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EMS excavates man from cab following wreck

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A man was airlifted from the scene of a one-vehicle rollover Tuesday morning on N. McGregor Road approximately one mile from Interstate Highway 20 after emergency responders spent nearly an hour trying to free him from the wreckage.

The victim — whose identity was not released at the scene — was driving a tractor trailer owned by Britt Trucking on N. McGregor Road when the truck and flatbed trailer left the roadway, roll-

ing onto the driver side and partially on the roof.

Emergency responders at the scene said the man was conscious and alert while firefighters attempted to remove him. However, initial attempts were unsuccessful, forcing emergency officials to bring in a crane to lift the body of the tractor.

With some of the pressure off the cab of the truck, emergency responders with the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS were able to pull the

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Left: Emergency responders — aided by crane operators and employees from Cathey Construction — attempt to lift the wreckage of a truck cab following a one-vehicle rollover on N. McGregor Road Tuesday morning. Once the driver was removed (Right), he was evacuated from the scene by an Air Evac helicopter to a nearby medical center. The condition of the driver is unknown at this time. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

BSISD to absorb state shortfall

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

When considering their next budget, Big Spring Independent School District officials can at least say that things could be worse. BSISD, like other Texas school districts, will have to cope with a significant loss of revenue, thanks to the state

legislature's decision to slash \$4 billion in aid to schools over the next two years.

For Big Spring, that means an expected loss of \$3 million this coming biennium. What it won't mean, at least for the near future, is the nightmare scenario of teacher layoffs or budget deficits that many

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—Debbie Green, BSISD business manager



were fearing while the legislature fought its way through the budget process.

As things stand now, BSISD's budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will be balanced, made

possible by \$1.5 million in cuts enacted locally. Through attrition, the district eliminated 18 teaching positions for the coming year and several "big ticket" purchases will be put off for now.

The end result of those cuts is a budget that has planned expenditures of \$29.23 million this com-

ing fiscal year, down from \$31.26 million in 2010-2011.

"We are not going to be buying any buses and we won't be replacing some teacher positions — those were the big things," BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said.

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Old settlers returning to Stanton

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — The view from the porch always seems to be a good one.

At least that's the approach the 78th Annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion is going with this year with their theme, "Front Porch, Back

Porch." This year's reunion is set for Saturday and will take place in downtown Stanton.

"We want to go back to a time when the gathering of family and friends was an important part of our heritage," said Leza Smith, publicity chairman.

The parade will once again

kick off the celebration at 10 a.m. Registration for the parade will be at 9 a.m. at the Martin County Community Center. This year's parade marshals are Louis and Marnie Roten. All parade entries need to be at the Methodist Church by 9 a.m. and judging will begin at 9:15, officials said.

"We are asking the floats be marked for easy identification," Smith said. "Floats will be judged on attractiveness, artistic work, originality and effort put into the float."

Prizes will be awarded for first- through third-place floats; certificates will be

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Obituaries

Lois Rhoton



Lois Rhoton, 84, of Luther died Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Derrick Looney officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 2, 1926, in Howard County to Callie and Alton Smith. She married Cromwell Rhoton Jr. on Feb. 15, 1944. They farmed and ranched in the Luther Community. They were also Howard County election judges. She was a volunteer for 4-H, taught sewing and cooking and worked with stock shows. She is survived by her husband, Cromwell Rhoton of Luther; one son, Brent Rhoton and wife Jody of Sherman; two grandchildren, Katie Culifer and husband Johnny of Tom Bean and Jamie Rhoton of Sherman; one great grandson, Johnathan Culifer of Tom Bean; one brother, G.B. Smith and wife Patsy of Big Spring; one niece, Tina Saucedo of Big Spring; and a number of cousins.

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

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Al Clanton



Al Clanton, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 2, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 27, 1924, in Polar, Texas, to Mary and James Clanton. He lived most of his life in Howard County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served as a Frogman, now known as the Navy Seals. He was in the Pacific in World War II from 1941 until 1945. He was awarded the Silver Star for action on Pololu Island. He retired from Cosden and Fina and had also farmed.

He is survived by one granddaughter, Ashley Clanton Wyman and husband Eddie of Lewisville; three grandsons, Aaron Ely Clanton and wife Mary of Lewisville, Joshua Clanton and wife Karina and Jacob Clanton, all of San Antonio; one daughter-in-law, Karla Clanton of Houston; five great-grandchildren, Caleb Anderson, Kalen Clanton, Tristan Clanton, Mazilin Clanton and Josiah Clanton; a number of nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Allan Ely Clanton on Nov. 18, 2000; two brothers, J. Clifton Clanton and J.W. Clanton; and four sisters, Opal Williams, La Verne Rogers, Girlene Stalcup and Loucille Roemer.

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Support Groups

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

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Police blotter

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

- BRANDI NICOLE RIGDON, 20, of 1416 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- LEROY COLEMAN, 22, of 2510 Hunter Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- LAURA DEANNA HERNANDEZ, 27, of Austin, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- LORI MARIE BECK, 34, of 709 W. Seventh St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for expired registration, failure to appear (three counts) and no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts).
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- LEROY COLEMAN JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to adjudicate guilt for criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- LAURA DEANNA HERNANDEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to appear and no driver's license.
- LORI MARIE WHITE, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration certificate, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), no driver's license (two counts) and failure to appear.

Take Note

• Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20. A fund has been established at the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union to assist the family as they recover from this loss. To help, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

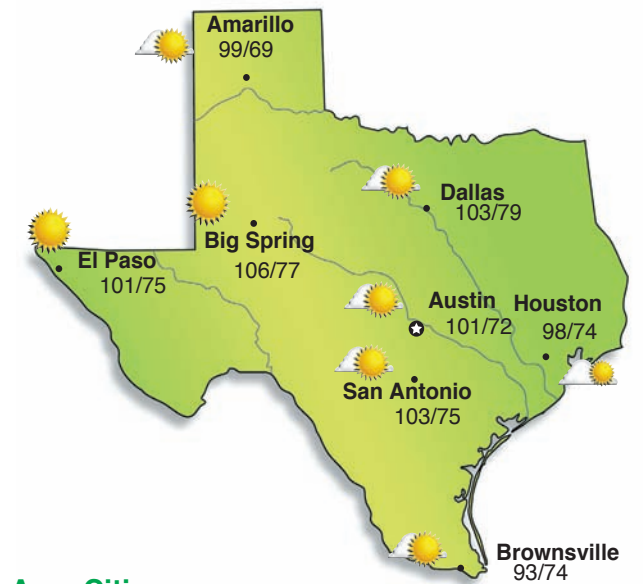
• A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She and her husband Gale are both off without pay at this time and may be for quite a while. Maurine is at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas at this time. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/7	Fri 7/8	Sat 7/9	Sun 7/10	Mon 7/11
106/77 Mainly sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 106F.	106/78 Mostly sunny. Highs 104 to 108F and lows in the upper 70s.	104/77 Plenty of sun. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 70s.	102/76 More sun than clouds. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/77 A few clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	106	79	mst sunny
Amarillo	99	69	mst sunny
Austin	101	72	mst sunny
Beaumont	96	74	t-storm
Brownsville	93	74	mst sunny
Brownwood	106	76	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	95	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	101	76	mst sunny
Dallas	103	79	mst sunny
Del Rio	102	77	mst sunny
El Paso	101	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	102	74	sunny
Gainesville	103	77	mst sunny
Greenville	101	76	mst sunny
Houston	98	74	pt sunny
Kingsville	98	71	mst sunny
Livingston	100	71	t-storm
Longview	99	77	t-storm
Lubbock	104	73	mst sunny
Lufkin	99	74	t-storm
Midland	104	77	sunny
Raymondville	96	73	mst sunny
Rosenberg	98	73	pt sunny
San Antonio	103	75	mst sunny
San Marcos	101	73	mst sunny
Sulphur Springs	101	78	pt sunny
Sweetwater	106	77	mst sunny
Tyler	100	75	t-storm
Weatherford	104	76	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	110	79	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	70	t-storm
Boston	87	63	mst sunny
Chicago	81	62	pt sunny
Dallas	103	79	mst sunny
Denver	81	61	t-storm
Houston	98	74	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	64	sunny
Miami	84	77	t-storm
Minneapolis	86	69	t-storm
New York	87	72	t-storm
Phoenix	104	83	mst sunny
San Francisco	68	55	pt sunny
Seattle	71	53	pt sunny
St. Louis	87	71	t-storm
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State briefs

Mexican-born inmate seeks reprieve from execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A 21-year-old mechanic was arrested after being identified as the last person seen with a girl who turned up dead after a San Antonio street party.

Humberto Leal is set to die Thursday evening in Huntsville for the 1994 murder of 16-year-old Adria Saucedo. She was battered with chunks of asphalt, strangled and raped.

The 38-year-old inmate's appeals were before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Leal came to the U.S. from Monterrey, Mexico, when he was 1½ years old. His execution has become a diplomatic issue. Attorneys contend it wasn't until he got to Texas death row that he learned he could have been entitled to legal help from the Mexican consulate.

Even the White House has weighed in, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to block the punishment.

Woman found dead, body on fire at Houston park

HOUSTON (AP) — A report of an apparent grass fire in a Houston park has led to the discovery of the burning body of a woman.

Houston police are trying to identify the woman found dead early Wednesday. An autopsy has been ordered.

Police say two people driving by George Bush Park saw the fire on the side of the road pulled over to call for help, then realized a body was on fire.

Police describe the victim as a woman in her late teens or early 20s, wearing dark pants, athletic shoes and possibly a white shirt. She wore a black leather belt with floral cut-out designs and silver studs.

Police say driver fell asleep in bus crash

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Police say a charter bus driver had fallen asleep when the vehicle hit a highway sign, swerved and overturned on Interstate 35 in Central Texas.

San Marcos police on Wednesday released their report on last Friday's accident that closed northbound I-35 between Austin and San Antonio for several hours.

Cmdr. Penny Dunn told The Associated Press that no charges have been filed and the investigation continues.

Police originally said all 21 people on the bus, op-

erated by Dallas-based Mares Bus Lines Inc., had non-life threatening injuries. The investigative report says the driver, Jesus Basio-Ramirez of Dallas, and 17 passengers were hurt, while three other passengers weren't injured.

The bus was bound from Laredo to Dallas.

No one answered several calls Wednesday by AP to a number listed for the company.

Parole for last man held over 1991 gay killing

HOUSTON (AP) — The last man still serving time for the 1991 gay-bashing death of a Houston banker has been granted parole.

Jon Buice (bwees) was one of 10 then-teenagers from The Woodlands sent to prison over the beating and stabbing death of Paul Broussard outside a nightclub. Buice pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles agreed Friday to grant Buice's release. Buice, who'll be paroled as early as October, must wear an electronic monitor and be barred from contacting his accomplices or Broussard's family.

The 37-year-old Buice has completed college and vocational programs while in prison. He had been denied parole four times.

Broussard's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, had asked the parole board not to free Buice.

Marvel Comics takes game to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are getting some super-powered support.

Marvel Comics' heroes are throwing in with the Cowboys as the publisher's parent, Marvel Entertainment LLC, expands its efforts to bring the characters into the world of professional sports.

Debuting Wednesday, the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys will offer apparel from T-shirts to caps that feature Spider-Man and Captain America, among others.

Jerry Jones Jr., the Cowboys' chief sales and marketing officer, said the pairing of characters from Marvel with the team was a way to blend a well-known team with members of a famed super team, the Avengers, whose own members include Iron Man and Thor.

"We are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to energize our fans, and what better way than to combine our brand with some of the all-time great Super Heroes that everyone has grown up with," he said in a statement.

The move is part of Marvel's growing effort to ex-

pand its characters' appeal in new markets and to fans outside comics, too. Earlier this year, it started offering NBA-themed apparel in conjunction with the Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and Boston Celtics.

Texas boy, 3, dies in hot van

CAMERON PARK (AP) — A South Texas preschooler has died after becoming trapped in the family's hot van and a parent is expected to be charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said the mother of 3-year-old Francisco Estrada will face charges. Lucio said the boy apparently wandered away and got into the disabled van, parked outside the residence, but didn't know how to get out.

A justice of the peace Tuesday afternoon pronounced the boy dead at the scene in Cameron Park, just north of Brownsville. His body was discovered about two hours after the family noticed the youngster was missing.

The National Weather Service said temperatures topped 90 degrees Tuesday in the Brownsville area.

Concert to benefit firefighters

GRAFORD (AP) — Singers Pat Green and Lee Ann Womack will headline a benefit concert for North Texas fire departments whose resources have been depleted after massive wildfires.

The Buckets and Boots event is Saturday at a ranch near the Palo Pinto County town of Graford, about 60 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Tickets are \$100 each. Firefighters and police get in for free.

WRECK

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driver free of the wreckage.

According to emergency officials, the driver's condition was stabilized before he was evacuated by helicopter to a medical facility.

The accident was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The cause of the wreck is unknown at this time.

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James Galloway, 46, died on Saturday. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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BSISD

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With those cuts, officials anticipate a \$312,000 surplus at the end of the coming fiscal year. That money will be earmarked for BSISD's reserve fund, which is being bolstered to help the district deal with future cuts, as well as any unexpected expenses arising from ongoing construction projects.

The district's reserve funds, calculated to reach \$9.03 million by August 2012, are typically used in the summer months to tide the district over when state aid and local tax revenue quit coming in. On top of that, those funds also will be used, if needed, to help the district cope with the second half of the \$3 million cut in state aid which will kick in during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

"It's a relief it's not the opposite," Green said of the planned increase in district reserves. "We know with the construction projects ... there will be unexpected expenses that will draw (reserves) down a bit. We're just being as careful as we can be with things."

Officials also plan to keep the district's tax rate at its current \$1.44 per \$100 valuation. Green said almost \$1.12

of the rate will be used to raise operating funds, while the remainder will be targeted for debt service to help pay off construction bonds.

BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said the financial situation, while certainly not rosy, could be a lot worse.

"With the state that a lot of Texas school districts are in, we're in a pretty good situation," he said. "Through attrition, we were able

to maintain our staff, and I'm really proud of that."

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REUNION

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presented to the best non-themed float and best class reunion float. Also, a bicycle decorating contest is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. in the downtown park, located at the corner of St. Peter and Business 20.

There will be a mystery rider again this year. Ballots can be cast at the Drug Store for those wanting to try and guess the person's identity.

After the parade, games will be held at the

Star Pavillion. There will be the tortilla toss, egg toss and dunking booth, which will be operated by cheerleaders.

"We have area celebrities who will be in the dunking booth," Lewis said.

Concessions will also be available inside the community center. A hamburger meal will be available for \$7, which includes hamburger, chips, trimmings and drink. Drinks will also be sold for \$1.

The celebration will extend into the afternoon and evening hours with a reception for the

family of the year. The reception will take place at the Martin County Museum from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The evening meal, catered by Lester and Kim Baker, will be at the community center for \$10 a plate. The dinner will start at 6 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m. Also, there will be a dance outside the community center.

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OUR VIEWS

Crossroads residents show their patriotism

The Fourth of July was different this year that's for sure.

There may have not been any loud fireworks gracing the sky Monday night, but the patriotic feeling sure did encompass the community.

Due to the dry conditions a fireworks ban was put in place making it illegal to possess or set off fireworks in Howard County this Fourth of July. However, the fireworks ban didn't stop Crossroads residents from enjoying the holiday and displaying their patriotic spirit.

The weekend was full of events including the Coahoma Freedom Parade, Funtastic Fourth in downtown Big Spring, Highland Fourth of July parade and Pops in the Park.

All the events were attended greatly and with numerous attendees showing off the love they have for their country. More than 100 vendors took part in the Funtastic Fourth and Pops in the Park events providing a unique shopping outlet for Big Spring.

Coahoma residents showed just how thankful they are for their freedom through their attendance and participation of the Freedom parade. Adults and kids were able to enjoy floats, decorated tractors, dirt bikes and more. After the parade, many more events took place at the community center and served as a time for gathering and friendship.

Many local musicians and artists graced the downtown stage and performed through the day Saturday. Mark McKinney, a local country artist, wrapped up the Funtastic Fourth celebration drawing a crowd large enough to fill up the downtown area from Third Street to the railroad tracks.

The temperatures remained cooler than usual over the weekend while residents enjoyed all the outdoor activities. Certain areas of Big Spring were even able to experience some small rain showers.

All the events were made possible through the support and contributions of area residents and local businesses. Each of the events were provided with free admission and lots of hard work and dedication from board members.

The fire danger was monitored closely, especially Monday night with the fireworks ban being heavily enforced. A big thank you to all Howard County and Big Spring residents for adhering to the fireworks ban and refraining from popping fireworks this year.

No fireworks sure did give a different feel to the holiday, but it was in the best interest of the community.

The Big Spring community sure did come together this year and found a way to show their love for America and enjoy the holiday.

Way to go Big Spring ... hopefully next year there will be rain and the fireworks will once again grace the sky on the Fourth of July. Either way ... next year is bound to be even bigger and better.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we clear our mind, concentrate on
Your word and improve our perspective,
Lord.

Amen

This recession isn't temporary

Job dried up,
The money's bad;
Moved back in
With Mom and Dad.

I love economists — they're so optimistic. Maybe they're no used car salesmen, but they're never as gloomy as the data they traffic in. The reason for all this sunshine is plain enough — it's what they're paid for. With few exceptions, the only economists we hear from work for Wall Street, Congress, the White House, big media, or other groups with a public axe to grind.

Those with a darker view generally toil at universities, labor unions, think tanks, or the CIA. They rarely get invited to TV studios or newsrooms. To learn their opinions one must forage among alternative websites or subscribe to certain listservs. That's because gloom is not popular in the corporate press, and surely not with advertisers.

Well, maybe that's a trifle harsh. Actually the press adores gloom as long as it only refers to the hardship of an individual family. Readers and viewers thrive on such personal tribulation, trying to visualize what they would do in a similar plight. The media's only fear —

which it seems to share with Wall Street and some politicians — is that people might emerge from such travails to demand reform for the whole society. Heaven forefend that revolutionary flowers such as living wages, economic stimulus packages, single-payer health care, "fair trade," or fairer taxation should blossom from this garden of personal anguish.

One easy way to discern the political coloration of any economist these days is to listen for his or her description of what sort of jobs are being created. The "whoopie" ones lump all employment gains together into a single promising figure. The more credible analysts break the data out by sector. That way we can get a handle on whether we're talking about full-time or part-time jobs, benefits or not, burger flippers or computer geeks.

Mostly this news is bad. Temporary and part-time work is all the rage. Health coverage is rare, pay is low, and retail and hospitality are where the action is. Of course government is where the decent jobs are, but the new Republican leadership in Washington and many state capitals is busy demolishing them. Health care remains the one big growth industry, but employers are importing workers for many of those jobs.

Naturally much of this suspect optimism comes from Wall

Street, where stocks are doing just fine. Many U.S. corporations are in swell shape selling goods that they make in foreign countries to buyers in other foreign countries. This trade is largely untouched by American hands, except for its untaxed profits when they slip back into the country.

Symbolic of Washington's response to this national economic crisis is President Obama's choice of General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt to be chair of the Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. What an inspired appointment! GE is infamous for making its products overseas, paying no U.S. corporate taxes, squeezing its unions, and rewarding Immelt himself with tens of millions in pay.

Instead of such greed, what America clearly needs at this moment is another, bigger stimulus package. We need more control over the jobs our corporations send overseas. We need New-Deal-style public works projects, plus a return to higher tax rates on the rich. A few responsible economists are recommending those very actions, but they're not the sleek ones you see on TV.

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Herman Cain's 'Amateur Hour'

America is a free country, and radio talk-show host Herman Cain is free to run for president. Even with low-name recognition, the former Godfather's Pizza CEO polls well. Veteran pollster Scott Rasmussen ranks him third, with 10 percent of the GOP primary vote, behind former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann. His supporters seem enthusiastic. But they should understand one thing: Herman Cain cannot win because when it comes to politics, he is an amateur.

Cain's website opens with the slogan "Let's Get Real."

Not the Herman-ator's strong suit.

Cain can boast of a great American success story. A black man who grew up in the Jim Crow South, Cain is the son of a chauffeur and domestic worker who were determined that he graduate college. He did. Then he earned a master's degree. He applied himself. He rose through corporate America and became chief executive of Godfather's Pizza. Cain should be proud of his achievements.

In the political world, Cain has not fared as well. Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, summed up Cain's political experience as "losing badly in a Republican primary in his own state" — when Cain ran for a U.S. Senate seat in Georgia in

2004. It's not a plus for a presidential candidate when Republicans in his own state nominated someone else.

Cain became an Atlanta talk radio host, a commentator for Fox Business and an author. He knows how to speak provocatively. Witness his remarks about President Obama's Kenyan roots and his admission that he would not appoint qualified Muslims unless they could prove they are loyal Americans. In short, he made a name for himself by alienating people — the one thing you don't do if you want to win an election.

But the main reason Cain won't win is that most Republicans understand that a man who has never won an election or a battlefield has no business running for president.

He was a great businessman, but that does not mean he can squeeze what he wants out of hostile lawmakers, outmaneuver treacherous allies or juggle the thousand parts of foreign policy. Like many Republicans, I am a strong believer in citizen politicians.

When civilians enter the arena, they can bring outside-the-Capitol-dome common sense to a realm made overcomplicated by careerists who know how to cut deals but not how to get things done.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is a great example. An obstetrician who entered politics in his 40s, Coburn declared war on earmarks and ethanol subsidies — and he has succeeded where career Republicans once dared not tread.

Ronald Reagan went from actor to politician. Please note: Reagan could not have been

President Reagan without being California Gov. Reagan first.

Sabato noted that in 1980, when Democrats were painting Reagan as an extremist, "the most reassuring qualification that Reagan had was having run the nation's largest state (population-wise) for eight years — and it was still there."

Cain has a poor sense of timing. Obama did not have a thick political resume when he won the White House. If American voters are so dissatisfied with Obama in 2012 that they want to replace him, they are not going to choose a rookie — who never has won a showdown with other lawmakers, sat across the table from a foreign despot or withstood the pressure of a hardball election and triumphed — whose claim to fame is that he is a good talker.

In its early stages before voters have begun to focus seriously on the election, the 2012 GOP primary has shined the spotlight on vanity candidates (Newt Gingrich), vanity non-candidates (Sarah Palin) and vanity personified (Donald Trump).

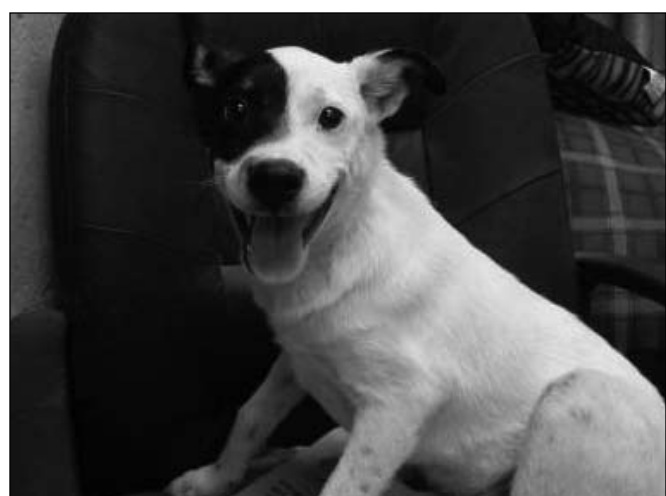
Like Cain, Palin and Trump have a talent for saying glib things that suggest that there are easy fixes for entrenched messes. Take Cain's premise that not being a politician is a plus in a presidential election.

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Fewer pets killed because of spay, neuter programs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Stephen Zawistowski got his first dog 50 years ago, she was the only dog in the neighborhood that was spayed.

"She had an incision that must have been a foot long and was sewn up with what looked like piano wire," says Zawistowski, science adviser for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It took years of campaigning to change thinking about sterilizing pets, but it has paid off. This year fewer than 4 million unwanted dogs and cats will be euthanized, down from as many as 20 million before 1970.

There are several reasons: Aggressive adopt-a-pet campaigns are carried out every day in cities all over the country and breed rescues save many dogs.

But animal experts believe spaying and neutering has played the biggest role in saving so many lives.

Nearly every public shelter, private rescue or animal welfare organization in the country donates money, space or time to low-cost spay and neuter clinics.

Spaying and neutering has become the law in some states, counties and cities. Many states require all shelter animals to be sterilized. Rhode Island requires most cats to be sterilized, and Los Angeles requires most dogs and cats to be spayed or neutered by the time they are 4 months old.

While shelters are firmly onboard, the biggest problem has been selling sterilization pro-

grams to individual pet owners.

When pets are sterilized, their reproductive organs are removed so they can no longer breed. Some people consider that unnecessary mutilation of their pets.

There are those who say: "You won't do that to my dog because I wouldn't want it done to me," Zawistowski says.

And it wasn't just pet owners who had to be convinced — so did veterinarians, he says.

Medical procedures have caught up in the last half-century and a lot of people have changed their thinking.

"Now they make a one- or two-inch incision and use self-absorbing sutures" that mean a much quicker recovery for the animals, Zawistowski says.

Aimee Gilbreath, executive director of Found Animals, a Los Angeles-based charity, agrees.

"It's become a tenet of responsible ownership," she says of spaying and neutering.

"I'm 36. My childhood dog was never neutered. We lived in some rural places and he roamed the countryside. Who knows how many litters he fathered," Gilbreath says.

"Today my dog is neutered. My parents' dog is spayed. In my family, it's gone from some-

thing you didn't do to something that is automatic."

In addition to eliminating shelter kills, spaying and neutering can make pets easier to manage, less aggressive and healthier, said Andrew N. Rowan, president and CEO of Humane Society International and chief scientific officer for the Humane Society of the United States.

So what drove the changes, and what now?

The first public spay and neuter clinic in the U.S. was opened in Los Angeles in 1969 and was so successful that there was a four-month waiting list.

Another opened four years later and charged \$17.50 for spaying female cats and dogs and \$11.50 for neutering males, said Linda Gordon, director of facility development for the city's Department of Animal Services.

A low-cost shelter today charges about \$55 to neuter a male cat and \$60 to spay a female cat, around \$150 to spay a female dog under 30 pounds and between \$150 and \$250 (depending on size) to neuter a dog, said Carrie Harrington, communications director for the Marin Humane Society in Novato, north of San Francisco.

The first private low-cost clinic was opened in 1973 by the Marin shelter, using \$42,000 raised by its women's auxiliary thrift store. This year, the group will raise money to help sterilize about 2,300 pets, Harrington said.

The steep decline in the number of animals being euthanized each year comes even as the pet population has boomed.

In 1970, there were about 62 million companion pets and today there are about 170 million, Zawistowski said.

But 4 million animals put to death is still 4 million too many, said Betsy Banks Saul, co-founder of Petfinder.com, an online adoption database that has helped with 17 million adoptions since it started in 1996.

The next step may be in the form of an affordable pill, implant or vac-

cine to sterilize cats and dogs.

Dr. Gary Michelson, a billionaire orthopedic spinal surgeon and founder of Found Animals, posted a \$25 million prize in 2008 for the creator of such an affordable chemical sterilant that works in male and female cats and dogs. Michelson has also put up \$25 million for grants to allow scientists to do the research.

Found Animals has received 150 grant applications so far and 14 projects have been approved for funding, Gilbreath said.

"When we first saw grant proposals coming in, we saw old ideas that had been laying around for 15 or 20 years. What we are seeing now are proposals based on cutting edge science — areas related to cancer and stem cell research. The level and sophistication

of the science has moved to a higher level," said Zawistowski, who is on the prize board.

In 2003, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first sterilant for male dogs. But at about \$50 a shot, Neutersol was too costly.

It was reworked, the price was cut to about \$6 a dose and it was again approved by the FDA under the name Esterisilol. It's been used in trials around the world and is expected to be available in the United States later this year.

Miami-based 600million.org, named for the number of stray dogs that can be found around the world on any given day, is working on a contraceptive pill for dogs.

The most promising and closest to completion is the female sterilization pill, said group founder Alex Pacheco.

The most not talked about subject in our community. Sexual Assault of a child.

Maybe we don't want to believe it happens in our back yard?

Or Is it that we just don't understand what sexual assault of a child really is.

What is child sexual abuse exactly?

If you are not exactly sure what sexual abuse is, you're not alone. All sexual touching between an adult and a child is sexual abuse. Sexual touching between children can also be sexual abuse when there is a significant age difference (often defined as 3 or more years) between the children or if the children are very different developmentally or size-wise. Sexual abuse does not have to involve penetration, force, pain, or even touching. If an adult engages in any sexual behavior (looking, showing, or touching) with a child to meet the adult's sexual needs or interest, it is sexual abuse.

Most often child sexual abuse is a gradual process and not a single event. By learning the early warning signs and how to effectively step in and speak up, sexual abuse can be stopped before a child is harmed. **Adults must take the primary responsibility for preventing child sexual abuse by addressing any concerning or questionable behavior which may pose a risk to a child's safety.**

WARNING SIGNS:

Behavior you may see in a child

- Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation
- Seems distracted or distant at odd times
- Has a sudden change in eating habits
- Refuses to eat
- Loses or drastically increases appetite
- Has trouble swallowing.
- Sudden mood swings: rage, fear, insecurity or withdrawal
- Leaves "clues" that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues
- Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images
- Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places
- Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child
- Talks about a new older friend
- Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
- Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad
- Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge

Signs more typical of younger children

- An older child behaving like a younger child (such as bed-wetting or thumb sucking)
- Has new words for private body parts
- Resists removing clothes when appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering)
- Asks other children to behave sexually or play sexual games
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Casey Anthony acquitted on murder charges, could be set free for conviction lesser charges

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A case that involved years of forensic investigation, weeks of often highly technical testimony and untold hours of media analysis turned out to be pretty straightforward for the jurors weighing whether Casey Anthony killed her toddler daughter.

Early in their second day of deliberations, the 12 men and women concluded the 25-year-old lied to investigators but wasn't guilty in her child's death.

Now Anthony waits to learn if she could spend her first night out of jail in almost three years since she was first accused in the case. She was only convicted of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators Tuesday, and it's possible that Judge Belvin Perry could sentence her to time already served for those crimes. The four counts of lying to sheriff's deputies each carry a maximum sentence of one year.

Anthony has been in jail since her October 2008 arrest on first-degree murder charges. She avoided a possible death sentence thanks to her acquittal on the murder count. The case began in July 2008 when Caylee Anthony was reported missing.

"I'm very happy for Casey, ecstatic for her and I want her to be able to grieve and grow and somehow get her life back together," defense attorney Jose Baez said Tuesday. "I think this case is a perfect example of why the death penalty does not work ... Murder is not right, no matter who does it."

Obama cites progress in deficit reduction talks leading up to congressional leaders meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says back-channel talks with congressional leaders last weekend have produced new progress in ad-

vance of a White House session Thursday on deficit reduction.

The president is siding with House Speaker John Boehner in insisting that negotiators resist the temptation to "kick the can down the road" and settle for a makeshift, short-term solution to stave off a first-ever U.S. default next month.

At issue is the need to raise the government's so-called debt limit to avoid a default on its obligations to bondholders and Social Security beneficiaries. Republicans want deficit cuts in the range of at least \$2.4 trillion over 10 years to offset the amount of new government borrowing needed simply to avoid another vote before 2013.

Obama met with Boehner on Sunday, the first session since Republicans last month abandoned negotiations being led by Vice President Joe Biden.

The Biden talks had produced a series of tentative understandings on potential spending cuts totaling at least \$1.6 trillion under administration math and \$2 trillion or more under GOP math. But negotiators say a true agreement on those cuts would require further sacrifice in the political priorities of Democrats and Republicans alike.

Investigative panel orders Pakistan to keep holding bin Laden's relatives for now

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A Pakistani commission investigating the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden has ordered the government to prevent the al-Qaida chief's wives and children from leaving Pakistan without its permission.

The late Tuesday order was directed in part at Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence spy agency, which tends to operate beyond civilian control — a sign that the commission was taking advantage of the unusual public pressure on the security establishment since the raid to push its investigation forward.

But whether the security agencies will pay heed

to the panel's demands remains to be seen. Pakistan's history is riddled with commissions and inquiries that accomplished little to nothing — or whose findings were never released to the public — partly due to the military and spy agencies' interference.

Three of bin Laden's wives and several children have been detained since the May 2 American raid on the terror leader's compound in the northwest Pakistani garrison city of Abbottabad. In recent days, Pakistani authorities indicated they were about to send the youngest wife to her native country, Yemen.

The unilateral U.S. operation infuriated Pakistanis who saw it as a violation of their country's sovereignty. At the same time, U.S. lawmakers were outraged to learn that bin Laden had managed to hide, apparently for years, in a city that is home to a top Pakistani military academy.

Afghan officials: Cargo plane crashes on mountaintop in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A cargo plane crashed into a mountaintop in eastern Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday.

The plane hit a mountain peak late Tuesday night, said Sayed Aleem Agha, the top official in Sayagred district of Parwan province, north of Kabul.

Agha said he fears that crew members were killed, but that rescue workers had not yet arrived at the crash site.

"I saw a huge fire as a result of the crash," he said. "My guess is that it was a big cargo plane because the fire lasted for a long time."

Abdul Shakoor, a police official in neighboring Shinwari district, also said that a cargo plane had crashed into the mountain.

House Republicans push back on Obama administration's effort to limit food ads for kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are siding with food companies resisting the Obama administration's efforts to pressure them to stop advertising junk food for children.

Some food companies say the government is going too far with guidelines proposed earlier this year by several government agencies. The guidelines would attempt to shield children from ads for sugary and fatty foods — think colorful characters on cereal boxes — on television, in stores and on the Internet. Companies would be urged to market foods to children ages 2 through 17 only if they contain specific healthy ingredients and are low in fats, sugars and sodium.

Even though the guidelines are voluntary, many companies are aggressively lobbying against them, saying they fear the government will retaliate against them if they don't go along.

Republicans are attempting to delay the guidelines by including a provision in next year's budget that would require the Federal Trade Commission to study the potential costs and impacts of the guidelines before implementing them.

As food companies have protested, criticism has ramped up on Capitol Hill. Missouri Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, the Republican who sponsored the provision, says she is concerned that the voluntary rules "would lead to extraordinary pressure from the federal government."

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I am behind on my column writing and so I am glean- ing from some past columns to remind you all the library has to offer. Did you know that the library has a fax machine? We do. The charge for this service is \$1 per page, incoming and outgoing.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

We have 11 internet stations available for people to use. You may be on for a total of 2 hours per day, with 1 hour in between those two hours. If you are taking classes online and need to take a test or work on something, staff can disable the timer, so you may work longer than an hour. Be sure and ask, because if you do not, then the timer will kick you off after one hour. We are also a WiFi hotspot. If you have a laptop with wireless capability, then you may sit in the cool library and work to your heart's content.

The Friends of the Library have purchased two copy machines for use by the public. One copier solely does black/white copies and the other one will make color copies. The cost for copies is 20 cents for letter and legal; 25 cents for 11X17 paper and color copies will run \$1/page. This is a great service that the Friends provide the citizens of Howard County.

The Friends also have an annual book sale. At the end of July, we will start collecting donations from the public and sorting will commence. Please remember that we do not take National Geographic magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed books and most magazines. Many times the library is able to use a good portion of the donations to replace current inventory or even add books to the collection. That helps out a lot with our budget.

The library also has inter-library loan. We cannot purchase every book under the sun, and if you need a special book for studying or simply for recreational purposes, check with Johnny at the Reference Desk and he can get you started. There is a charge of \$2 per item, which helps defray the cost. While Johnny can perform magic with an ILL request, we do ask that you have the title of the book, the author's name and what form of media you wish to request. You may request a book, a book on CD, microfilm, or perhaps even a particular movie, be it VHS or DVD. You must be in good standing with the library before a request can be fulfilled.

Currently, Donna is having lots of fun with the Summer Reading Program. She has had several really neat programs for the kids to read and learn about. Melanie Gambrell and her dogs have done a program; we have pup-



pet shows with puppet master Dean Flaherty (plus audience participation) and Nancy Michaelis has helped out with story telling.

Have you seen our bright new colors on the walls? The inmates from the County Detention Center did a masterful job. Sheriff Stan Parker was very gracious in permitting inmates to come and work for us. Martin Anguiano, from the maintenance department, supervised and painted, too. We still have some more to do, but it will have to wait, as the inmates have another job they are working on.

The library has two meeting rooms available for use. Several organizations hold meetings downstairs on a monthly, sometimes weekly basis. There are some restrictions on usage, so please check with me to see

if you qualify. We also provide a proctoring service for persons who are taking a correspondence course and require it.

Just a reminder about overdue books.

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Fines are capped at \$10 per item.

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If a book is ruined and is not repairable, then the card holder is responsible for paying for the item, along with \$8 processing fee and any fines that might be charged on the item.

If there is minor damage, then a small charge may be assessed.

I am usually the arbiter on damage, etc., and my decision is made with care and deliberation.

We are not out to rob people, but if there is damage to an item, the last person who checked out the item, is held responsible for damage/loss.

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July and remember the library to come and cool off, read a paper or magazine and check out those books/materials!

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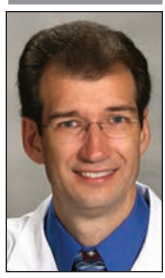
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The ABCs of wisdom teeth removal

Summertime is a great time for many things, even taking out wisdom teeth. This summer is no exception as a number of young people have left my office, and the offices of other dentists who do this type of surgery, minus their third molars (wisdom teeth). Not every young person needs their wisdom teeth out though, so let's talk about it.

Very few people have room to get their wisdom teeth into their mouths in their position, if at all. A tooth that is blocked from coming in all the way is "impacted" and this happens very frequently, especially on lower wisdom teeth. Impacted wisdom teeth can cause a



DR. DAVID WARD

number of problems. The most common is gum infections around the top of the teeth that can become major at times. Other problems include damage to the teeth in front of them, cavities in the wisdom tooth or on the adjacent tooth where the wisdom tooth touches it, and cyst formation. The cysts that can form around impacted teeth can be quite damaging to the jaw bone and on rare occasions can turn cancerous.

When a dentist or oral surgeon evaluates a patient's wisdom teeth, he or she is looking at several things. Have the teeth caused problems already or are they likely to cause problems in the future? Are there any anatomic factors which would cause significant difficulty or risk surgically? Are there health concerns which would affect the surgery or anesthesia?

Incidentally, people who have had

no problems with pain or swelling around wisdom teeth by their mid-20s usually don't need to have them out. They just need them x-rayed every few years to make sure they are not doing any "silent" damage.

The best time to look at wisdom teeth is about 15 to 17 years old. At this age, it is fairly easy to assess future risk wisdom tooth problems. It's also the age at which wisdom teeth can be removed with the least chance of complications. At this age, the roots are still immature. This means they are much shorter, easier to remove, and less likely to be wrapped around the nerve bundle going to the lip. If you have a child this age, be sure and ask your dentist about their wisdom teeth.

Local anesthesia ("Novacaine") is used to get the wisdom tooth areas numb, but most people having dental surgery done will also want their consciousness altered in one way or another. Most oral surgeons will use either IV deep sedation or an office general anesthesia (unconscious). Most general dentists who do this type of surgery utilize oral conscious sedation.

Oral conscious sedation entails taking some preoperative medications by mouth (pills) that significantly sedate the patient, but the patient is

not sleeping. Nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is often used in conjunction with the pills to achieve the level of sedation needed. I tell patients that they won't be asleep, but they won't much care what's happening, and when done they likely won't remember it either.

So who needs to see the oral surgeon (and incidentally we have some very good ones in the Permian Basin)? If the wisdom teeth will be particularly difficult or tricky to remove, if the patient is highly fearful or if the patient has significant medical issues, they really need to see the specialist. If the patient or parent just wants to see the specialist, that is a perfectly good reason also.

If you think your teenager may need their wisdom teeth out, and if you want to do it before school starts, schedule an evaluation appointment quickly because summer is passing in a hurry. They can expect to be sore and swollen for several days after the surgery.

Dr. David Ward practices general dentistry including pediatrics, orthodontics, laser periodontics, oral surgery, and oral implantology in Big Spring. All of his past Herald articles on all of these fields can be found at www.DavidWardDDS.com.



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Parrish, Newsom tops at Comanche Trail

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Comanche Trail Golf Course recently hosted the Best of the Rest tournament, providing area golfers a chance to hit the links and show off their game to the community.

In the championship flight, the team of Todd Parrish and Jimmy Newsom bested the field with a combined score of 127. Their score beat out the second place team of Pat Loya and Mike Weaver by

four strokes.

Coming in at third place in the flight were Justin Myers and Andrew Fellugim, with a score of 132.

In the president's flight, Ben Garcia Jr. and Kevin Glaspie came out on top with a score of 135, three strokes ahead of Bob Shaffer and Aaron Shaffer.

There was a three-way tie in the first flight, with all three teams posting a 132 on their respective score cards.

The three teams consisted of Joe Shaprnick

and Jimmy Forsythe, Brad Summersell and Jace Williams and the team of Kim Nichols and Dutch Barr.

In the second flight, Howard Bain and Tuver Flores took the top spot with a score of 131. Following them with a 137 were Terry Whetsel and Steve Walker. In a tie for third place were the team of Jayci Brock and Regi Roberts and the team of Tim Roger and Gary Burton. Both teams had a score of 138 on the day

Elvis Andrus scores go-ahead run for rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Elvis Andrus thought he might have a chance to score the go-ahead run from first base for the Texas Rangers on Josh Hamilton's hit.

Andrus did, just not as he would have expected in the Rangers' 4-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Yorvit Torrealba had already scored the tying run on Hamilton's two-out single in the

seventh off Jim Johnson (5-2) when Andrus went headfirst into third ahead of left fielder Nolan Reimold's throw.

"I was running on the 3-1 count, and as soon as I see the ball, I thought (Reimold) was going to dive for the ball," Andrus said. "If he misses the ball, I'm going to have a chance to get home."

Reimold kept the ball in front of him, but his throw ricocheted off

Andrus toward the Baltimore dugout away from third baseman Mark Reynolds. Andrus scrambled to his feet and ran home for a 3-2 lead.

"I saw the ball going that way, the guy was right next to me," Andrus said. "I see the chance and I go."

Hamilton then scored on a double by Adrian Beltre.

The hustling play by Andrus came right after

he made two spectacular defensive plays.

The top of the seventh ended on an acrobatic double play by Andrus, who got the ball from second baseman Ian Kinsler and had to hurdle over a sliding Adam Jones. After his feat came back to the ground, Andrus threw off balance, still in time to get Vladimir Guerrero.

"He did a good job getting out of the way,"

Kinsler said. "Vladdy's not going to be blazing down the line, so you've got time. He probably would have thrown it earlier, but wasn't able to get it out of his glove."

On the play before that, Andrus went deep in the hole to backhand Jones' grounder and get a force at second.

Two nights earlier, Andrus had a key error with two outs in the eighth against Florida, a

play on which the Marlins scored the tying run before a two-run double to the next batter.

Tommy Hunter (1-0) worked an inning after taking over for starter Matt Harrison. Hunter was a 13-game winner last season who was supposed to be in the rotation again this year before being slowed by a right groin strain the last week of spring

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Briefs

Free junior tennis clinics

Free Junior Tennis Clinics will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at Figure 7. The cost is free and will be conducted by local coaches, players and pros.

Just bring a racquet (some can be provided if needed). Balls and water will be provided. For more information, call Dana Jones at 432-557-3831.

Howard County A&M Club shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

There will also be a five-stand and skeet shotgun shoot at 2 p.m. benefiting the scholarship fund. The entry fee for this event will be \$150.

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Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for information.

Football skills lineman camp

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

Free-falling Astros lose 5th game in row

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The frustration grows for the free-falling Houston Astros.

They managed only a home run by Clint Barmes in seven innings against Jeff Karstens, and the surprising Pittsburgh Pirates handed the Astros their fifth consecutive loss, 5-1 on Tuesday night.

The majors-worst Astros have lost 10 of 11, are 2-13 in their past 15 and have won only six of their past 30.

"It's definitely been hard," Barmes said. "We'll come out and be in a game for six or seven innings, and one thing happens and the game kind of gets out of control."

"It's definitely frustrating, that's for sure. At this point, all we can do is keep showing up and keep trying to learn from the mistakes that we have made up to this point."

The only Houston starter to have won a game since June 17, Wandy Rodriguez (6-5) was charged with five runs, eight hits and two walks with six strikeouts in six innings. He fell to 3-2 since returning from a stint on

the disabled list with an elbow injury. Rodriguez hadn't allowed a run in three of his previous four starts.

"I had bad luck today," Rodriguez said. "I threw a lot of good pitches, but they hit the ball, broken-bat base hits. A bad day, but that's what happens some times."

Karstens (7-4) allowed seven hits and struck out three, giving a Pittsburgh starter its 34th win this season. That matches how many the entire starting staff had in 2010.

Karstens threw 72 of his 95 pitches for strikes. He ranks fifth among all qualifying NL starters in ERA.

The Astros have lost seven consecutive against the Pirates.

"You still want to see the game played well and the right things done, and that's what we are working for," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "Yes, we want to win games, but winning games is a byproduct of being able to do things the way we are supposed to do them."

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Derek Jeter now four hits away from 3,000

CLEVELAND (AP) — Derek Jeter's bid for one of baseball's most hallowed milestones, the 3,000-hit club, a place none of the New York Yankees' other greats ever reached, is almost complete.

It's right there, right in front of Jeter, the 37-year-old whose game may have faded but who remains one of the game's biggest stars.

He'll get to 3,000. It's not a matter of if, but when.

And, where?

Jeter got two hits — an infield grounder and two-run double — giving him 2,996 in his superb career and CC Sabathia took out any anger for being snubbed as an All-Star by striking out 11 in seven shutout innings Tuesday night, leading the Yankees to a 9-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Jeter's ascent on history is nearly over. He's one, maybe two or three games away from becoming the 28th major leaguer — and first in pinstripes — to reach 3,000 hits. The journey has been a challenging one for the 12-time All-Star, whose game has been scrutinized as never

before, and who recently missed three weeks with a calf injury.

He's having the worst statistical season of his career, and following the game, Jeter candidly said the criticism has robbed some of the enthusiasm from what should be a celebration.

"You'd like to enjoy it. It has been difficult, you know, when you're constantly asked questions that are a little different," Jeter said as two dozen reporters and an HBO camera crew surrounded his locker. "But, to be honest with you, I'm going to try to enjoy it from now on and keep things as positive as we can."

Jeter doesn't know yet if he'll play Wednesday in the series finale. Yankees manager Joe Girardi wants to give Jeter some rest and might sit his captain before the team returns to New York to open a four-game series against Tampa Bay on Thursday. If it were left up to Jeter, he'd be in the lineup every day. He'd also love to face Indians starter Justin Masterson, who has given up five hits in 12 at-bats to Jeter.

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Briefs

BSHS cheerleader rag ball tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. until midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt.

A full concession will be open.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir public hunting permits July 15-Aug. 15

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas will be accepted by mail only, beginning July 15 and ending Aug. 15.

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Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

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Pittsburgh moved into second place in the NL Central with its third consecutive win. The Pirates (45-41) improved to four games over .500 this late in a season for the first time since 1992, the team's most recent winning season before a major North American professional sports record 18 straight losing seasons.

The Pirates are 1½ games out of first — the closest they've been to there this late in the season in 14 years. Pittsburgh did not win its 45th game last season until Sept. 3.

"We're having a blast," Wood said. "I haven't been here too long, but hearing from some of the guys, they haven't seen games like this in a long time. So we're going to try to keep banging it."

Matt Diaz had three hits and Neil Walker and Lyle Overbay two hits and two runs each for the Pirates, who have won four of five and 10 of 14.

Wood entered Monday's series-opening Pirates victory in the fourth inning after Josh Harrison left the game following a collision at home plate. He likely would not have started Tuesday except that Harrison — although he passed concussion tests — was given an extra day of rest.

Wood, who has homered twice in his past four starts, was on base three

times and had a run and three RBIs.

After Overbay singled to lead off the bottom of the second, Wood took the first pitch from Rodriguez into a sliver of seats in right-center for his fourth home run.

Two innings later, Wood made it 3-0 with a two-out single that scored Walker, who had doubled.

Barmes' homer to left on a 3-2 count with one out in the fifth was his fourth of the season and first since June 4.

Barmes was the only hitter on whom Karstens went to a three-ball count.

"It's been one of those things where I'll ride the wave until it ends," said Karstens, who began the season in the bullpen and with a 12-27 career record but improved to 7-4 with a 2.55 ERA with his performance Tuesday.

"Hopefully it doesn't end, but I know at some point it's going to. It's one of those things where I'm going to have fun with it, and hopefully when that bump that comes in the road somewhere down the line, it's not too long."

Notes: Karstens entered the game with the fifth-best walks-per-nine-innings ratio in the NL.

Pittsburgh has won six of its past seven at home.

The Pirates finished the 1992 season 96-66 and were NL East champions.

Rodriguez had won his past four starts against the Pirates, having allowed a total of four earned runs in that time.

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training. It was his second relief appearance since being activated from the disabled list Friday.

Neftali Feliz worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 21 chances.

Jim Johnson (5-2) allowed only five earned runs his last 25 appearances before giving up three runs, two earned, in the seventh.

"I didn't make any good pitches. Walking two guys is something I definitely didn't want to do," Johnson said. "Hamilton beat me there. It's deflating."

Mitch Atkins, called up from Triple-A Norfolk to make the start for Baltimore, allowed one run over six innings. The right-hander struck out four with no walks in his first major league start, and eighth major league appearance.

Before reigning AL

MVP Hamilton batted with two outs in the seventh, pitching coach Rick Adair visited the mound. Johnson threw three consecutive balls before Hamilton took a strike and then singled the opposite way on the next pitch. Beltre followed with his double to deep center.

Orioles manager Buck Showalter once, as manager of Arizona, intentionally walked Barry Bonds with the bases loaded. But Hamilton got a pitch to hit.

"There wasn't a whole lot of help on deck, a guy who's hit Johnson well too," said Showalter, who also ran the Rangers from 2003-06. "You're kinda picking your poison there."

J.J. Hardy and Matt Wieters had solo homers for Baltimore. Hardy started the game with his third leadoff homer this season, his 13th overall, and Wieters started the fourth with his eighth.

Harrison gave up 11 hits, the last a single

starting the seventh to Nick Markakis, one of five different Baltimore players with two hits off the Rangers left-hander. Harrison struck out five with no walks.

Nelson Cruz had an RBI single for Texas in the sixth, an inning before Andrus helped forced the issue and put the Rangers in the lead.

"It's just the way we play the game, the way we want to play every day," Kinsler said. "(Andrus) is one of the guys that pushes the envelope. ... It's nice to get a win in that style."

Notes: Rangers RHP Alexi Ogando (8-3) has already thrown 97 2-3 innings, more than he has in any other professional season. After starting Wednesday, he isn't likely to pitch in another game until July 19, the Rangers' fifth game after the All-Star break.

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wins the eight with the jack but is stymied. He is forced to return a club into dummy's A-Q or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a spade. Either way, you're home free.

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Now let's suppose that West's opening lead had been the ten of clubs instead of a spade. This would have foiled your chance to endplay East in the manner shown, but it still wouldn't stop you from making the slam. You'd win the club with the ace, cash the K-Q of trumps and A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding the five of clubs from your hand, then lead the four of clubs toward your only remaining club, the nine.

East would win the club with the jack and could safely return a spade, but you'd still have the Q-8 of clubs in dummy to lead through East's K-6. This would enable you to establish a club trick in dummy on which you'd eventually discard your spade loser, and in that way you would also make the slam.

Tomorrow: It all adds up.
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JETER

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"I've sat for three weeks," Jeter said. "It would be hard to sit if I had no hits today or six

hits. I want to play." Girardi will consult with Jeter, "sleep on it" and then make the final call.

"I want to talk to him, think about it and I'll

go from there," said Girardi, who seemed to be leaning toward sitting Jeter on Wednesday. "He's four hits away, and as I've said, my concern is us winning ballgames and him being healthy."

Girardi said he has not gotten any pressure to keep Jeter out until the team gets to New York, so he can get his 3,000th hit at Yankee Stadium.

"No one has ever said a word to me about where he should do it," Girardi said.

Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer in the second and a solo shot in the fourth off Carlos Carrasco (8-5) for the Yankees, who had eight players with at least two hits.

Sabathia (12-4) allowed five hits, walked two and overpowered the team that drafted him in 1998 and traded him 10 years later. Despite leading the league in wins and going 9-1 in his last 10 starts, Sabathia was left off the AL roster for the July 12 All-Star game in Phoenix.

Sabathia dominated the Indians, who put

two runners on to start the fifth before Sabathia struck out the side on 10 pitches.

He also struck out three in the fourth and seventh, and has 33 Ks in his last 22 2-3 innings.

"I wasn't thinking about the All-Star game, not at all," Sabathia said. "I just wanted to help my team win."

Sabathia saved New York's bullpen, which was without closer Mariano Rivera. He missed his second straight game because of a sore triceps muscle and hopes to be back for the series finale.

Indians All-Star shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera left in the fourth with a sprained right ankle.

Jeter returned to the lineup on Monday after missing three weeks with a calf injury. He went 0 for 4 in his return, but looked more like one of the game's superstars in his second game.

The Yankees' captain singled in his first at-bat, hitting a slow roller toward third that Orlando Cabrera charged but couldn't make a barehanded pickup as Jeter barreled down the line. In the second, Jeter doubled home two runs off Carrasco, who had pitched seven shutout innings against New York on June 13.

The double had to be pleasing to Jeter, who hasn't hit many balls with authority this season.

"I don't care how I get hits; I have no ego whatsoever," he said. "It did feel good to hit the ball good. It's the hardest-hit ball I've hit in three weeks."

Jeter also made a nice defensive play in the sixth, stabbing a grounder behind second base.

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Usually, the Virgo moon is so industrious, but the long void-of-course status of the current lunar transit makes it slightly more challenging to get engaged in work and responsibility. If your efforts don't seem to be effective, back off and do some dreaming, plotting and planning. Or just relax before you gear up for the next wave of activity.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Actors know this to be true: It's always easier to stay in character when you're in costume. When you look the part, it's a breeze to act the part. Put great care into your stylistic choices.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes being around people gives you energy. Other times it drains you. The optimal scenario is to get your social interaction in small doses. A little bit of fellowship goes a long way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll grow rich as you pair your ideas with

Tomorrow's Horoscope

thoughtful investigation. You'll determine the best course of action and will be willing to adjust the plan as needed. And most importantly, you'll follow through.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are wise not to worry about what another person is thinking about you. It's usually best to assume people are thinking about something other than you. You'll relax into the moment, and your concerns will melt away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll study what has already been done, partly out of respect for the ones who came before you, but also because you realize that understanding what has been done will help you know what to do next.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The leisure days of summer will seem to you to be a myth. The hours march on, each bringing a new challenge. Luckily, you love the feeling of forward motion and are not the least bit afraid of work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Go forward with confidence. All the evidence suggests you can trust yourself. Look at how often you've done what the situation required. And whatever mistakes you made, you

learned from. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You never want to have to worry what people are saying about you. So you'll do as your sign mate Will Rogers suggested: "Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will cooperate with others to achieve an aim. The work doesn't seem difficult when everyone is doing it together. In fact, life is easier when you operate within a small group.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). At the buffet of life, you appreciate all that catches your eye. But you know you'll never be able to consume it all without causing yourself pain. So you only put the most delicious dishes on your plate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your experiences seem to be adding up to something much better than you predicted. You feel like you're getting closer to being the person you were always intended to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be around and among the highly educated, but don't forget about common sense.

Knowing a lot never made anyone wise. Say less, listen more, and act judiciously.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 6). It's your turn to receive in July, so get into gracious acceptance mode, and don't be overly worried about when and how you will pay people back. That will happen in time. There's a fantastic opportunity to advance your talents or professional interests in August. Love is strong in September. October brings adventure. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 24, 39 and 2.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Dalai Lama says, "Don't be a monk. Don't be a Tibetan. Be in your own life and religion. Just meditate, be happy and have compassion for all beings." The Dalai Lama was born when Mars, the warrior planet, was in Libra, the sign of balance, peace and diplomacy. However, Jupiter in Scorpio shows a willingness to fight for what's right. Mercury in Gemini lends rhetorical skill and eloquence.

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Annie's Mailbox

friendship, but this type of e-mail is not welcome? — *Puzzled*

Dear Annie: Since this is the only type of e-mail you receive from her, you may as well simply assign her to the spam file. If that seems too callous, you will need to talk to her at your next in-person meeting. Explain nicely that you never forward chain letters, and since she now knows you will break the chain, she should take you off her distribution list.

Dear Annie: I am the youngest of 10 siblings. We grew up poor. I put myself through school and took care of my parents financially and otherwise.

I am now a married woman with an authoritative career. While I was struggling as a teen, not one of my siblings reached out to help, and I learned never to depend on anyone. However, five years ago,

my 4-year-old daughter passed away. For the first time in my life, I looked to my family for support. No one came forward. My sisters decided I "needed space" and didn't even call.

We were lucky enough to have another child and have moved forward. Now I find myself pushed aside by most of my family because they claim I think I'm better than they are. Since I'm educated, responsible and put my children first, they feel uncomfortable around me. Until they pointed it out to me, I never felt I was any different.

I've decided never to contact them again. It tears me apart, but I refuse to beg to be part of "their" family. Tell me if I'm right. — *One of Ten*

Dear One: Your accomplishments may make your siblings feel inadequate and jealous. Also, being the youngest of 10 means there is a

tremendous difference in life experience. Siblings who are already married with children have little in common with those who are still teenagers. Siblings with grown children may not relate to someone with infants. Often these differences can be resolved with time, but not always. This isn't about right or wrong. It's about what you can handle.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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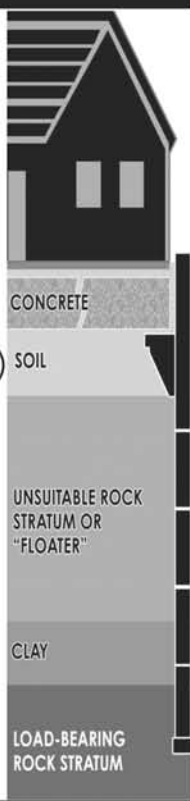
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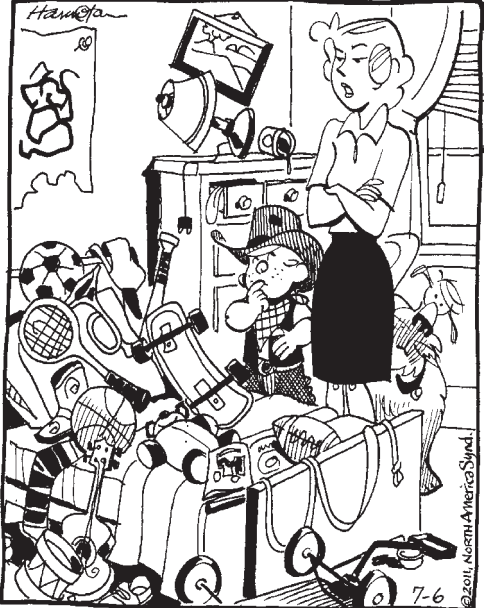
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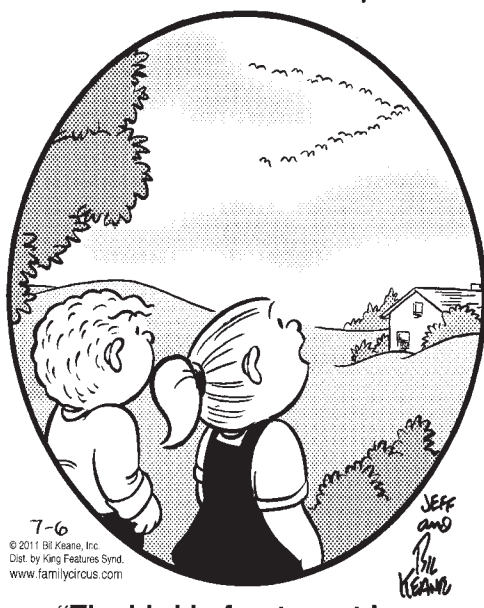
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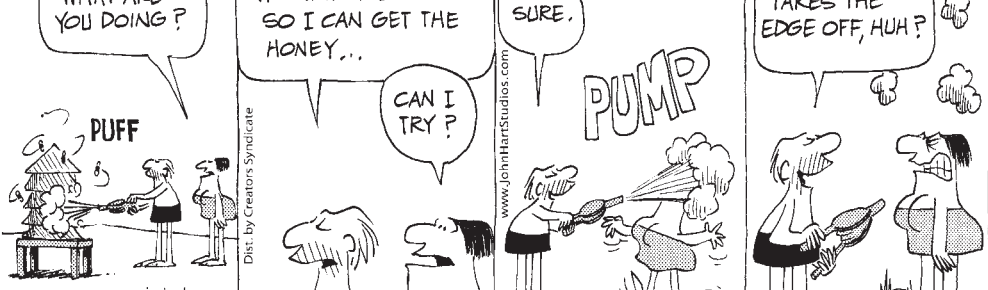
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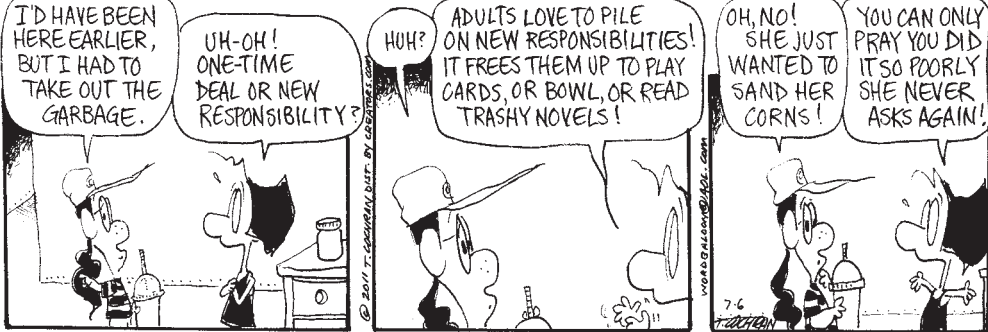
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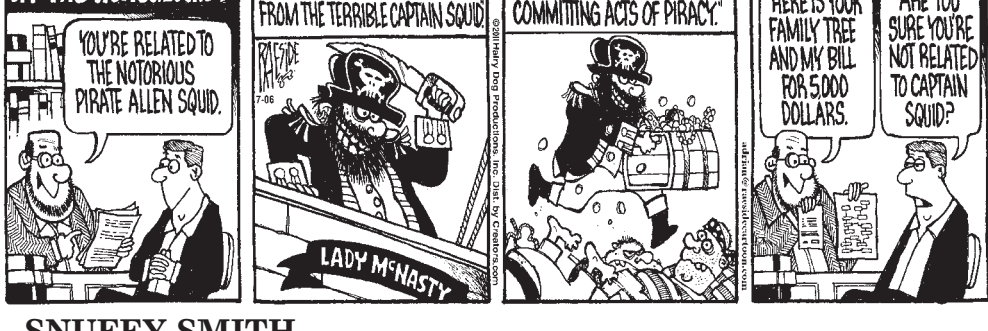
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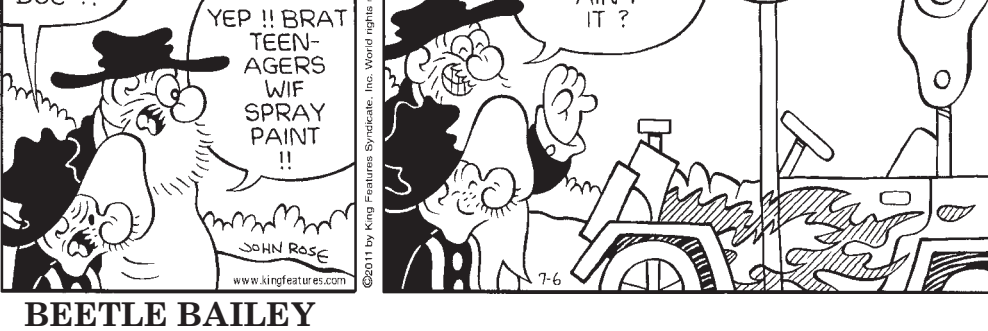
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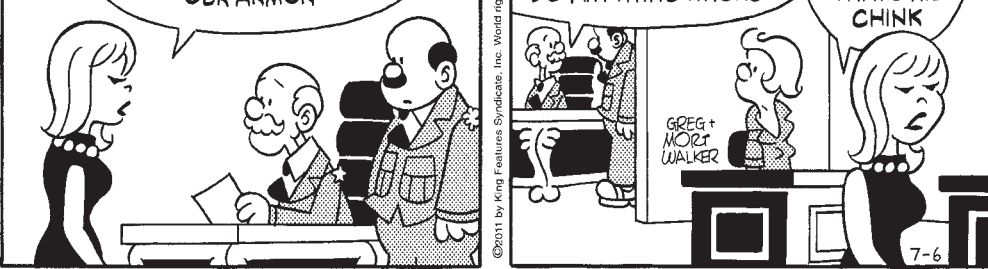
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 6, the 187th day of 2011. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

On this date:

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1809, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII, who had excommunicated Emperor Napoleon I; the pope was confined for about five years.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba (AH'-kah-buh) from the Turks.

In 1928, the first all-talking feature, "Lights of New York," had its gala premiere in New York.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1971, jazz trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong died in New York at age 69.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing 1A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 90. Actor William Shallert is 89. Singer-actress Della Reese is 80. The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso, is 76. Actor Ned Beatty is 74. Singer Gene Chandler is 71. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 71.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Distort
 - 5 Goblet part
 - 9 Smartphone downloads
 - 13 University sports org.
 - 14 Backpack part
 - 15 Author Bellow
 - 16 Slowdown request
 - 18 Actress Sedgwick
 - 19 Fine distinction
 - 20 Part of a process
 - 21 Reliable
 - 24 Explanation request
 - 27 Pivotal points
 - 29 Broke the tape
 - 30 Beetle Bailey dog
 - 31 Millinery accessory
 - 35 Warm the bench
 - 38 Bored child's request
 - 41 "Help!"
 - 42 Throwing in
 - 43 Brewery oven
 - 44 Gone by
 - 45 New Englander
 - 47 Interrupted one's request
 - 53 One-ups
 - 54 Carry on
 - 55 P, on Puccini
 - 57 Ye __ Shoppe
 - 58 Rhetorical request
 - 62 Go on the road
 - 63 Back with bucks
- DOWN**
- 1 Compass pt.
 - 2 German exclamation
 - 3 Sunbeam
 - 4 '70s First Lady
 - 5 Scatter about
 - 6 Actuality
 - 7 Snap of a course
 - 8 Dashboard letters
 - 9 Welcomes warmly
 - 10 Home subscription service
 - 11 Blender setting
 - 12 High-fives
 - 14 Wine descriptor
 - 17 Keep secret
 - 21 Flat-bottomed boats
 - 22 Prefix meaning "straight"
 - 23 Guitar relatives
 - 25 1960's supermodel
 - 26 __ further (stop)
 - 28 Groundhog Day focus
 - 32 "What's more . . ."
 - 33 Prefix for light
 - 34 Pigsty
 - 35 Long baths
 - 36 "No more for me, thanks"
 - 37 Heads: Fr.
 - 39 Hamster home
 - 40 Green melon
 - 44 Main highway
 - 46 Proficient
 - 47 Dropped a line to
 - 48 Angelic auras
 - 49 Conclude
 - 50 Hardwood trees
 - 51 Covers with coal dust
 - 52 Otherwise
 - 56 Half a score
 - 58 Ring org.
 - 59 Seek damages
 - 60 Anger
 - 61 Kid's spinner

