, 1981, in Pampa. He was very active in various community organizations. He served as a member and president of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club and served as president of the Airport Board. Jack was a member, elder, Sunday school minister and treasurer of First Christian Church. He would head the Biscuit ministry on Saturday mornings at the church for widows and widowers. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Jack will be remembered for his sincere generosity.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Hood of the home; a stepson, Carl Hill of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; a sister, Delia Benton and husband Bob of Denton; a brother, Dr. W.E. Hood and wife Sally of Oklahoma City; one grandson, J.T. Hood of Oklahoma City; four granddaughters, Selina Fresanock and husband Stephen of Chicago, Ill., Danielle Hood of Fort Worth, Jessica Hill of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Lee Bailey and husband Will of North Carolina. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, William E. and Oklahoma Cargill Hood; and two sons, Jim Hood and Dan Hood.

Memorials may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY, 10163-4777 or First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065

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Hood

Freddy Lee Hoggatt, 82

Freddy Lee Hoggatt, 82, died July 16, 2012, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hoggatt was born November 6, 1929, in Palaska. He married Beverly Ann Roe on March 16, 1950, in Skellytown. He had been a resident of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., for 30 years, moving to Pampa five years ago. Freddy was a master electrician. He retired from Parker Dam California Bureau of Reclamation in 1992, serving as Chief of Parker Dam for 13 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, IBEW, and AmVets. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne Artillery as a corporal. Freddy enjoyed golfing.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Hoggatt of the home; a son, Roger Lee Hoggatt and wife Yvonne of Clovis, N.M.; sister-in-law, Betty Hoggatt of Hedley; three grandchildren, Ryan Lee Hoggatt, Patricia Ann Crafton and Roger Lee Wroble; and five great-grandchildren. Freddy was preceded in death by three brothers, Ernest Hoggatt, Harold Hoggatt and Johnny Hoggatt; and three sisters, Eula Eager, Allea Altman and Sarah Park.

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Hoggatt

Gene A. Howell, 81

Gene A. Howell, 81, passed away Monday July 16, 2012 in Wichita Falls.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday July 20, 2012, at Hampton Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Andy Graham officiating.

Visitation will be 6:30 to 7:30 Thursday July 19, 2012,

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tues-

day, July 17 at 7 a.m. Pampa PD reported 14 traffic-related incidents. Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported six animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to six medical calls.

Monday, July 16

An accident occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Doyle.

Fraud was reported at the

200 block of North Russell. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Varnon.

A theft occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 400 block of West Brown.

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States risk insurance coverage gap

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a potential downside for states that say "no" to the new federal health care law. For Texas Gov. Rick Perry, for example, turning down the law's Medicaid expansion could also mean turning away as many as 1.3 million uninsured people. That's nearly half of those who could be covered in his state. Gov. Chris Christie not only would be saying "no" to President Barack Obama, but to as many as 245,000 uninsured New Jersey residents as well. The Supreme Court gave governors new flexibility to reject the law's Medicaid expansion. But states risk leaving behind many of their low-income uninsured residents in a coverage gap. It's being called the new "doughnut hole" — similar to a Medicare gap faced by some seniors.

Perry: Obama should apologize

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry wants President Barack Obama to apologize while in Texas for his attorney general's criticism of the state's voter ID law. Perry said in a statement Tuesday that Attorney General Eric Holder had made "offensive and incendiary comments" about the law passed last year. The law would require voters to present a valid, government-issued photo ID. The Justice Department blocked the law in March, and Texas then sued in federal court. A weeklong trial over the law wrapped up last week, though no decision was immediately announced. Obama is holding fundraisers Tuesday in San Antonio and Austin. Perry says the president should apologize on behalf of Holder for his "imprudent remarks." Holder has compared the voter ID law to poll taxes once used to disenfranchise minority voters.

Lawmakers look at school rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers quizzed state officials and school superintendents on how well Regional Education Service Centers are doing their jobs. The Senate Education Committee met Tuesday to hear testimony on how schools share services, both academic and operational. Senators questioned whether state-funded Regional Education Service Centers are spending those funds effectively in helping school districts share resources. School officials and center directors said they help the districts save money. Last year the Legislature slashed \$4.8 billion in school funding to make up a statewide budget shortfall. Schools have since laid-off more than 10,000 workers and class sizes have gone up. When lawmakers meet again next year they expect to face similar budget shortfalls. The Republican leadership has pledged not to raise government spending, and therefore must find additional savings.

State readies new execution drug

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Yokamon Hearn once bragged how the carjacking murder that would send him to death row earned him a newspaper headline. Now he faces the notoriety of news stories proclaiming him the first Texas prisoner executed under a new single-drug procedure. The 33-year-old Hearn is set to die Wednesday evening in Huntsville for the 1998 fatal shooting of 23-year-old suburban Dallas stockbroker Frank Meziere. He was abducted at gunpoint while he cleaned his car at a self-service car wash in Dallas, then shot 10 times. Hearn would be the sixth Texas prisoner executed this year but the first since officials last week announced the switch to single-drug lethal injections. The previous method used three drugs. Hearn has appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court to block the punishment.

Texas veterans claims double

TEMPLE (AP) — Leaders of the Texas Veterans Commission say pending claims have almost doubled in two years and more employees are needed. Executive director Tom Palladino says Texas offices are getting more local calls since the VA began using national centers that instead direct callers online. State officials also cite aging World War II veterans and more Iraq and Afghanistan vets making claims. Palladino appeared Monday before a Texas Senate panel at a veterans home in Temple. Commission officials say pending claims in Texas have grown from about 46,000 in July 2010 to nearly 90,000 now.

Rodeo

community as a whole. After the parade, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Downtown Business Association and Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host festivities in downtown Pampa that will include food vendors, crafts, Western Photos at Shutterbug Photography, a Little Cowboy and Cowgirl

pageant, a diamond melt contest, paintball and other games and giveaways. From 2 to 6 p.m. at Las Pampas Square, formerly known as the Coronado Center, there will be a barbecue cook-off, pie-eating contest, vendors, games and a showcase of plans for the development of the shopping center. Free barbecue will be available

from 4 to 6 p.m. "I am so excited about it," said Douglas. "These people have really worked their butts off, and it's come together the last three weeks." For more information on

the downtown events, contact Debbie Heiser at victorianroseofpampa@yahoo.com, and for more information on Las Pampas festivities, contact Stephanie Nelson at stephanie.nelson@openrangeeng.com.

Stalking the best coffee candies

BY MIKE SUBLETT I LOVE COFFEE! I can live without it (I have before during Lent) but I choose NOT TO LIVE WITHOUT IT! However, sometimes my coffee cup hits EMPTY, without a fresh brew for a refill. So what is a person to do during those moments of crisis? Also, some of the time the circumstances just don't fit with a coffee cup: hiking, athletics, working out, at a public event, etc. What is a true coffee lover to do at those painful times; suffer?

This quandary has led me on a search to find the best coffee candies that won't ruin everything by melting; something a coffee lover could carry with them anywhere and all the time. So I ordered a small amount of the coffee candies considered by most to be the best and have tasted and tasted and tasted. Now it is time to list my findings, to go on the record.

And one more thing — since I love sweet coffee, I like a sweet coffee candies best.

The candies that I used in Mike's coffee candy taste test were:

- Coffee Taffy From Taffy Town
- It's Nuts Coffee Candy
- Columbia Coffee Delight Candy
- Coffee Rio (4 different coffee flavors)
- Arcor Coffee Café
- Kopiko Coffee Candy
- United Coffee Candy
- Rademaker — Hopjes
- Bali's Best Latte
- Bali's Best Original Coffee Candy
- Werther's Carmel Coffee
- Coffee Nips

I should first list the biggest loser: Rademaker-Hopjes. It wasn't the biggest loser because it wasn't tasty, on the contrary, it is a delicious candy. Only one BIG problem—almost NO COFFEE in it (0.2%); 2 tenths of 1%. It is a tasty hard caramel, but only a microscopic amount of coffee anywhere in the ingredients and therefore almost no coffee flavor on the taste buds. I can't understand why people list it among their favorite coffee candies. 1 out of 10

Next how about the results of the 2 candies that are the most readily available to most Americans at the local grocery store. Coffee Nips have been around what seems like forever. I always thought they had great coffee flavor. However, when you compare them to the real gems in the coffee candy world, they really fall short. When you first put a Nip in your mouth you can taste the coffee, but very faintly and the longer it is in your mouth, the more diluted the coffee flavor gets. And on top of that it isn't very sweet either. So in my taste bud world, Nips scored really low. 2 out of 10

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 18, the 200th day of 2012. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1982, Guatemalan soldiers aided by members of civilian patrols stormed the highland village of Plan de Sanchez in search of leftist guerrillas, killing some 200 people. (In July 2005, the government of Guatemala accepted responsibility for the massacre, and apologized.)

On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.

In 1610, highly influential Italian baroque artist Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio died in Porto Ercole at age 38.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1872, Britain enacted voting by secret ballot.

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned.

In 1976, at the Montreal Olympics, Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci received the first-ever perfect score of 10 with her routine on uneven parallel bars. (Comaneci would go on to receive six more 10s at Montreal.)

In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

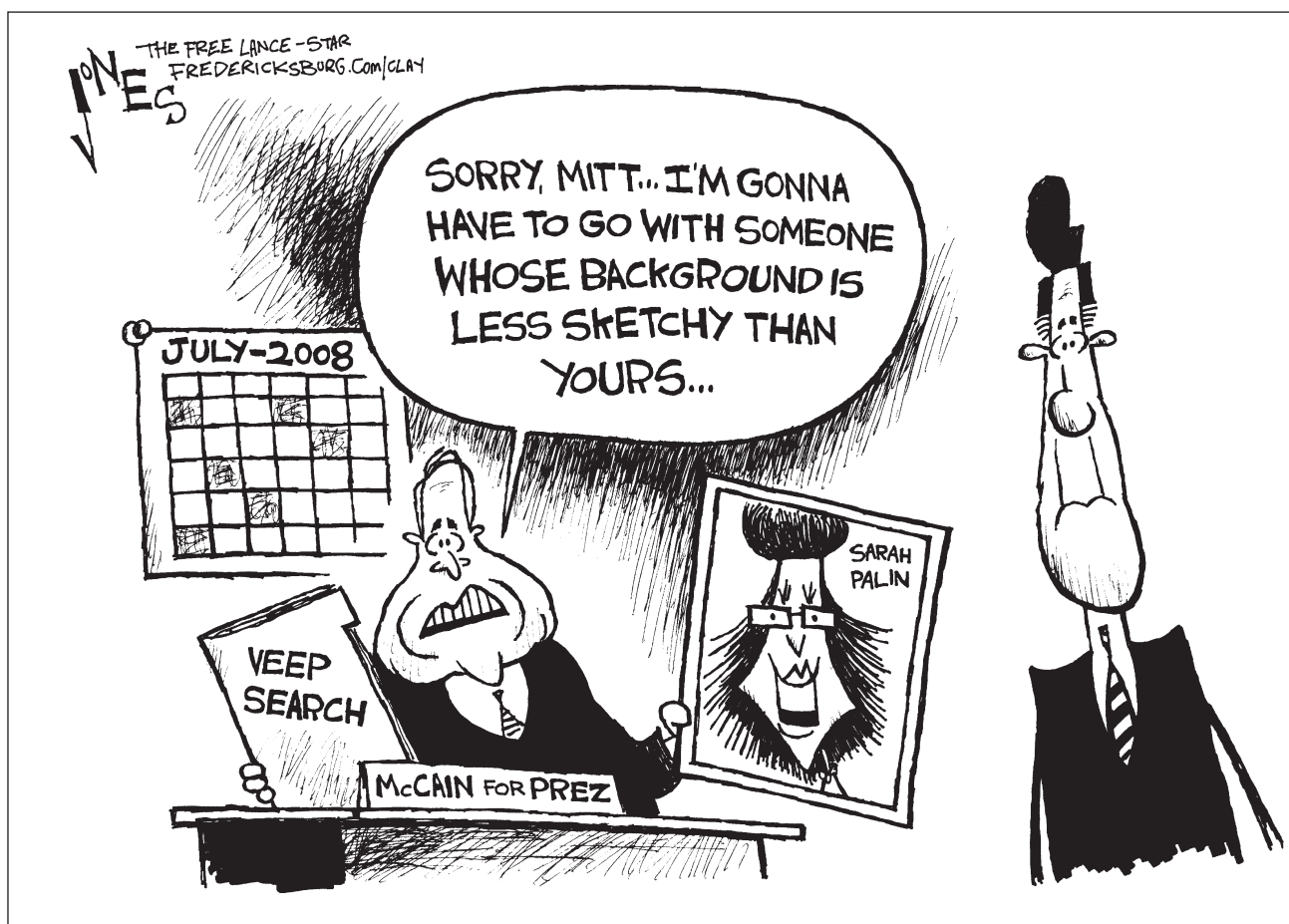
Ten years ago: Accused 9/11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui tried to plead guilty to charges that could have brought the death penalty, but a federal judge in Alexandria, Va., insisted he take time to think about it. Bob Pittman stepped down as chief operating officer of AOL Time Warner in a shake-up at the world's largest media company.

Five years ago: Senate Republicans torpedoed legislation to force the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq. An underground steam pipe exploded on a New York City street, swallowing a tow truck and claiming the life of a woman who suffered a heart attack. Armed men kidnapped two Germans and five Afghans working on a dam project in central Afghanistan. (One of the Germans, Ruediger Diedrich, was found shot dead three days later; the others were later released.) Opera tenor Jerry Hadley, 55, died at a hospital in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a week after shooting himself with an air rifle.

One year ago: Gen. David Petraeus handed over command of American and coalition forces in Afghanistan to Gen. John Allen. Reeling from months of tragedy, Japan united in joyous celebration after its women's soccer team won the World Cup by beating the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 94. Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 91. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 83. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 74. Musician Brian Auger is 73. Singer Dion DiMucci is 73. Actor James Brolin is 72. Baseball executive Joe Torre is 72. Singer Martha Reeves is 71. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 71. Pop-rock musician Wally Bryson (The Raspberries) is 63. Country-rock singer Craig Fuller (Pure Prairie League) is 63. Actress Margo Martindale is 61. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 58. Actress Audrey Landers is 56. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 54. Actress Anne-Marie Johnson is 52. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 51. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 50. Rock musician Jack Irons is 50. Actor Vin Diesel is 45. Retired NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway is 41. Actor Eddie Matos is 40. MLB All-Star Torii Hunter is 37. Dance music singer-songwriter M.I.A. is 37. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down; Scars on Broadway) is 37. Rock musician Tony Fagenson (Eve 6) is 34. Movie director Jared Hess is 33. Actor Jason Weaver is 33. Actress Kristen Bell is 32. Rock singer Ryan Cabrera is 30. Christian-rock musician Aaron Gillespie (Underoath) is 29. Actor Chace Crawford is 27. Bluegrass musician Joe Dean Jr. (Dailey & Vincent) is 23.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).



Mitt Romney weak on defense—politically

Back shortly after the cooling of the Earth, when I was still working on political campaigns, one of the iron rules by which we operated was to examine the record and career of our own candidate just as intensely as we researched the statements and positions of our opponent.

The logic was solid. If there is something personally or politically embarrassing in your candidate's background that you will need to defend during the campaign, you need to know all about it as soon as possible. This requires a candid sit-down in private with the candidate, where he is asked directly to confess any dark secret that could, if revealed in the last week of the campaign, sink his candidacy.

The procedure was referred to "woodshedding" your candidate. You can be sure, especially after the politically unhelpful surprises produced by the vice presidential pick of 2008 nominee John McCain, that each of Gov. Romney's prospective 2012 running-mates is being exhaustively "woodshedded."

Recall the Friday before Tuesday's Election Day in the down-to-the-wire 2000 presidential race between Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush, when national press coverage was dominated by the news that Bush had concealed a drunk-driving conviction for 24 years. The Republican's problems were compounded by the fact that in 1998 Bush had answered Wayne Slater of The Dallas Morning News'



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personal wealth, who has been running for the White House for most of this century. Yet, almost daily, we get the drip-drip-drip of incomplete reports about Romney's tax-sheltered investments in far-off lands, including Luxembourg, Ireland, Australia, Ireland, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

In the only complete tax return he has made public, the one for 2010, there was one more gift to beleaguered Democrats: news that the blind trust held by Ann Romney included a \$3 million Swiss bank account that had not been fully reported on Romney's previous financial disclosure statements.

The Romney household didn't need the extra money. But the candidate does need more political good will. That's why, long before his 2008 presidential run, all of these foreign affairs relating to his personal piggy bank should have been shuttered.

Here's what we know. Romney

direct question, "Were you ever arrested after 1968?" by untruthfully saying "No."

Which brings us to 2012 and the self-inflicted wounds of Republican candidate Mitt Romney, a man of significant

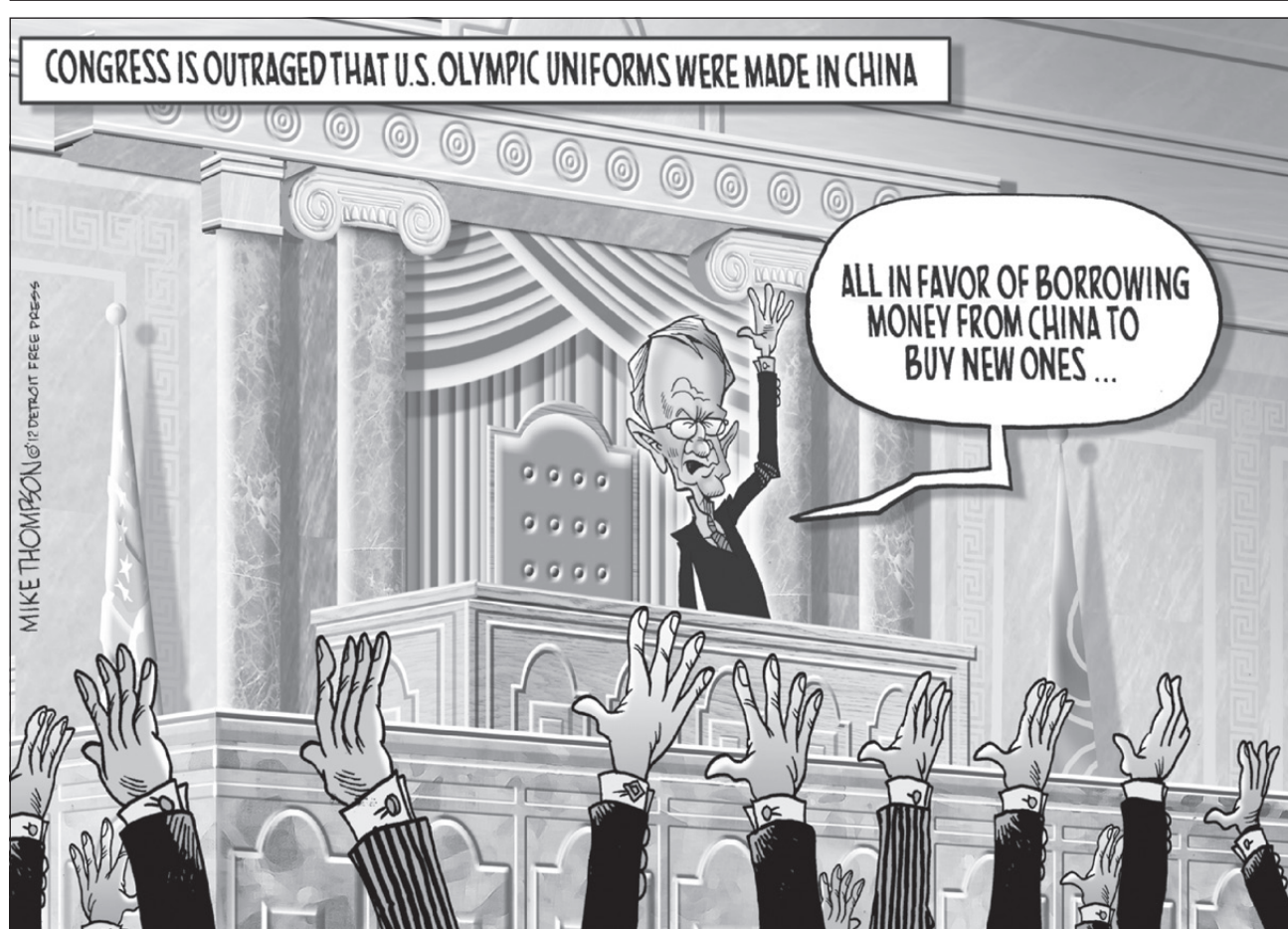
and his campaign are spending a lot of time, effort and energy trying — with less than limited success — to explain why his tax-shelter investments in the Cayman Islands and Bermuda prove that he really understands the plight of struggling American families in Flint, Mich., or Steubenville, Ohio.

We also know that Romney, who has been running full-tilt for president for at least the last six years, has had advising him some smart, savvy and experienced people. We can be sure that Romney, a man of keen intelligence, has been told more than once by at least some of these more candid, savvy counselors that Swiss bank accounts and Caribbean portfolios do not signal the "regular guy" who knows the hopes and anxieties of ordinary Americans and with whom they would enjoy sharing a cold beverage.

So we come to one of two conclusions: Either maximizing his personal, after-tax profits has continued to take precedence over — even to the point of putting at political risk — Romney's presidential dreams, or he's a guy who doesn't want to hear blunt, unpleasant truths from his advisors.

Neither alternative is especially reassuring to still-deciding voters. For Mitt Romney, it's woodshed time.

Since 1988, Mark Shields has provided weekly political analysis and commentary for PBS' award-winning PBS NewsHour.



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A life-lesson from selling cars

After graduating from Pampa High School in May of 1968, I spent the summer working to help pay for college. When September rolled around one of my best friends, Beau Bond, and I hopped in my very old convertible and headed to West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas.

I knew that the only way I would be able to stay in college financially was if I worked. So I applied at Stevenson Pontiac/Buick/Oldsmobile just north of Canyon. I had spent most of the summer selling cars in Pampa, had done pretty well and had learned a lot. The main things I learned that summer were: 1- that selling cars sure did put a person's integrity and honesty to the test and 2- that regardless of how honest you were, most people thought all salesmen were liars.

Since I was only able to work part-time, I only sold 4 cars in September. Now I had several other deals in the works, but that didn't stop Mr. Stevenson from giving me a little chewing out as motivation to sell harder. In October I sold 7 cars and was ready for a breakout party in November. I had 5 deals about ready to close before November even started.

That was when Mr. Stevenson hired a new manager over the entire lot, both the new and used car businesses. He was from Dallas, wore tailor-made suits and was as slimy as any man I ever met. In our first meeting with him he made it very clear that we were to use the sales technique of "low balling" and that if we didn't we would be fired.

Low balling was where you told someone that you could sell them a particular car for \$3,000 when you knew good and well you couldn't. The purpose was so that when the buyer went to other dealerships to shop around, they would think that your price was best and return to you. What was to happen then was that you were to tell them that the car had been sold, or that you had figured the price wrong, or that your boss had lied to you. The theory was that if you got a buyer to return after leaving to shop around, then most of the time you could sell them a car. Basically it was car selling via LYING!

I went to talk to my closest friend at the place, the used car manager, Slim. I told him that I couldn't lie to people like that and wondered what to do. He advised me to keep my mouth shut, tell the people the truth, but to be very, very careful where I had those conversations so that no one else would hear what I told the customers. Sounded good to me.

Everything worked great for about 2 weeks. Then one day an older couple dropped in looking to buy a Pontiac. They knew exactly what they wanted and we had that exact car. They wanted



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to know the bottom line figure that they could buy the car for. Before I answered I peaked into the office next to where we were standing, to make sure no one was there. Then I told them the bottom line and they

said that they were going to shop around in Amarillo. I felt good about our conversation.

About that time the slimy new Manager of the dealership walked out of the office I had peaked into. He had been hiding behind a bookshelf to spy on us salesmen and therefore had heard every word I said to the old couple. "So did you forget to low ball them?" That was one of those moments of truth where a person has to decide what kind of human they really are. Now I certainly had a ton of problems and I made more than my share of mistakes, but I didn't lie to customers. I looked him in the eye and said, "No sir, I didn't forget. You see, my dad taught me not to lie to customers; I never have and I'm not about to start now." He then asked me if I remembered what would happen to salesmen who wouldn't low ball. I nodded. He headed for Mr. Stevenson's office and I was fired the next day.

I wish I could tell you that after that day I always chose integrity over money. But that would be a lie. There have been few times over the years, in the face of temptation, where I have chosen money. I can honestly tell you that every time I did, it wrecked me to some degree and unfortunately it sometimes brought pain on my wife and children because they had to live through the consequences of my poor choice.

That day in Canyon I believe God empowered me to choose what was more important: INTEGRITY. That day I listened to His voice and followed His orders. And I was blessed.

So I plead for you to learn from my mistakes; don't lie for money or anything and God will bless you. I challenge you to listen to God's voice every time testing and temptation show up. And whatever you do, don't let the consequences make your decision for you. Even if you have to lose a job or a friend or whatever because of your personal honesty, STAND FOR TRUTH. Father God will be so proud. God bless.

Mike Sublett is the pastor at Hi-Land Christian Church.



Thanks to the generosity of the local VFW post, J R Hollis and Johnnie Whinery were able to put a new flagpole up at Hi-Land Christian Church.



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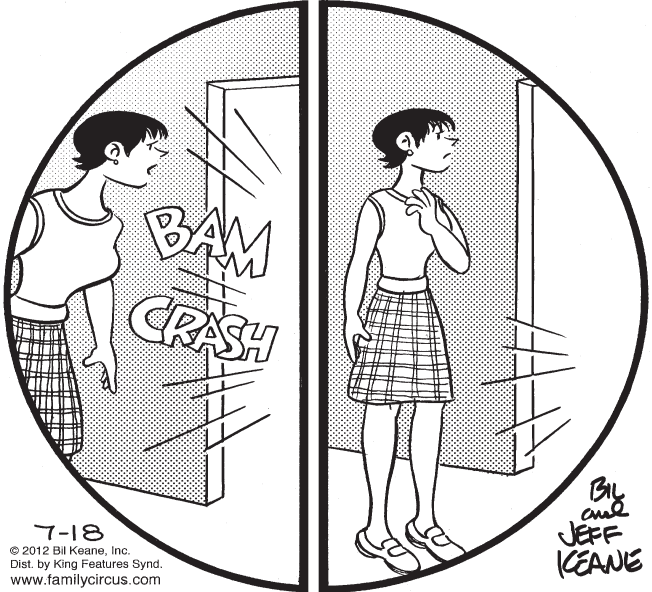
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"What happened in there?"

"Nothing, Mommy, but I can fix it."

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daily horoscope

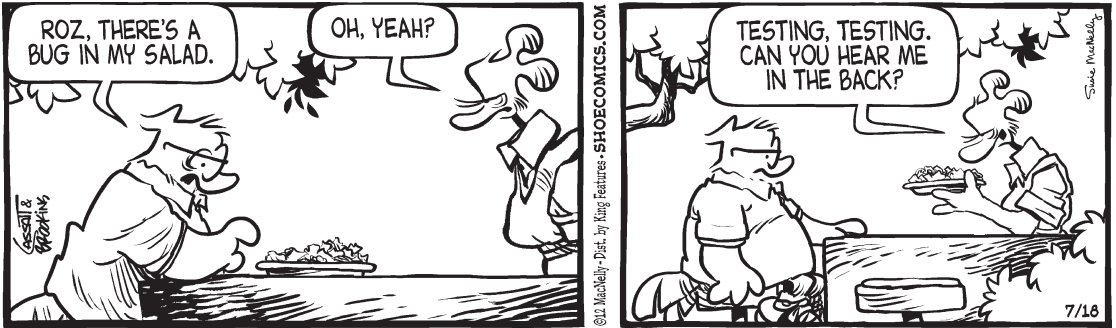
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 19, 2012:
 Your instincts guide you with your finances, yet sometimes they point you in a direction that might not seem logical. You need to follow your intuition more often. The unexpected tends to toss you where you need to be. If you are single, use caution, as a difficult or unavailable person might appear. Learn to say "no." If you are attached, the two of you voice your feelings more often, which helps create greater unity. LEO brings out your pride. You alone can decide if this interaction is for the best.
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ You could be surprised by the difference one day can make. You provide an element of excitement just by being yourself and a source of independent thinking. A partner could be unusually testy. Tonight: Think about starting the weekend early.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ Stay centered, no matter what you do. Loosen up and be willing to put your best foot forward. Your intuition plays a strong role in your decision-making process. Curb a tendency to be overactive and somewhat overly assertive. Tonight: Head home. Take the dog for a long walk to reduce your stress.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Keep a conversation moving, and don't get hung up on receiving the answers you want; they will come soon enough. Investigate and compare different qualities and prices of a new item. Do not stand on ceremony with someone if he or she hasn't called. Tonight: Hang out.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ Be aware of what you offer. You might have a tendency to give too much. As a result, others get an attitude when you do less or go your own way. A family member goes into an uproar for a similar reason. This person is setting the stage for more attention. Tonight: Your treat.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You regain your energy with ease this morning. A meeting only accelerates your plans and activates more enthusiasm. You seem to be able to clear your schedule quickly and make room for networking and other social plans. Tonight:

Make that call to a special friend.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★ You might want to say less and listen more. You still are making up your mind about a situation or decision. A key associate or partner continues to be full of surprises. You might end up spending more than you'd anticipated. Tonight: Not to be found.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Where your friends are is where you want to be. You make an unusual effort to bring others together. A close friend or loved one could jolt you with his or her news. Detach if you are feeling triggered. As a result, you'll come up with answers quickly. Tonight: Where the action is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Be willing to state where you are coming from. Resist making judgments about the people you are with. Just because others do not think like you doesn't mean they are wrong. Many of their ideas can work -- it's just that you prefer your own. Tonight: Till the wee hours.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more feedback if you are wondering which way to go with a situation. You will know when you find a suitable answer. Your get-up-and-go attitude, mixed with a sense of humor, makes nearly anything easier. Tonight: Where your mind can wander.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for a key associate who often sheds light on issues surrounding your life. What you hear and what seems correct will make you want to throw the status quo in the air. You see where you need to make an adjustment. Tonight: Add more spice to your social life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, who generally are rather dominant. You allow yourself more freedom through this process. Be spontaneous and jump on a suggestion that feels right. Enjoy the moment and the extra freedom. Tonight: Just be yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You might try to let go of a nagging situation, only to find yourself in the middle of it. No matter what you do, reach out for someone you care about, and let this person know where you are coming from. A dynamic conversation will ensue. Tonight: Whatever feels good.

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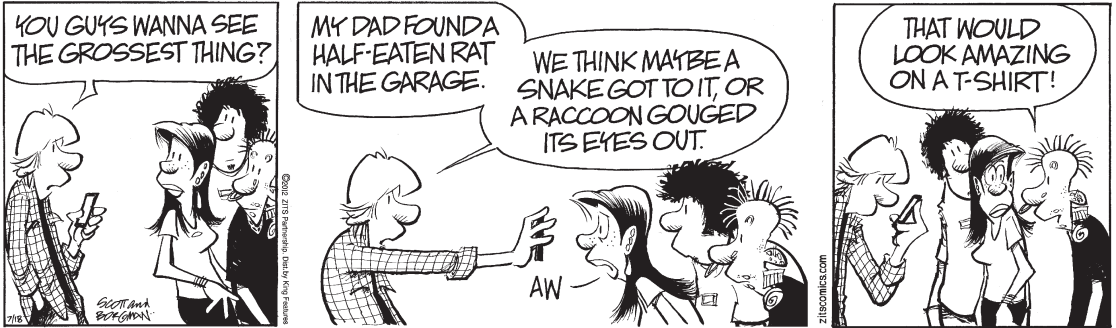
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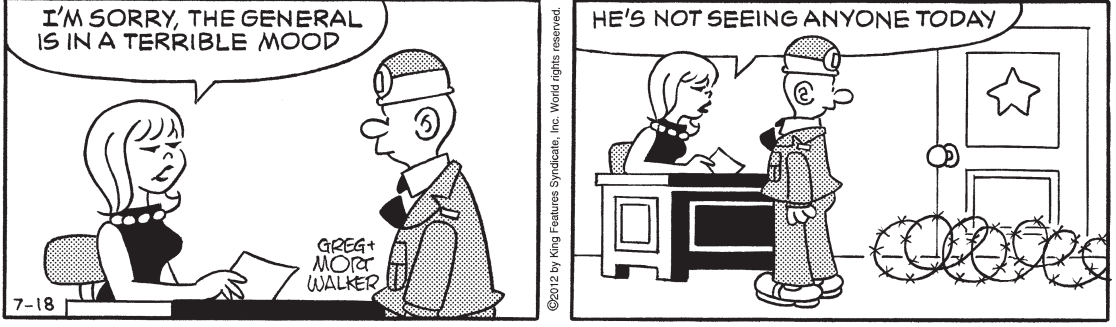
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Candies

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It's Nuts Coffee Candy is a light brown, round, hard/chewy candy from Colombia, similar in texture to Coffee Nips. However, it has noticeably more coffee flavor than Nips, sweeter and it has a soft center that has even more coffee flavor than the hard/chewy part of the candy. Since coffee is #6 on the ingredient list of 13 items, it isn't a big surprise that It's Nuts Coffee Candy isn't in the class of the best of the coffee candies. 5 out of 10

Werther's Caramel Coffee is readily available in many grocery stores right along with the other Werther's candies. When it first hits your tongue the coffee flavor jumps right to the front and it is also nice and sweet. However, the longer you have it in your mouth, the weaker the coffee flavor becomes; understandable since coffee is listed next to last on the list of ingredients. And when you eat one immediately after you finished one of the really strong coffee candies, you can't taste the coffee at all in the Werther's. However its availability and price are huge pluses, especially for those of us who live in the boondocks. It's sure better than no coffee candy at all. 5 out of 10

Arcor Coffee Café is the next candidate for dissection on our tasting table. It is a dark brown, filled, hard candy; hard and sweet on the outside with a coffee filling that is delicious. However, the amount of filling varies tremendously from piece to piece. I had some that were more filling than hard candy, while others were all hard and no filling. The yummy filling was a real crap shoot; maybe yes, maybe no. The outer hard candy was sweet with a little coffee flavor, but tasted kind of strange. Most of the coffee punch was in the filling. Coffee was 4th item on a list of ingredients that numbered 8. When the filling was plentiful=6 out of 10; when there wasn't any filling=4 out of 10

Bali's Best Original Coffee Candy is a round dark brown hard candy, not overly sweet, with a good coffee taste from the start. Compared to several of the candies that I have already reviewed, Bali's Original had a strong coffee flavor. After all

they use a coffee extract for the flavoring and it is #4 on the ingredient list of 8 items. But when compared A B with one of the truly strong coffee flavored candies, it comes up way short. 6 out of 10.

Bali's Best Latte is a round dark brown hard candy with a creamy center. Neither the hard candy nor the creamy center is very sweet. It was a real surprise that the coffee flavor wasn't as pronounced as the Bali's Best Original Coffee Candy reviewed above. After noticing coffee listed twice in the ingredients list (coffee extract & natural coffee) I just expected more. So although it is better than no coffee candy at all, it wasn't a top scorer. 4 out of 10

Columbia Coffee Delight is a medium brown, oval shaped, hard candy with a lot of flavor. It's biggest minus is the strange flavor it has; especially noticeable after eating a good coffee candy. It certainly isn't overly sweet; personally I would probably add some brown sugar to the mix. No surprise, with coffee being only the #5 ingredient on a 9 item list, the coffee flavor is mild. It actually is another one of those candies that makes you think it has big coffee flavor until you A B compare it with one of the truly top coffee candies. 5 out of 10

Ferrero - Pocket Coffee WOW! No coffee candy packs the espresso wallop that Pocket Coffee does; almost shockingly strong. However, it has a couple of huge minuses. First, it is NOT a hard candy. That means that it will melt. The idea of carrying one of these in your pocket is comical. You would have a mess of runny chocolate all over your pocket. Second, the bittersweet chocolate may be top grade, but I can't stand bittersweet chocolate that is this bittersweet. I'm a milk chocolate kind of guy. Now the shot of espresso in the middle it TO DIE FOR! WOW! DELICIOUS! But unfortunately it has that bittersweet chocolate outer wrapping and it melts. So for me Pocket Coffee is a bust. 5 out of 10

United Coffee Candy is a very different breed of coffee candy. It's list of ingredients

number only 4. That's right, only 4. And percentages are listed by each ingredient. 5% of the ingredients is coffee powder. It is a very dark brown, almost black, rectangular, hard candy. It isn't overly sweet. Coffee is the first flavor that you taste, a nice strong coffee flavor that is consistent throughout the whole candy. Definitely one of the better coffee candies. 8 out of 10

Kopiko Coffee Candy has a 7 ingredient list, with coffee occupying #4 and #5; coffee extract and coffee flavor. It is little wonder then that it is one of the top finishers. It is a medium brown rectangular hard candy, not overly sweet, with a strong coffee flavor. The strength of the coffee flavor seems to diminish the longer it is in your mouth, but that may be a taste bud thing and not a decrease in actual coffee flavor. The same is true with the United Coffee Candy. 8 out of 10

Coffee Rio is in a class by itself because they have 6 different coffee candies. All of them are tube-shaped, firmly chewy candies. When you first put any of them in your mouth, it almost feels like a hard candy. But as it remains in your mouth a while it begins to get a little softer; not enough softer to stop being a danger to lose fillings and crowns. None of them are overly sweet, I might like them all a little sweeter.

Original Roast is a dark brown, tube-shaped, firmly chewy candy. Same would go for Kopiko and United. Since coffee is the #6 ingredient on a list of 8, it seems strange that Coffee Rio Original has as much strong tasting coffee flavor as United and Kopiko, but it does. Be sure and have your dentist's phone # handy. 8 out of 10

The other flavors are: Coffee Rio Café Latte, Coffee Rio Kona Blend, Coffee Rio Irish Crème Mint, Coffee Rio White Chocolate and Coffee Rio Mocha Almond. All are delicious except the Irish Crème Mint. I thought that was disgusting; mint and coffee YUCK! However, if you love mint and coffee, you will love this candy.

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Q: This is a photo of a set of porcelain dishes that I have. The set was in a farm home we bought in Southern Indiana. It is a service for 8 and includes serving pieces. The dishes are decorated with silver bands against a white background. Each piece is marked with a fleur-de-lis and the words "Homer Laughlin — Empress - 9 — 5 — N."

I am curious about the history and value of this set.

A: Homer Laughlin China Co. made your dinnerware set. They have been in business in East Liverpool, Ohio, since 1877 and have manufacturing plants in several cities. "Empress" is the name of the shape of your dishes and was introduced around 1900. This shape was decorated with a variety of narrow bands against a white background. A line of flatware was designed to specifically accompany "Empress" dishes. Sears Roebuck and Co. catalogs sold "Empress" sets beginning around 1919. The numbers and letter "9 — 5 — N" show the set was made in September 1915 at Laughlin's Plant N.

Vintage dinnerware sets can be difficult to sell. Having said that, your set is probably worth \$200 to \$400.



Laughlin China Co. introduced Empress dinnerware sets around 1900.

the mark that is on the back of three dinner plates. They are decorated with scenes of fish in the water, as well as water lilies. My husband found them in an old house that was being torn down around 45 years ago. The plates are all in mint condition.

We are thinking of selling the plates and are interested in finding out how much they are worth.

A: Sterling China was founded in Sebring, Ohio, in 1887. The name was changed to Sebring China shortly after they opened. They are no longer in business, having closed in the late 1940s. Your ironstone plates are part of a set that was designed to serve fish and often included a serving platter and a sauce dish.

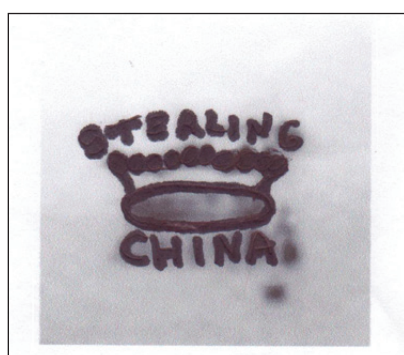
Similar plates can be seen selling on the Internet and in antiques shops around \$50 each.

Q: I have a silver ring that is inscribed on the top with the words "1933 — Century of Progress — Chicago." The size is adjustable, and it is in perfect condition. Does it have any value?

A: Century of Progress World's Fair memorabilia is collectible. There were several different style rings sold at the fair, and many were silver over brass.

Your ring would probably be worth \$25 to \$50.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.



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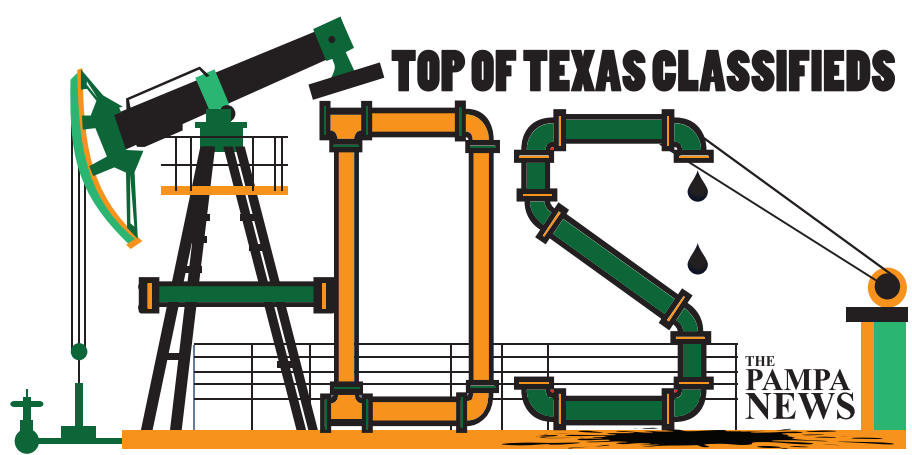
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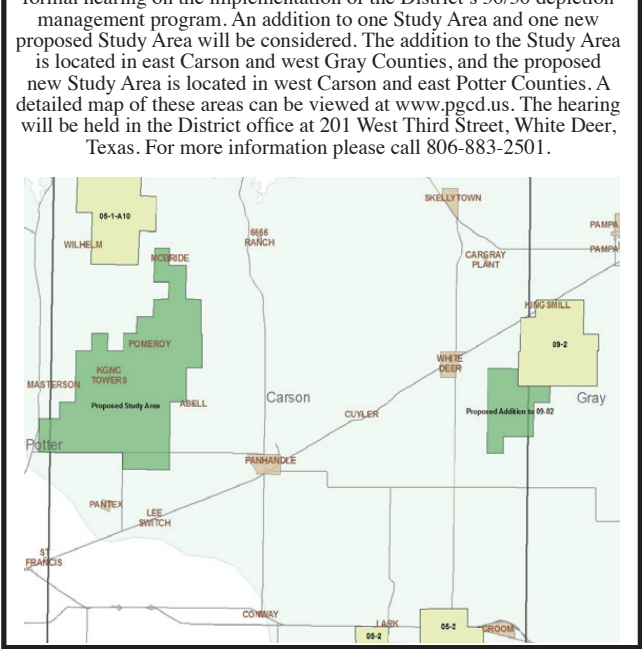
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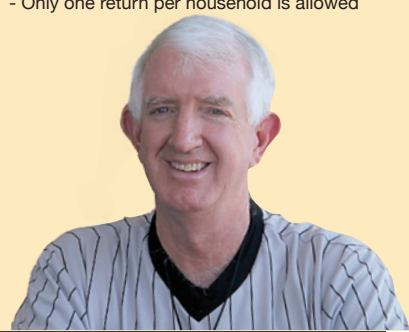
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: How do you tell a young girl about sex, and what's the best way to go about telling her? My niece is 12 and hasn't had her first period yet. But she has a serious crush on an older boy, and kids grow up real fast in our neighborhood. You'd be shocked if you knew how young they are when they start fooling around.

This is a difficult subject to discuss, but I know that our talk will have to happen pretty soon. She is closer to me than to her mom. When I was growing up, the word "sex" wasn't mentioned, and one of my cousins got pregnant in her sophomore year of high school. I don't want that same mistake made again. Please help.

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Important topics that are included are "How old must a girl be before she can get pregnant?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" "What time of the month is a girl 100 percent safe?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?" In addition, there is a section on various sexually transmitted diseases and what to do if you think you may have one. It is extremely important that they be treated right away, because not doing so can have lifelong consequences.

Knowledge is power, and the more information your niece has, the better she can be prepared for making the decisions that lie ahead of her. But most of all your niece needs to know that becoming a woman is a cause for celebration — and I hope you will present that to her and make it clear.

DEAR ABBY: I have a lighted doorbell at my front door. But nine out of 10 people who come here still knock rather than use the bell. Sometimes I don't hear them, so then they'll start pounding with a lot of force until they can get my attention. They never resort to using the doorbell. Why are people so stubborn? — AT HOME IN MELBOURNE, FLA.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 11 Not too late
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- 15 Bomb type
- 17 Night fliers
- 20 Egyptian crosses
- 23 Mess up
- 24 Typographical symbol
- 26 Had-dock's home
- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 Yeoman's "yes"
- 29 Charm
- 31 Actor Ayres
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 - 10 Bible boat
 - 16 "Olympia" painter
 - 17 Plague
 - 18 Sports spot
 - 19 Mouse alternative
 - 21 Salma of "Frida"
 - 22 Hearty dishes
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Olympics organizers insist early woes are minor

LONDON (AP) — London Games officials dismissed concerns Tuesday over a lost bus driver, a scramble for more security guards and some rain-soaked venues — embarrassments that had one tabloid newspaper headline using the Olympic rings to spell out the word “OOPS!”

Organizers said some of the complaints were exaggerated and tried to put the best face on the unfolding security debacle, as well as other concerns about the games, which start in 10 days.

“Let’s put this in proportion,” London Olympics head Sebastian Coe told reporters. “This has not, nor will it, impact on the safety and security of these games. That, of course, is our No. 1 priority.”

His efforts were undercut in Parliament, where the chief executive of the G4S security group, Nick Buckles, acknowledged that his company’s failure to recruit enough Olympic staff had embarrassed the entire nation. Some 3,500 British troops — including some just back from Afghanistan — had to be called in on short notice to fill the gap. Thousands more military personnel had already been assigned to the games.

Buckles gave a groveling mea culpa on live TV as he was being questioned by angry lawmakers.

“It’s a humiliating shambles for the country, isn’t it?” asked Labour lawmaker David Winnick.

“I cannot disagree with you,” Buckles said.

He was hard-pressed to explain why his company had failed to tell officials until only two weeks before the start of the games that its recruitment efforts had failed.

Some U.S. security and law enforcement officials had privately expressed concerns as early as last year that there

might not be enough personnel for the London Games.

The FBI is sending about two dozen agents to London to work on Olympic security, according to two U.S. government officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about the plans.

G4S will pay for its mistake, saying it expects to lose between 35 million pounds and 50 million pounds (\$54 million to \$78 million) on the contract, which is about 12 percent of its annual profit.

Olympics minister Hugh Robertson said the deployment of soldiers at Olympic Park would give people “enormous reassurance.”

Robertson, an army veteran, said athletes are “incredibly reassured to see the armed forces on the gate.”

About 2,500 of the additional personnel will be housed in East London at Tobacco Dock, a 19th century tobacco warehouse now used as an exhibition center, the military said.

Outside Parliament, hundreds of London cabbies ignited new traffic jams as they protested their exclusion from special Olympic lanes set up across the city’s roads for buses and cars carrying athletes and other VIPs.

As the world’s athletes flew into London on Monday — the first big day of Olympic arrivals — a few buses carrying them from Heathrow Airport took a wrong turn and got lost. “OOPS!” headlined The Sun tabloid, using two of the interlocked Olympic rings in the word.

“First day. First arrivals. It’s going to happen,” said Jayne Pearce, head of press operations.

Still, the lost buses — one carrying Americans, the other Australians — touched a nerve.

From the very start, London organizers have feared repeating the transportation woes of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, where one of the biggest problems was hiring bus drivers from outside the city who didn’t know their way around.

Coe urged optimism, despite a Twitter storm that erupted when U.S. hurdler Kerron Clement took to the social networking site to express frustration with what he said was a four-hour bus ride from Heathrow to the athletes village.

Coe said Clement’s bus journey actually took 2 1/2 hours and most athletes experienced no problems in reaching the village.

“Apart from a misturning and a couple of tweets, we’re in pretty good shape,” Coe quipped. “The majority of athletes got in in good shape and on time. When they were met by our village mayor and chief executive, they were busily tweeting, saying how much they were enjoying village life. Ninety-eight percent of these journeys went without a hitch.”

At Heathrow itself, the airport sailed through its heaviest passenger day ever with short immigration lines and plenty of help for Olympic travelers.

Coe also played down complaints about a miles-long traffic jam caused by the opening of the Olympic lane on the M4 highway from the airport into the city.

“I understand there was an accident at Reading, which slowed some stuff down, but the vast majority of people got through and it seems to be working quite well,” he said.

The Olympic “Games Lanes” remain a contentious issue. Hundreds of London cab drivers blockaded the square outside Parliament on Tuesday, blaring horns and snarling traffic to protest their

exclusion from the lanes. The cabbies claim it will be all but impossible to ferry passengers around once most of the special lanes take effect July 25.

Britain’s notorious rainy weather may prove an even more intractable problem.

Coe said “we’ve got mops and buckets” to deal with the incessant rain that has soaked London for most of the summer. There is waterlogged ground at two key venues — rowing at Eton Dorney west of London and equestrian at Greenwich Park, south of the Thames River.

“It is a problem,” Coe said. “It is causing us extra chal-

lenges now.”

Organizers are resurfacing areas at the two venues, laying down temporary tracking for vehicles and spectators, and putting up special tent shelters to keep the workforce dry, he said.

Although forecasters say the weather could clear in time for the July 27 start of the games, Coe noted that organizers have contingency plans. Extra competition days were built into the schedule “as a last resort” for rowing and equestrian. There is an alternate course available for sailing events at Weymouth, in southeast England, and Wimbledon has

a retractable roof over Centre Court for tennis.

Olympic Park, however, still resembles a construction site, with workers laying cables, installing seats and landscaping grounds Tuesday.

Not to worry, Coe said.

“Our venues will be open on time,” he promised. “There is still stuff to be done, but it’s about dressing up. We’ll be ready.”

Organizers also said they are reducing capacity at several stadiums hosting soccer matches after failing to sell all the tickets.

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Lin headed to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The New York Knicks are not planning to match Houston’s offer for Jeremy Lin, according to a published report.

The New York Times, citing an unidentified source, says deliberations are over for the Knicks and they have elected not to equal the Rockets’ three-year, \$25 million offer sheet, signed by Lin last Friday. New York officially has until 11:59 EDT to decide whether to re-sign Lin, a restricted free agent,

and The Times cautioned there is an “incredibly small” chance the decision could be reversed.

Team officials would not confirm that any decision was final. Lin’s agent did not immediately respond to messages left by The Associated Press.

Lin catapulted to international stardom last February, when he joined the Knicks’ lineup and averaged 21 points and 8.4 assists.

Cowboys’ Bryant arrested

DALLAS (AP) — With training camp just two weeks away, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant is in trouble again.

The talented wide receiver was arrested Monday after being accused of attacking his mother during an argument, hitting her arms and face. He faces a charge of family violence, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

The Cowboys had no comment on the latest stumble by Bryant since the Cowboys drafted him out of Oklahoma State in 2010.

Bryant had spent this offseason watching film, working on his conditioning and staying out of trouble off the field. Others noticed he was in better shape and more focused.

The 23-year-old Bryant surrendered Monday after police in DeSoto, south of Dallas, issued a warrant. Police said Angela Bryant called 911 Saturday to complain her son was assaulting her. Police arrived to find her with a swollen wrist and thumb and bruising on her upper arms, police Capt. Ron Smith said. She told police she had grabbed Dez Bryant’s shirt and he forcefully knocked her arms away, Smith said. Police say he hit her on the face and pushed her in the chest.

Bryant was released a few hours later without talking to detectives, Smith said. His attorney, Royce West, said Bryant posted

\$1,500 bond.

Smith declined to say Tuesday what caused the argument.

“I don’t know what the exact startup was, what caused everything,” Smith said. “I just know that his mother got involved and got injured.”

Police plan to send their case later this week to Dallas prosecutors, Smith said.

Drafted by the Cowboys in the first round, Bryant entered the league having his last year of college nearly wiped out by an NCAA suspension for lying about having dinner with Deion Sanders. He ran up hundreds of thousands of dollars in bills on game tickets and jewelry — and was sued by alleged creditors. Last year, he was kicked out of an upscale Dallas mall for wearing sagging pants. In January, he was reportedly involved in a fight with the rapper Lil Wayne at a Miami nightclub.

Bryant’s potential has always been clear. A standout at Oklahoma State, Bryant caught 45 passes for 561 yards in 12 games in his rookie season. Last year, he had 63 catches for 928 yards and nine touchdowns.

He had mostly stayed out of the news this offseason, besides tweeting that his body fat was down to 3.1 percent. Owner Jerry Jones said in June that he saw more maturity and focus in Bryant, and quarterback Tony Romo predicted he would get better every year

if he worked at it.

“I feel that I have learned a lot from all aspects, on the field, off the field,” Bryant said then. “I see a lot of things more clear now, and I’m more confident in everything that I do. On the field and off the field, I try to make the best choices possible, and I feel like I’m doing a great job of that.”

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