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Zero tolerance

Penalties in store for those who violate water restrictions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Reservoirs aren't the only things running low these days, as city officials warn that residents caught violating water restrictions in the face of a region-wide shortage are going to find patience for their wasteful ways a long-gone commodity.

Chad Averette, director of the city's Code Enforcement Office, said the city will be taking a zero-tolerance approach to violations to mandatory water restriction.

"In the past, we've been able to work with the water customers and do everything we can to not issue a citation. Unfortunately, as the need for water continues to become



Averette



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Members of the Big Spring City Council and the city administration discuss new water restrictions officials hope will bring the municipality in line with recent decreases in water deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District during a meeting in the council chambers Monday evening.

more dire, the need to protect what little we have left is absolutely essential, and that means issuing citations to those people who don't follow

the restrictions."

City officials agreed to restrict the outdoor use of water — aimed largely at the watering of lawns — to just one

day a week during last week's city council meeting, agreeing to a schedule of Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. for residential customers and

Tuesdays from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. for businesses.

The restrictions come on

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Woodruff conviction is affirmed by court

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man found guilty of possession of cocaine by a 118th District Court jury in March 2009 had his conviction affirmed by the 11th District of Texas Court of Appeals this month, upholding his multi-year prison sentence.

Jesse Woodruff, 23, was sentenced to 12 years in the Texas Department of Corrections after being convicted of pos-

sessing more than 17 grams of crack cocaine during a traffic stop in October 2008. The trial took just one day.

Woodruff could have been sentenced to as little as two years or as much as 20 years in prison. As a first-time felon, he also was eligible for probation, according to court officials.

According to documents filed on Woodruff's behalf, the Big Spring man presented five issues on appeal. In the issues, he contended the evi-

dence was legally and factually insufficient to support his conviction; asserted his right to due process was violated; the admission of evidence of extraneous conduct; and a pair of complaints of remarks made by the prosecutor during trial.

The case was tried by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, while Odessa attorney Justin Low represented Woodruff.

"The record in this case shows that appellant was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by police for a traffic violation at about 2:30 a.m.," the memorandum opinion reads. "Appellant (Woodruff) was in the front passenger seat.

"The two officers conducting the traffic stop were

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County fair booth reservations sought

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

The fair is back and it's time to make reservations for those planning on having a booth.

The Howard County Fair is scheduled for three days, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, at the fair barn. Admission will be \$6. The fair will kick off at 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and last until 10 p.m. Saturday, doors will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"We are going to try three days this year instead of the usual four days," Derek Wash, treasurer of the Fair Association, said. "We are trying to accommodate our vendors a little bit better and hopefully get more of them out here."

This year, booths located in the fair barn will be available for \$175. Each booth is an eight foot by 10 foot space. Vendors can provide their own table and chairs or can add a table and two chairs for \$10.

"As long as space is available, we will be accepting booths, but it is a first-come, first-serve basis as far as location choices," said Terri Blackshear, exhibit co-chair.

Vendors will also receive four weekly passes with their booth rental fee. However, if electricity is needed, vendors will need to provide their own extension cords. There are

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To reserve booth space for the fair, call 432-714-4757 or 432-770-0159



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Obituaries

Johnnie Randolph



Graveside services for Johnnie Randolph, 77, of Lamesa will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at Lamesa Memorial Park with Clifton Igo officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Johnnie died Sunday, July 17, 2011 in Big Spring. He was born on Jan. 13, 1934 in Seminole, Texas. He grew up in Lamesa and attended Howard Junior College and Texas Tech University.

Johnnie joined the U.S. Marines Corp. on Feb. 27, 1953 and served on the USS Oriskany. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 26, 1956 as a Sergeant.

Johnnie farmed in Lamesa and in Gaines County for more than 40 years. He moved to the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home in Big Spring in 2006, living there at the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John B. Randolph and S.T. Randolph; brother, Joesph F. Randolph; and infant sister, Marjorie.

He is survived by three sisters, Clara Grimes and husband, Terry of May, Helen Danner and husband Lawrence of Winston Salem, N.C., and Gearline Thompson of Killeen; and brother William Randolph and wife, Ayako of Llano. He is also survived by niece Lana Rodgers, who was his special caregiver; nephew Rick House of Abilene, who was his right-hand man during their younger years at the farm; eight more nieces, Sharae, Christie, Malisa, Loretta, Patricia, Charlotte, Marilyn, and Ginger; four more nephews, Richard, Allen, Jimmy, and Greg; 12 great-nieces, and seven great-nephews, all of whom were very special to Johnnie.

Johnnie was a kind and gentle man who was loved by many people, especially his caregivers, Elveia Cortez of Lamesa, and all his wonderful caregivers at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home, all of whom held a very special place in his heart.

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Clifton Ray Price



Funeral services for Clifton Ray Price of Lenorah will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

Clifton passed away July 16, 2011, in Odessa, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 12, 1955, in Stephenville, Texas.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Sandra Garza of Stanton on Sept. 16, 1989.

He loved to fish, drink beer, smoke cigarettes and sit outside and feel the sun on his face. He liked to watch old cowboy movies and be alone. His heart was with his girls at home, his favorite place. He always woke them up by singing their names, Toot and Baby Grace, mostly every day. He was a newly received Catholic.

He was employed through the years with Wheeler Drilling, Mitchell Farms, Clary Tire Company, Mendez Electric and Cotton Patch Farms.

He was preceded in death by his father, Junior B. Price; step-father, James Clary; brother, Floyd Dean Price, and step-brother, Dwayne Clary.

His is survived by his wife, Sandra Price of Lenorah; three daughters, Minerva Jo "M.J." Price and Grace Price, both of Lenorah; and Melissa Rene Price of East Texas; mother, Mary Jo Price of Alabama; step-mother, Betty Clary of Midland; two sisters, Carol Washburn and Mary Jane Foster, both of Midland; brother, Lloyd Price, Wegulia, Ala.; and step-brother Allan Clary of Roseburg, Ore.

The pallbearers are Stephan Graves, Max Barera, Charles Gilbert, James Mitchell, Shawn Holliday, Randy Holliday and Edward Hernandez.

Honorary pallbearers are Allen Clary, Dewayne Clary, Chad Dillard and Mike Tracy.

The family suggests memorials to be made to St. Isidore Mission, P.O. Box 846, Stanton 79782

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Mark 'Anthony' Torres



Mark "Anthony" Torres, 34 of Midland, Texas, went to be with his heavenly father on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in Joplin, Mo. He was born Oct. 1, 1976, to Alejandro and Cynthia Torrez in Houston, Texas.

Anthony's passion was working with his hands, which led him into the construction industry as a machinist for most of his life. He

was currently helping with the clean-up and repair in the aftermath of the recent tornado in Joplin, Mo.

Anthony was an excellent cook and loved to barbecue, listen to music, go dancing, and watch his favorite teams, the Houston Texans and the Houston Rockets, with his son Xavier. He enjoyed nature and often talked about his mountain climbing experiences. Anthony was very proud of his garden. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his children and family. Anthony was the protector of the family. He was a member of the Family Faith Christian Center.

Anthony was preceded in death by his brother, Steven Torres; his grandparents, Antonio and Frances Torrez; and his grandfather, Juan Polanco.

He is survived by his two sons, Xavier Anthony Torres and Steven Torres, both of Midland; a daughter, Vivian Torres, also of Midland; a sister, Sandra Fiszer of Houston, Texas; and his parents, Alejandro and Cynthia Torrez of Midland. He is also survived by his niece, Alexandria Romero of San Jose, Calif.; two nephews, John Macias and Jonathan Guilbeaux, both of Houston, Texas; and one great-nephew, Julian Romero of San Jose, Calif.; his grandmother, Ramona Polanco of Midland, Texas; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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News in brief

Better communications needed after UT gunman case

AUSTIN (AP) — Better communication is needed between police and other emergency responders during incidents such as when a University of Texas sophomore killed himself at school.

The UT Police Department on Monday released its report on the Sept. 28 incident in which Colton Tooley opened fire on the Austin campus. Nobody else was hurt.

The report praised the response of police and alerting students and staff, including sirens and text messages. But the 911 calls from cell phones went to Austin police, while campus phones were routed to UT police. Not all officers knew that a certain radio channel was being used.

Police are working to better coordinate their efforts. Chief Robert Dahlstrom also says recommendations to hire additional police would be difficult due to budget concerns. The department has 65 officers.

2 rescued from Dallas bungee ride

DALLAS (AP) — A bungee ride in Dallas meant to help a man get over his fear of heights turned into a three-hour ordeal at least 50 feet up when the cables got tangled.

Dallas firefighters using an aerial ladder truck rescued the man and woman Monday night.

William Mancera and Thalia Rodriguez were checked at the scene for possible heat stress, on

an evening when temperatures were near 100 degrees.

Diego Rodriguez says his sister arranged for Mancera to go on the ride with her to try to help him deal with his fear of heights.

Live television coverage of the rescue showed firefighters easing the couple from the ride.

2 to face charges over boy's death in Hunt County

GREENVILLE (AP) — Two caregivers will be charged in the death of a 2-year-old boy whose battered body was found in a car in North Texas.

The Hunt County Sheriff's Office says a man and a woman caring for Bradley Herrera will be charged with capital murder, with formal charges likely Tuesday.

The body was located after the two suspects called 911 Sunday morning to report the child had stop breathing as they allegedly were driving to a hospital.

Undersheriff Joe Knight said Monday that the boy suffered massive blunt force trauma and apparently had been dead for some time.

Knight says the death was reported in the Campbell area, about 50 miles northeast of Dallas.

Polygamist leader awaits ruling

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A judge in San Angelo is expected to rule on a second request by polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs to remove the judge over-

seeing his trial.

Jeffs is to go on trial July 25 on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child from a 2008 raid on a remote Texas church retreat where authorities believed underage girls were being forced into polygamous marriages.

Jeffs' attorney claims state District Judge Barbara Walther is biased because she took an unusual interest in the case and received extra security because of it.

Judge John Hyde of Midland says he will issue his ruling Tuesday after hearing testimony on the request a day earlier. Hyde denied a similar motion last month.

Dewhurst to announce Senate bid

HOUSTON (AP) — A spokesman for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says the state lawmaker will officially announce later this week his intention to run for U.S. Senate.

The Houston Chronicle reports Monday that spokesman Mike Walz says Dewhurst will make his announcement by "midweek" via video to run for the seat held by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison. She is not running for reelection in 2012.

Dewhurst, who had been expected to run for the seat, would join a crowded Republican primary.

Candidates include former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones.

WATER

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the heels of an announcement from the Colorado River Municipal Water District that deliveries to area cities are being cut by 20 percent due to the low levels of area reservoirs, which have been hard hit by the ongoing drought.

Other restrictions aimed include:

Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (including mobile) car wash establishments.

No outside watering is allowed except on the designated date and time. However, according to the memo issued Friday, "Potted plants and flower beds can be watered on any day be-

tween 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. using a watering can (no water hoses)."

Washing of "houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc..." is strictly prohibited.

"The reason we're allowing people to use commercial car washes but not allowing them to wash their cars at home is because most commercial business recapture a portion of their water," Averette said. "Also, the power washers don't use nearly as much water as a traditional hose you would use at home."

Averette said his code officers — along with Big Spring Police Department officers — will be on the lookout for violations, and those caught misusing water

won't need to look for a warning letter in the mail.

"These postcards we're mailing out to city water customers, these are the warning letters," Averette said, holding up a list of mandatory restrictions. "This is the only warning people are going to get. If you don't receive the postcard in the mail, you can call our office and request one be sent to you. You can also find the same list on the city's website."

If the city's approach to water conservation seems strict, Averette said it reflects the seriousness of the situation.

"I think there are a lot of people out there who haven't considered just

how serious this situation is," he said. "What happens when we run out of water? There are people who are getting angry because they can't water their lawners, but you have to look at this from a long view. What are we going to do when we turn the water tap and nothing comes out? This is a very serious situation, and it has to be approached that way."

Members of the Big Spring City Council seemed to share in Averette's concern for the situation, approving measures Tuesday night that broaden the scope of what restrictions City Manager Gary Fuqua can enact without a vote from the governing body.

Mayor Tommy Duncan fielded several questions during the meeting regarding water usage by local commercial enterprises — most notably the Big Spring Refinery, which accounts for approximately 17 percent of water consumption in the city, according to officials.

"Compared to their water use three years ago, Alon USA (owner of the Big Spring Refinery) is down approximately 30 percent," Duncan told the council. "However, I will be meeting with them and we'll be looking to do everything we can to conserve water."

In the end, according to Duncan, West Texans are going to have to treat water as the commodity it is until sub-

stantial rainfall replenishes area reservoirs.

"Water is precious when you live in the desert, and we do," he said.

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BOOTHS

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already 13 booth spaces reserved for this year's fair.

"We are inviting businesses, car dealerships, individuals with arts

and crafts and anyone else who is interested in setting up a booth," Blackshear said.

Vendors will be able to set up Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Thursday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity to get out into the

community and let people know what you do, your services and your products," Blackshear said.

In addition to the arts and crafts, food vendors, and usual attrac-

tions, there will be a kid's tractor pull and a science show scheduled during the fair, according to Blackshear.

Those wanting to reserve booth space inside the fair barn should con-

tact Blackshear at 432-714-4757 or 432-770-0159.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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narcotics investigators who were on patrol in an area known for high-crime activity and narcotic trafficking. Both observed marijuana seeds in plain view in the vehicle. After a K-9 unit alerted on the vehicle, a water bottle was found underneath the center console where somebody had tried to hide it. The water bottle had a hidden compartment containing 17.15 grams of cocaine."

The memorandum opinions were issued by Chief Justice Jim Wright from a panel including Wright, Justice Terry McCall and John

Hill (sitting by assignment), upholding the conviction.

The trial was presided over by former 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III.

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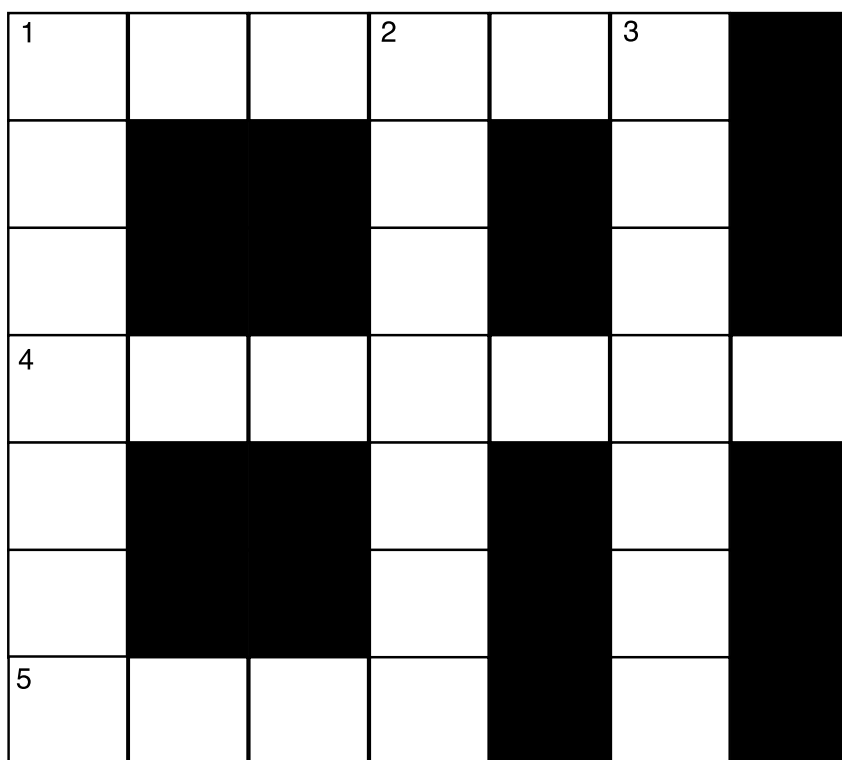
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• **2009:** "ANGELA'S ASHES" AUTHOR FRANK MCCOURT PASSES AWAY IN NEW YORK CITY.

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- 4. Wordy
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DOWN

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- 2. Math value written in words or digits
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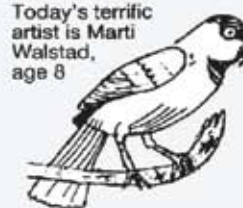


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Obituaries

Lottery

Vera Lee Brent



Vera Lee Brent, 90, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at her residence. A private service will be held in Alma, Ark. She was born on July 13, 1921, in Alma, Ark. Vera was a realtor for 35 years in Big Spring and was a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Business Women's Association. She loved her church, family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Neumann of Big Spring; a step-daughter, Patsy Owens and husband, Claude, of Princeton, Texas; a step-son, Terry Hans of Amarillo, Texas; a grandson, Todd Neumann and wife, Kathy, of Verona, Wis.; two great-grandchildren, Connor Neumann and Emma Neumann; one brother, Moody Denniston of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister, Charlene Anglin of Bokoshe, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Moody and Mary Denniston; and eight brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were:

04-20-27-29, Bonus: 18.

The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were:

08-15-20-26-35.

The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were:

7-7-0-8, Sum It Up: 22.

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• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• Big Spring resident Matt Fowler was involved in a vehicle accident June 20 and is listed in critical, but stable condition at Odessa Medical Center. He has undergone two procedures and two surgeries, with more to come.

The family is in need of assistance with medical expenses. They ask for anyone wanting to help to send donations to P.O. Box 3315, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Angela Morrow. The family extends its gratitude for all gifts.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1. DSHS will not be providing immunizations at the high school for registration July 27-28. DSHS suggests getting immunizations before attempting to register for school.

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.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. Call 888-995-HOPE.



By Steve Becker
The Art of Good Defense

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

nine.

West cashed two diamonds but was then stymied. He had to lead a club or a diamond, either of which would hand South the contract.

At the other table, four hearts was also the final contract. Again West led the queen of spades, ducked in dummy, but here East overtook the queen with the king and returned a diamond. West cashed two diamonds and reverted to spades, thus putting the contract out of reach. South later lost a club trick and went down one.

The second East defended exceptionally well to defeat the contract. Overtaking the queen of spades was not particularly difficult, as West was marked by the bidding and declarer's first play with the Q-J-x.

But East then guessed well to shift to a diamond rather than a club. Had East returned a club at trick two, South could still have made the contract with careful play.

He wins with the ace, leads a spade to the ace and ruffs a spade. He then leads a trump to the jack, ruffs dummy's last spade, plays the ace of trumps and exits with the queen of clubs. West takes the king but is helpless, since he must either establish dummy's ten of clubs or South's king of diamonds as declarer's 10th trick.

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

• VIRGINA DAVILA CORDOVA, 30, of 707 Magnolia, was arrested Monday on a warrant for nuisance - animal repeatedly at large.

• JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR., 41, of 303 Spring Creek Rd., was arrested Monday on warrants for theft and criminal mischief.

• BUCK BENNETT CHAPPELL JR., 38, of 1200 Madison, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft.

• ALEX FERRELL PAREDEZ, 19, of 903 E. 16th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft.

• JESUS MARTINEZ, 33, of Colorado City, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

• ESTEVAN VALENCIA JR., 30, of 1110 E. 13th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and junk vehicle.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.

• ASSAULT was reported: In the 1900 block of Wasson Road. In the 900 block of Nolan Street.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• BUCK B. CHAPPELL JR., 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR., 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and theft.

• NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO

on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance, bondsman off bond for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bondsman off bond for criminal mischief.

• DANIELO RAY, 24, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

• ALEX FERRELL PAREDEZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of service.

• CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.

• RILEY DON BROOKS, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear - manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• JESUS MARTINEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• STEVEN MARK LYNCH, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ESTEVAN VALENCIA JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear.

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Courtney Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of Wasson Road and Rockhouse Road.



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There's not a feather out of place

Having lowered the truck's windows to enjoy the early morning temperature, the game warden turned off the two-lane road and stopped. Before he drove toward the headquarters on the ranch road, he wanted to savor the silence of open rangeland.

Raising the windows to prevent dust from coating the inside of his pickup, he continued on the winding caliche path to the large compound in the distance. Every time he slowed for a low water crossing, a cloud of where he had been settled over his vehicle.

"It's out back," said the rancher as the two men shook hands once again. As they walked the length of an old wooden barn, the landowner described what he had seen.

Close to the ground, an owl had tried earlier to leave when the rancher had come around the corner of the structure. Since the raptor didn't get more than two to three feet off the ground, he sensed something was wrong.

"Let's see if it's still there," he advised as they neared the end of the building. As if on cue, the owl repeated its attempt to leave. Only flying about 30 feet, it settled back down to the ground.

After going to his truck for a pole net, the officer slowly approached the owl. When close enough to place his net over it, he paused.

In his mind, he tried to recapture the beauty of its silent flight. Just seeing its long, broad wings carry it safely to a landing was impressive.

When the owl looked away for a second, the game warden slipped his net over it and held the bird to the ground. With little resistance, the raptor was placed in a large carrier.

For a game warden to call during the month of July was no surprise. Summer months are filled with nestlings, fledglings and even adult birds in unusual circumstances. After the told of a barn owl's inability to elevate or achieve any distance, he added, "It stayed low."

Since his description could indicate either a hairline fracture or soft tissue injury, we were eager to retrieve the owl from the Midland office of Texas Parks & Wildlife. Waiting for



Courtesy photo

The male barn owl has often been perceived as mysterious. Due to its white face and underparts, it is often described as a "white owl" or "ghost." Thus, calling to a mate with its eerie shriek offers an ominous presence. While its appearance has earned it a place in literature, its eyesight, hearing and hunting prowess have rewarded it as a champion of rodent control.

us inside one of their containers was an adult male of impeccable coloration and stature.

Intermixed among the golden or tawny appearance of his back and wings were hues of gray. Bits of black and white mottling lent even more elegance to this night creature. His long, heart-shaped face, rimmed with a dark border around white facial disks, was made even more impressive by his penetrating black eyes.

As I opened the gate

to the carrier, the barn owl did not exhibit the possible wiggling, screaming greeting we often confronted. Nor did it lower its head and sway from side to side in warning.

Slowly approaching him with my gloved hand, I was allowed to slip my fingers around and through his legs. Too often, barn owls would fall back on their rumps and extend their legs so their talons could inflict whatever damage they could to keep from being cap-

tured. With my other protected hand, I easily pressed his wings to his body and brought him out of the container.

In the few days he spent with us, the barn owl was exceptional. His appetite indicated the problem he had encountered since he could not hunt. Only if prey such as rabbits, pigeons, or mice had wandered too close would he have enjoyed a meal.

After delivering him to the wildlife center in Lubbock, we were relieved to learn that bruising, rather than a fracture, had grounded this magnificent creature. Later that evening, Gail Barnes, a volunteer, voiced her admiration of the raptor. "There's not a feather out of place." Likening his overall appearance to their educational barn owl, Jasper, she said this newcomer would be given the time it needed to regain its flight ability.

For the next three weeks, the recovering raptor exercised in first a mew, and then the flight facility. Sensing the uniqueness of the bird, Gail appreciated his cooperation during rehabilitation and had given him an appropriate name.

Noticing a message on our recorder one evening, we listened to Gail's voice. Elated that her protégé had taken flight into the night sky, she used the description that we had heard often since delivering the barn owl to her care. Playing the recording again, we shared her excitement that "the gentleman was free."

BIRD POOP

BY BEBE McCASLAND



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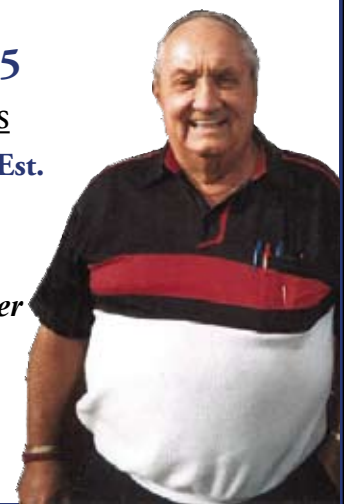
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So where did that word come from, anyway?

I enjoy the study of words, especially when they have different meanings than how we use them today. We know words have a way of changing over time, such as the word "cool!" When I was growing up, "cool" meant "almost cold." Interesting

isn't it? Americans have a dictionary of changing words, showing our heritage is from countries worldwide. Some of these words have captured my attention and I would like to share them with you.

Did you know the word "accent" originally meant "to sing?" It described the pitch scheme in Greek verse. Let's look at some other words: "Across" meant in a crossed position; it is an Anglo-French word, "an cros." An "adder," which is the name of a species of snake, is an example of transference of a letter. It was originally "nadder" but the pronunciation, "a nadder," eventually became

"an adder." The same happened to "napron," which became "an apron," and "norange," which became "an orange."

The first use of the word "addict" was from the Latin "ad-dictus," which meant "a debtor awarded as a slave to his creditor." An "aftermath" was a second crop of grass grown after the first had been harvested; it was spelled "aftermowth" at that time. And for you singers; did you know that "alto" came from the Latin "altus," which originally meant "man with a high voice?"

It's also amusing the word "amazed" once meant "alarmed or terrified;" it came

from the Latin word "amasian," meaning to stupefy or make crazy." And it may "amaze" you to know the word "angel" came from a Greek word "aggelos," meaning messenger or hireling.

"Awful" once meant "full of awe or something wonderful, delightful and amazing." A "bachelor" was first a poor young soldier. Later, the meaning changed to a young man who was hoping to become a knight.

The use of the term "basement" was first a toilet. If you possessed "charisma" it meant you had a special gift to perform miracles; it came from the Greek "kharis," which meant "God given favor." "Careful" at one time meant "full of anxiety" and "damp" was used to describe noxious vapors or smoke. "Cute"

is a shortened form of "acute," meaning "extremely perceptive or shrewd."

To "edify" came from the Latin "aedificare," which meant to erect or construct a building. And would you believe the original meaning of "egghead" referred to a bald person and was seen as a sign of wisdom? To "dump," comes from the Dutch "domp," meaning haze or mist. "Empty" first meant at leisure or unoccupied or unmarried, coming from Latin "aemetta."

"Facial" was once a religious term meaning "face to face" and "forehead" originally meant an expression, which was easily conveyed by the face, such as innocence or anger. "Girl" was a term used to describe a young person of either sex and to "grin" meant to scowl

PARENT'S CORNER

By
DARRELL
RYAN



or show the teeth as a sign of anger.

I hope I'm not being an idiot for thinking you might enjoy this word study as much as I do. Oh, speaking of idiots, did you know the term "idiot" was once used to describe a layman, as opposed to a clergyman? I guess, at that time, the majority of us would have been idiots! My, words do change and aren't you glad!

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

sudoku

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6	4	8	5	9	1	3	7	2
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5	7	2	8	4	6	1	3	9
1	8	9	2	3	7	4	6	5
7	9	5	4	8	3	2	1	6
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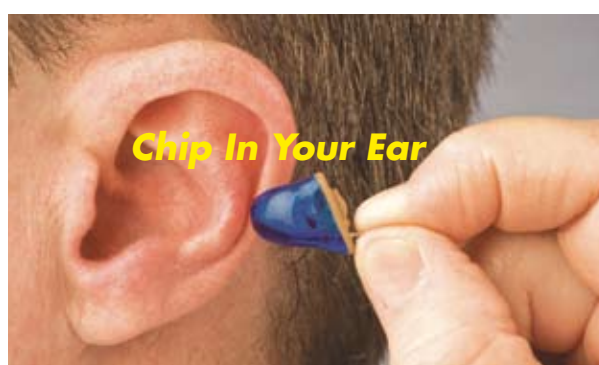
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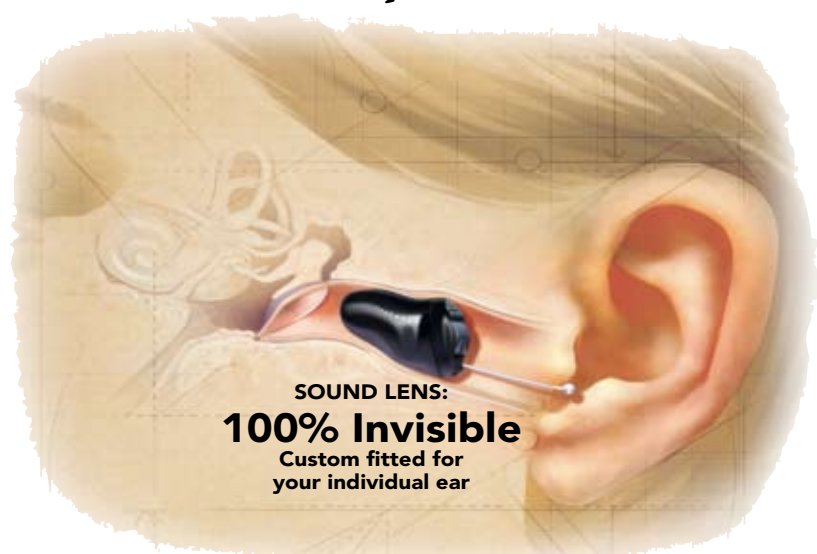
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Japan celebrates first World Cup championship

TOKYO (AP) — If ever there was one, this was a victory to be savored. After a year that will go down in history as one of Japan's hardest, a period scarred by the horrors of a deadly earthquake and tsunami and the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl, the Women's World Cup finally brought the nation something it desperately needed. Heroes. And smiles. Offering a potent symbol that, despite the odds and the hardships, there is a light at the end of the tun-

nel, Japan's triumphant women's football team returned home Tuesday with the World Cup trophy. "I never felt this day would come," team captain Homare Sawa told a news conference, a golden medal around her neck and her Most Valuable Player award displayed in front of her. "It's just now setting in," she beamed. "We played hard as a team. We didn't give up." Thousands of joyous, flag-waving fans turned out to greet the team as they arrived home, and two fire trucks shot out celebratory arches of water over the team's aircraft as it approached the terminal at Tokyo's Narita Airport. Goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori was the first to come through the terminal. The rest of the team, also wearing their gold medals, followed as cameras flashed and fans shouted "omedeto gozaimasu"—congratulations. "This is a chance to forget the nuclear disaster and everything else, to just unite and celebrate," said 22-year-old Toru Komatsu. But the difficulties faced by Japan were never far from the minds of the team. Before boarding the

flight from Germany, Sawa said: "I have to dedicate this win to the people who suffered the disaster." On March 11, more than 20,000 people were left dead or missing by a massive earthquake and tsunami that devastated much of the country's northeast coast and touched off the worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl in 1986, a crisis that still dominates the daily news. The calamity has thrown the nation's economic recovery into question, forced tens of thousands of people to live in temporary shelters, made ghost towns of radiation-tainted villages that may never be inhabited again. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, came Sawa — who has represented Japan for 18 years — and her teammates. As they progressed through the tournament, Japan watched with guarded dreams, not wanting to get its hopes up too high so soon after the terrible disaster. Even as the team made the final, the buildup was cautious — this was the United States, after all, a two-time World Cup champion. No Asian team had ever won the cup. But Japan, which went in at No. 4 in the rankings, just would not give up. They truly had the aspirations of a nation on their shoulders. "On the field, we always felt the support of the nation behind us," said coach Norio Sasaki. "We wanted to give something back." Down once, then twice, they came back. In the penalty shootout following a 2-2 draw, goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori seemed unable to fail — though she missed with her hands, she blocked a key shot away with her

right shin. When the whistle blew, Japan realized it could — finally — start cheering. And cheer it has. After the shootout victory, which came just around dawn on Monday Japan time, chanting fans spilled into the streets. Police kept a small group of revelers from wandering into traffic in Shibuya, a neighborhood known for its youth pop culture. Japan's biggest newspapers printed special editions. Scenes from the game have replayed constantly on television. Prime Minister Naoto Kan hailed the victory as the "greatest gift" to the nation. "I think they brought courage to the whole nation," Kan said. Kan noted a banner the team carried before the final: "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support." "As the prime minister, and as one Japanese citizen, I express my heartfelt gratitude," Kan said before greeting the team personally on Tuesday. The women's team goes by the name "Nadeshiko," a pink mountain flower that symbolizes beauty and strength. Several members of the national squad were directly impacted by the disaster — the power utility that runs the crippled nuclear plant sponsored a professional team. At least one of the World Cup team players worked at the plant itself before the disaster. Defender Azusa Iwashimizu, who was given a red card and ejected for a tackle at the end of overtime, held up a flag with a handwritten message to "Everyone in Tohoku" during the post-victory celebration.

Rangers expect Ryan back soon

HOUSTON (AP) — Tests done Monday on Texas Rangers President Nolan Ryan showed no new heart problems for the Hall of Fame pitcher, who was hospitalized after experiencing discomfort over the weekend.

Ryan, 64, "continues to improve," the Rangers said in a statement. He is expected to be released from a Houston hospital in a day or two.

Ryan has a pre-existing heart condition that will continue being treated with medication, according to the team's statement.

He had a double-bypass operation in 2000 and has a family history of heart disease.

He sought treatment after experiencing discomfort Sunday morning while at his home

in Georgetown, located about 170 miles northwest of Houston.

Ryan had been expected to join the Rangers in Anaheim, Calif., on Tuesday night for the start of a three-game series between his AL West-leading club and the Angels, who are in second place, four games back.

He was scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch and to take part in a ceremony inducting Gene Autry, the Angels' late owner, into the team's Hall of Fame.

Ryan holds the records for most no-hitters (seven) and strikeouts (5,714).

He's been running the Rangers since 2008 and became part-owner last summer in time for the World Series.

NFL

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lawyers filed a motion Monday asking for a summary judgment that the lockout is illegal and that players are entitled to damages. The NFL, meanwhile, asked the court for a week's extension to file their formal response to the lawsuit; the original deadline was Monday. Those filings were necessary, procedural moves that would be

rendered moot if an agreement is reached before the Aug. 29 hearing date.

Later Monday, the NFL and retired players filed a joint request to delay the hearing for at least a month to allow owners "to focus on the continuing mediation."

Atallah called the current players' filing "an obligation to protect the members of the class."

"Obviously, if we come to a settlement, it all can be lifted at any time," he said.

During lengthy negotiations last week, players and owners came up with the framework of a CBA that addresses most of their differences.

Areas they've figured out include:

- How the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided, with somewhere from 46.5 to 48.5 percent going to players, depending on how much the total take from TV contracts and other sources rises or falls;
- A structure for

rookie contracts that will rein in soaring salaries for high first-round draft picks;

- Free agency rules that allow most four-year veterans to negotiate with any team;
- A cap of about \$120 million per team for player salaries in 2011, with about another \$20 million per team in benefits.

- Each team must spend at least 90 percent of the salary cap in cash each season, a higher figure than in the past.

ASTROS

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seventh inning and tied it 2-all. Morse followed with a single, but Lyles retired the next two Nationals to get out of the inning before pitching a perfect eighth.

Carlos Lee's two-out double down the left field line scored Angel Sanchez and gave the Astros a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning.

Lyles didn't allow a hit until Morse's homer to left field on the first pitch of the fifth inning. He walked Bernadina to start the fourth inning, but faced the minimum through four thanks to a double play in that frame.

The Astros evened it at 1-all when Michaels doubled and scored on a double down the right field line by Carlos Corporan in the fifth inning.

The first hit Marquis

yielded was a single by Corporan with no outs in the third inning. He retired the next six Astros after that before the double by Michaels in the fifth inning.

"He worked efficiently, and he was running a sinker in on some guys," Mills said about Marquis. "That really seemed to be effective for him."

Nationals infielder Jerry Hairston Jr., who had a broken bone in his right wrist, was activated from the disabled list on Monday, but did not play.

NOTES: Buddy Lamothe, the Astros' 40th-round pick in this year's

draft who is paralyzed from the waist down, was on the field with the team for batting practice before Monday's game. The Astros had their eye on the reliever from San Jacinto College before he was injured in a diving accident in May. Lamothe, who is recovering at a facility in Houston, hopes to play again one day. "Being out here just gives me a lot of hope to get back out here one day and pitch for the Astros," he said while on the field with his family and college coaches. "That'd be nice."... C Ivan Rodriguez (strained right oblique) is feeling better, but Johnson still isn't sure when he'll come off the DL. The Nationals hope that starter Tom Gorzelanny will be able to make his next scheduled start after twisting his right ankle on Sunday in a home-plate collision. If he isn't, the Nationals could go with four pitchers in their rotation for a bit because of two upcoming off days. ... Houston OF Jason Bourgeois (right quadriceps strain) went 0 for 5 in a rehabilitation start at Double-A Corpus Christi on Sunday. He will join Triple-A Oklahoma City on Tuesday. ... Houston INF Matt Downs, who is on the paternity leave list, and his wife Leah welcomed their first child, a boy named Matthew Jr. on Monday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Make contact. You have terrific social instincts. You're likely to pull a quality new friend into your world just because you were the one who said "hi" when no one else did.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Osho, a great spiritual teacher of the 20th century, said that all artistic activity is on the way toward becoming religious. Today your creativity will lead you to a sacred place in your

own soul. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You may have trouble relating to someone until you broaden your base of acceptability. You are of the same species on the same planet, and there is enough to agree on right there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being loved by another person is not nearly as fulfilling as loving another person. You will be happily occupied in the activities that demonstrate your deep affection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know that by engaging a passionate person who is already in a certain kind of mood, you are asking for trouble. However, as an excitement-seeking risk-taker, you may find it irresistible anyway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sure, there are aspects of your history that you tend to glamorize. And yet, it is your firm opinion that the future will hold ever-more amazing treasures. Share your vision with fellow optimists.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You deserve to deal strictly with people of integrity. Therefore, the ones who tell you to buy what you don't need have to go. Also, there's no time to entertain those who wouldn't do the same for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who said "truth does not blush" was not paying close enough attention. The truth can be very uncomfortable to hear today, and it will provoke a visceral response.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People are talking about you and saying just what you wanted them to say. But this should come as no surprise to you. You've been working pretty diligently to form a certain public image, and now your work is paying off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once a stressful situation passes or a problem is resolved, you will feel better than new. Indeed, you will "be" better than new, having grown in strength and confidence from the experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). What you physically can or cannot do might affect your plan and your thinking. But don't let it affect your opinion of yourself. Placing emphasis on your inner strength will empower you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoid twisting yourself up into a knot to prove how flexible and willing to please you are. Instead, walk tall. It's better to err on the side of rigidity now. Maintain the structure that will let everyone know you mean business.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19). Your tenacity and stamina are marvelous attributes that you'll apply to remarkable feats. Through the next five weeks, good fortune comes by way of community projects and sales. You'll be shown affection and will enjoy a large number of friends and acquaintances. An inheritance or unexpected bounty comes in February. Libra and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 14, 12 and 30

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have never met my biological father. My parents have never lied to me about him. They told me the truth about where I came from and have always added that they love me.

I received presents from this man from the time I was 6 until I was 13, and then I didn't hear from him anymore.

On my 17th birthday, I got a random e-mail from him. We corresponded briefly before he started to chew out my mother and blame her for everything.

But I know the truth. He had visitation rights until I was 5 years old, but he didn't want to pay child support, so he signed over his parental rights to my adoptive father. I told my mother about the e-mails, and then I deleted them.

I am now 19 and don't know whether to be hurt or angry. I don't know if I want this man to be a part of my life, but I definitely do not want

him bashing my mother. He's never paid a dime to help support me.

However, I learned I have a half-brother, and I would like to meet him. Should I try to reach out to my bio father, even if it's only to find out more about this brother?

I want to talk to my parents about this, but every time I bring up the subject, they both become visibly upset. They have told me in the past that it is ultimately my choice, but in private, my mom has said she'd rather I didn't. She is estranged from her own father and was quite hurt when she tried reaching out to him. I don't know what to do. — *Stuck in the Middle*

Dear Stuck: It is caring of you to take your parents' feelings into consideration, but you are an adult now, and contacting your biological father is entirely your choice. It sounds as if you have some unfinished

business, so we suggest trying to contact him again.

But prepare for the possibility that you will be disappointed, and set boundaries. Tell him you'd like a chance to know him (and your half-brother), but you will not tolerate any verbal trashing of your mother.

Dear Annie: I am upset about something my husband did the other day. We were saying goodbye to a friend, and she mentioned something about dessert being served at a party she would be attending.

My husband replied, "If they were serving you as dessert, I would eat that anytime." He did not know I heard him, and it made me very uncomfortable. Should I tell him I overheard his remark and that it was inappropriate? What should I say if he does it again? — *Perturbed in Ontario*

Dear Ontario: These things are best dealt with immediately.

Some women can make a joke out of such lascivious remarks, rolling their eyes while giving the impression that the guy has the manners of a Neanderthal.

If you cannot manage that, however, it's perfectly fine to tell him his words were inappropriate and hurtful. The point is that he doesn't get away with it.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Wedding Gift Nightmare" sent me into orbit. So her brother-in-law decided a three-piece china serving set from an antique shop wasn't suitable?

Does this man know what those pieces cost? I married in 1957. A few days after we returned from our honeymoon, my mother-in-law brought over a poorly wrapped gift from an elderly neighbor. When I opened

it, my mother-in-law's faced dropped. It was a large Pyrex bowl that must have been used in this woman's kitchen for years. I thanked her and then washed it in hot soapy water and felt blessed that this darling neighbor was kind enough to give us a present. That was 57 years ago, and I still have that bowl. It was the most useful gift I received.

I plan to give it to my daughter after I die. Shame on that father for being so materialistic and not having a clue as to the real meaning of the gift. — *Stunned*

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Comic strip 'Dennis the Menace' showing Dennis running away from a woman. Caption: 'MARGARET BROUGHT YOU A FORGET-ME-NOT, BUT I FORGOT WHERE I PUT IT.'

Comic strip 'The Family Circus' showing a boy looking at a statue of Paul Revere on a horse. Caption: 'What's his horse's name?'

Comic strip 'Hagar' showing a woman talking to a dog named Hagar. Captions: 'THAT SIR, IS A VERY UGLY LITTLE MONGREL!', 'I MEAN YOU NO DISRESPECT, MADAME...', '...BUT HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT YOUR MIRROR LATELY?'

Comic strip 'Blondie' showing Blondie talking to a man. Captions: 'I'M KINDA WORRIED ABOUT THE BOSS', 'WORRIED?', 'I DUNNO, HE JUST HASN'T BEEN HIS OLE FEISTY SELF', 'HOW DO YA MEAN?', 'WELL, FOR ONE THING... HE HASN'T EVEN TOUCHED HIS DONALD TRUMP BOBBLEHEAD TODAY.'

Comic strip 'BC' showing two people talking. Captions: 'I ALMOST JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER ONCE.', 'WHAT STOPPED YOU?', 'THE VOW OF SILENCE.'

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 19, the 200th day of 2011. There are 165 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 19, 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented 'By Love Possessed,' starring Lana Turner, to its first-class passengers. On this date: In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed. In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y. In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began. In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II. In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country. In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. In 1986, Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, married Edwin A. Schlossberg in Centerville, Mass. In 1989, 111 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since redesignated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, Calif. Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. George McGovern is 89. Actress Helen Gallagher is 85. Country singer Sue Thompson is 85. Country singer George Hamilton IV is 74. Singer Vikki Carr is 71. Country singer-musician Commander Cody is 67. Actor George Dzundza is 66. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 65. Rock musician Brian May is 64. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 64. Actress Beverly Archer is 63. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 60. Actor Peter Barton is 55. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 51. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 51. Actor Campbell Scott is 50. Actor Anthony Edwards is 49. Country singer Kelly Shiver is 48. Actress Clea Lewis is 46. Country musician Jeremy Patterson is 41. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 40.

Comic strip 'Wizard of Id' showing a man offering flowers. Captions: 'THIS IS FOR YOU!', 'AWW... IT'S SO PRETTY', 'WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT PICKING MY FLOWERS?', 'CLAMP'.

Comic strip 'Agnes' showing a man thinking. Captions: 'I GOT TO THINKING YESTERDAY... WHAT IF WHAT WE THINK WHEN WE DREAM IS REALITY AND WHAT WE THINK WHEN WE ARE AWAKE IS ACTUALLY DREAMING?', 'IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU JUST DREAMED YOU DID.', 'SHOOT... I WAS HOPING I WAS BRILLIANT.', 'SOMEONE'S DREAMING AGAIN.'

Comic strip 'Hi and Lois' showing a dog on TV. Captions: 'I SAW A BUG ON TV JUST LIKE YOU.', 'THEY'RE ALWAYS SO MUCH SMALLER IN REAL LIFE.'

Comic strip 'The Other Coast' showing a man at a movie theater. Captions: 'EIGHT BUCKS TO PARK. TWELVE BUCKS TO GET IN...', 'SEVEN BUCKS FOR POPCORN AND FIVE BUCKS FOR A DRINK...', 'THE COST OF GOING OUT TO A MOVIE IS GETTING OUTRAGEOUS.', 'AND THEY CALL US PIRATES.'

Comic strip 'Snuffy Smith' showing a man with a pitchfork. Captions: 'I MADE IT OUTTA TWIGS !!', 'BODACIOUS, LUKEY !! BET YA COULD SELL 'EM TO TH' FLATLAND TOURISTERS !!', 'DADBURNIT, LUKEY, STOP TAKIN' MY KINDLIN' !!', 'OR NOT !!'

Comic strip 'Beetle Bailey' showing a man with a graph. Captions: 'EXCUSE ME, SIR!', 'I FOUND SOME MISTAKES IN YOUR FIGURES!'

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