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Eclipse shadows Crossroads area

HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins

West Texas residents got a celestial treat late Sunday evening as an annular solar eclipse created a ring of fire in the sky that could be seen all over the Panhandle Region. According to scientists, the next annular solar eclipse visible in the United States won't be seen until 2023. **Hundreds of Crossroads residents lined the mountainside** street at the Big Spring State Park's Scenic Mountain to watch the eclipse. Many called the spectacle a "once in a lifetime event," spending time with loved ones.

Hangar 25's cook-off set for Memorial Day

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Get ready to cook-off at Hangar 25 Air Museum.

The Flightline Cookbook Cook-off has been rescheduled for Memorial

Day. Each entry must be a dish from the "Cooking with Hangar 25" cookbook.

"This is a great way to promote our cookbook and Stockburger participate in the

community," Genevieve Stockburger, museum administrator, said.

This will be the first time a cook-off has been held at the hangar, but Stockburger said she feels it is something fun, entertaining and beneficial to the community and the mu-



"Staying involved in the community is important to us," she said. "This is a way we can do it while having fun and it is beneficial at the same Those interested in cooking

can register at the museum or online. Registration is \$7 and must be completed by May "For those cooking we ask

that they be at the Hangar earlier, but more information, including the cooking and judging times, will be received when they register," Stockburger said.

Entrants will be assigned an area and will be able to decorate their area as they wish. Sampling materials and a label with their name and the name of their dish will be pro-There will also be time for

those wanting to sample the dishes and see just what the cookbook has to offer. For \$3, those attending can sample each of the entries. For children under the age of 12 who

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Council to canvass elect results at Tuesday meeting

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday night to canvass the results of the May 12 municipal election, which will officially get the ball rolling on the \$13 million overhaul of the municipality's

water and wastewater facilities utilizing economic development funding approved by voters. The council is expected to con-

sider emergency reading of an ordinance canvassing the results of the election during the meeting, including the race for the District 4 seat on the council and the controversial 4B sales tax project voters approved by a whopping

71 percent margin. The race for the District 4 seat on the Big

Spring City Council came down to slightly more than a dozen ballots, as candidate Bobby McDonald took the win with 232 ballots, a total of 51.44 percent of the vote, with challenger Loretta Farquhar receiving 219 ballots, a total of 48.56 percent of the vote. However, the hot-button topic in this year's

election was certainly the 4B utility project, which passed with 1,182 ballots in favor, making up a whopping 71.51 percent of the vote, with 471 casting their ballot against the

proposition, accounting for 28.49 percent of

As part of the agreement between the coun-

cil and the Big Spring Economic Development board of directors, the EDC will provide \$750,000 a year for the first two years, and then 40 percent of its sales tax revenue

with a floor of \$500,000 and a ceiling of \$750,000 for the following 18 years — with the city of Big Spring picking up the remainder

The council is also expected to entertain first reading of a resolution directing publication of notice of intent to issue combination tax and revenue certificate of obligation to finance the project.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to consider final reading of a resolution denying a rate increase requested by Atmos Energy's West Texas Division estimated at \$11.6 million, a move that will likely force the issue before the Texas Railroad Commission.

The council approved first reading of the measure during its May 8 meeting by a unanimous vote, a move made necessary by Atmos' unwillingness to negotiate on the matter, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker.

"The company is requesting an \$11.6 million increase. Our consultant found there is actually a decrease that could be substantiated," Walker said. "As part of the steering committee, our city has been working diligently with the company to negotiate a

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Obituaries

Barney Lee Echols



Barney Lee Echols, 98, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Gotebo, Okla., to Nancy and Barney

A. Echols. He worked as a cowboy in West Texas until World War II, where he served in the First Calvary Division in the Asiatic – Pacific Theater, including New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Leyte-Samar, Luzon, the Philippians, Australia

He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in combat, combat infantry badge, good conduct medal, American Defense medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Service medal. After the war, Barney and his brother Jay ranched near Sterling City and near Lometa for many years, moving to Big Spring in 2005.

He is survived by one brother, Jay Echols of Big Spring; one sister, Neoma Clanton of Big Spring; eleven nieces and nephews, Bill Swafford, Larry Swafford and Ruth Graham, all of Big Spring, Raymond Swafford of Midland, Wib Moody of Wickett, Norman Moody and Phil Moody, both of McCamey, Billie Nell Pfeilffer and Mitzi Harper, both of San Angelo, Patsy Bynum of Sterling City and Bill Davis Christoval.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Bertha Davis and Liz Moody.

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

Paid obituary

Vernon Parnell



Vernon Parnell, 71, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with military honors. The Rev. Mona Lue Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabdernacle, will be officiating.

He was born Nov. 1, 1940, in Calvin, Okla., to Lillie and Oscar Parnell. He was a veteran of the

U.S. Navy. He owned Parnell's Salvage and also transported and installed mobile homes for many years. He had been a resident of Howard County for 40 years. He married Shirley Garrett on Sept. 6,

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Parnell of Big Spring; three daughters, Brenda Willadsen and husband Mike of Big Spring, Cindy Rawls and husband Randy of Abilene and Donna Pennwright and husband Dennis of Longview; one son, Heath Garrett and wife Nickea of Big Spring; three sisters, Virginia Harris, Mary Lou Lewis and Patricia Fitzpatrick, all of Oklahoma; four brothers, Oscar Parnell, Phillip "Butch" Parnell, James Parnell and Jimmy Parnell and wife Sherry, all of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Sue Parnell; and one son, Ricky Parnell.

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

Gene Larry Leonard

Gene Larry Leonard, 65, of Big Spring died Friday, May 18, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7

- KRYSTAL KAY HENDERSON, 26, of 400 N.E. 11th St., was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information, no driver's license – when unlicensed, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (three counts). • JESUS TORRES RAMIREZ, 51, of 503 Young St.,
- was arrested Sunday on warrants for assault by contact and two warrants from other agencies. MARK JACOB VERHOEVEN, 20, was arrested
- Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- PABLO PEREZ GONZALES, 49, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-DAYNA LOZANO, 27, was arrested Sunday on a
- charge of criminal mischief more than \$500 and less than \$1,500. • DALE ANTHONY ROGERS III, 35, of 601 State,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of a protective order – communicates.

THEFT was reported:

In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

In the 100 block of E. FM 700.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report. • BELARMINO IGNACIO GONZALEZ, 31, was

- booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 90 days. • JOHNNY VALVERDE RANGEL JR., 45, was
- arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and an Austin parole BRADLEY KENT DIMOCK, 33, was arrested
- Friday by the HCSO on an attorney general warrant for failure to appear – motion for enforcement and an Austin parole warrant. • BRANDON LYNN WHITE, 24, was arrested
- license when unlicensed. THOMAS AGUILAR, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicat-

Friday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's

- ANDY LOPEZ, 37, was arrested Friday (agency not provided) on a miscellaneous Class C offense.
- ANSELMO ARRENDONDO VEGA, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (three counts), no driver's license and assault family violence.
- REBECCA YVONNE ROBLES, 31, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JUAN ANGEL MADRID, 26, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on an Austin parole warrant.
- FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 46, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- HORACIO SALGADO, 39, was arrested Friday by DPS on Andrews County warrants for fugitive arrest - credit card abuse and fugitive arrest -
- JOHN DAVID GAY, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family
- AVERY MARAE BROOKS, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for curfew violation, no driver's license - when unlicensed (two counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- LACEY NICHOLE LEE, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for public intoxication.
- BLAKE RYAN LYLE, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid. LORI ANN WRIGHT, 48, was booked into the
- county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ADAM CHARLES FLOWERS, 17, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.
- ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER, 34, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrant for driving while license inval-
- PABLO PEREZ GONZALES, 49, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- KRYSTAL KAY HENDERSON, 26, was booked

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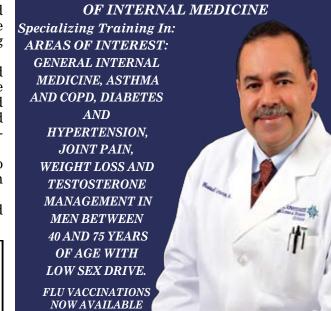
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| Houston | 91 | 67 | mst sunny | St. Louis | 75 | 54 | sunny |
| Los Angeles | 80 | 61 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 75 | 65 | t-storm |
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into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive giving false information and municipal capias warrants for no driver's license, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear (three

• ANDY LOPEZ, 37, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for obstructing highway or other passageway.

- JESUS RAMIREZ, 51, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for assault - physical contact and Lubbock County warrants for revocation of probation - driving while intoxicated (third or more offense) and capias warrant – driving while intoxicated (third or more offense).
- MARK VERHOEVEN, 20, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- DAYNA LOZANO, 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than
- DALE ANTHONY ROGERS II, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order - bias/prejudice.
- CHASITI CODI MCDANIEL, 27, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.





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Texas news in brief

Trial starting for Fort Hood bomb plot suspect

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police officers suddenly rushed the young man wearing a T-shirt, shorts and a baseball cap as he walked out of a motel toward an idling cab near a Texas Army post.

They ordered him to lie face down, took off his backpack and then questioned him in the back of a patrol car. Officers knew neither his name nor his background, but had tracked him since they were tipped off to suspicious purchases at a gun store.

"I was planning an attack here in the Fort Hood community because I don't appreciate what my unit did in Afghanistan," he can be heard telling a detective in a patrol car recording, played at a court hearing last month. Pfc. Naser Jason

Abdo, a Muslim soldier who was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Kv., is accused of planning to bomb a Killeen restaurant filled with Fort Hood soldiers and shoot any survivors last summer. Jury selection was scheduled to start Monday at his federal trial in Waco, about 50 miles northeast of Killeen, the city just outside Fort Abdo, 22, faces up to

life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, the most serious of the six charges on which he's being tried. He is not being tried in

military court. Defense attorneys have not commented on a possible strategy but are not seeking an insanity defense. A gag order prevents attorneys from discussing the case publicly.

Killeen police began investigating Abdo after an employee from Guns Galore called July 26, saying a young man bought six pounds of smokeless gunpowder,

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settlement. However,

for some reason the

company does not seem

to be willing to settle

this case. A lot of that

deals with the fact that

Amarillo and Lubbock

shotgun ammunition and a magazine for a semiautomatic pistol while seeming to know little about his purchases, according to previous court testimony and documents. Officers also learned that he bought a U.S. Army uniform and a "Smith" name patch from another store, but didn't know his unit, according to testimony.

1 dead, 3 hurt in plane crash

BOYD, Texas (AP) The pilot of a small plane has died in a crash in North Texas' Wise County that's left three others injured.

Family members tell Fort Worth television station KXAS (http:// bit.ly/JwyaA3) pilot Steve Dauenhouer was killed Sunday evening while he was trying to land the Cessna 210 on a grass runway about a half-mile from his home in Boyd.

His 19-year-old son, the son's girlfriend and her father all were taken to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for treatment of burns. Relatives say the pilot's son was able to save them but not his father.

The four were returning from Louisiana.

Federal aviation officials are investigating.

Convicted killer's June execution delayed HUNTSVILLE, Texas

(AP) — The execution of a man early next month for the slaying of a Dallas woman at her apartment more than 20 years ago has been delayed. Dallas County pros-

ecutors asked a judge to withdraw the June 6 execution date for 39-yearold Bobby Lee Hines because results of additional DNA testing in his case won't be available by then. District Court Judge Don Adams in Dallas approved the request Friday.

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that stand-alone status.

Hines was convicted of the 1991 murder of 26-year-old Michelle Wendy Haupt. She was stabbed with an ice pick and strangled.

2 dead in Fort Worth shooting

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two people are dead and two other wounded after a driveby shooting on an interstate highway in south Fort Worth.

Authorities say it's not immediately known what prompted shooting where a man and woman in one car were killed and two passengers in their car were injured when the gunfire erupted Sunday night on Interstate 35W. A fifth person in the car escaped injury.

Police told the Fort Star-Telegram Worth (http://bit.ly/KVyEUE) the five people in the car had been at a restaurant, drove on Interstate 20 and then turned south on I-35W.

Police Capt. Kevin Rodricks says a vehicle pulled alongside and the shooting started.

The car then swerved off the highway to a service road and hit a concrete embankment.

Hines was 19 at the time and on probation for a burglary conviction. He was staying with the apartment complex maintenance man who lived next door to the victim and had access to all the keys in the development.

Southeast Texas on record heat pace for 2012

HOUSTON (AP) Houston and several nearby southeast Texas cities are in record heat territory for the year.

Over the nearly first five months of 2012, Houston's average temperature is 66.9 degrees. That's the warmest ever since recordkeeping began 120 years ago, top-

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ping the 66.5-degree average posted in 1911.

Galveston's been keeping track of weather for 137 years and its 68.3 degrees is 1.3 degrees above the current record from 1882. And College Station's 65.2 degrees is a tick over the 65.1-degree mark from 1911. College Station weather records go back 110 years.

El Paso could face water restrictions EL PASO, Texas (AP)

 El Paso authorities are asking residents to voluntarily curtail water use for the next two weeks to try to prevent

mandatory restrictions. El Paso Water Utilities officials tell the El Paso Times (http:// bit.ly/J8e53B) that the lack of water in the Rio Grande and forecasts for scorching temperatures are prompting the calls for people to curtail lawn watering and take shorter showers.

The Rio Grande accounts for half of the city's water supply and low water in the river has forced the shutdown of two treatment plants. Utilities spokesman

Martin Bartlett also is asking people to fix water leaks.

Officials set a goal of 125 million gallons of water use daily for May. That goal was met four days later week.

Woman uses 2 kids in theft of expensive puppy

HOUSTON(AP) - AHouston woman used her two small children to help in the theft of an expensive puppy from a Houston pet store.

A surveillance video shows the woman and two kids, accompanied by two men, ask to see a \$3000 English bulldog puppy. And while the children are petting the dog, they all run out of the store with the animal, jump into their car and speed away.

The manager of the Pet City Houston store, Samantha Stack, tells station Houston TV KTRK the thieves are doing wrong to the dog and to the children. She calls it horrible parent-

People at the store are working with police to try to track down the thieves and the puppy.

WWII vet gets lost military medals restored

BULLARD, Texas (AP) — A 91-year-old World War II veteran who lost everything when a wildfire torched his northeast Texas home last September has had his nearly dozen military decorations restored.

Lloyd Wells says it was really great to be surprised with the replacement medals, including a Bronze Star, during a weekend ceremony at a school in Bullard in Upshur County.

U.S. Rep. Louis Gohmert presented the Bronze Star and other medals to Wells as part of an observance of Armed Forces Day.

His daughter, Kim Baker, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph she had hoped to be able to brighten her father's life by finding a way to get a replacement set of decorations.

Wells was in the Army from 1941 to 1945 and participated in operations in North Africa and Europe.

Jury to get airline exec's child porn case

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Attorneys are scheduled to make their final appeals to a federal jury in the trial of the founder of a South Texas cargo airline on trial on child pornography charges.

Closing arguments are

mation call 264-2401.

Also, a complete copy of

the meeting agenda can

be found online at www.

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scheduled for Monday afternoon in Brownsville in the trial of Robert Hedrick, who testified in his own defense on Friday.

The founder of the air cargo carrier Pan American Airways is charged with five counts related to child pornography and sexual exploitation of children. If convicted, he could get up to 20 years in prison on just one count of distributing child pornography.

Man jailed after gas station clerk robbed, burned

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — A suspect is jailed in after the robbery of a suburban Dallas gas station and burning of its 76-year-old female clerk. A police statement

says the incident happened in Garland Sunday morning. Two Garland officers were across the street when they saw a flash inside the station, drove to the station and saw a woman emerge on fire. After the fire was extinguished, the woman told officers she'd been robbed, doused with a liquid and set afire.

Then, police received reports of a man breaking into houses near the station. Police believe the man officers found is their robbery suspect. He's in Garland city jail Sunday.

Police say the woman is in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

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"We have a June 11 deadline, at this point. If the city does not take action then the rates will go into effect June 11. Since we have not third place winners.

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the council. If we can't reach a settlement, then it will be left entirely up to the Railroad Commission." Tuesday's meeting is

will bring that back to

expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more infor-

www.hangar25airmuseum.com.

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News in brief

For NATO leaders, heralding end to Afghan war is complicated by conflict's harsh realities CHICAGO (AP) — As President Barack Obama

and fellow NATO leaders herald the coming end of the deeply unpopular Afghanistan war, they face the grim reality of two more years of fighting ahead and more of their troops sure to die in combat.

The many partners in the fighting coalition will gather Monday in Obama's hometown to reassert their commitment to ending the war in 2014 and solidify another milestone for next year, when Afghan forces take the lead in combat missions while NATO assumes a supporting role.

So far in the two-day NATO conference, the leaders have voiced hope that a decade of war in Afghanistan will give way to a decade of transition to peace and stability, aided by the U.S. and its allies. But hard realities intrude.

Some NATO countries, most recently France, have sought to end their combat commitments early. The Taliban and its allies have warned that they are waiting to fill the void in Afghanistan after NATO leaves. And with alliance forces — the bulk of which are American — still committed to many more months of fighting, the sacrifices are far from

High school graduation in Joplin marks a senior year of tragedy, perseverance

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — It was a label they sought both to embrace and avoid, a refrain overheard in whispers or uttered bluntly at soccer games, summer camps and national academic competitions: Here come the tornado kids from Joplin.

For the 428 members of Joplin High School's Class of 2012, Monday night's graduation—featuring a commencement speech by President Barack Obama —caps a senior year marked by tragedy, turmoil and perseverance.

The president will visit southwest Missouri the day before the one-year anniversary of the country's deadliest single tornado in six decades. The May 22, 2011, twister killed 161 people, injured hundreds more and destroyed thousands of buildings, including Joplin High. Five other Joplin schools were also destroyed, with four more among the damaged structures.

The twister arrived hours after last year's high school graduation, forever defining the Joplin High Class of 2011 and their younger classmates as well.

"They had to grow up the night of the storm," Joplin High principal Kerry Sachetta said. "They saw things they never should have had to see."

Officials say militants attacked U.S. Coast Guard trainers in Yemen, injuring one

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni security officials say militants have opened fire on three U.S. Coast Guard trainers in western Yemen, wounding one.

The officials say the shooting took place on Sunday in the Red Sea port city of Hodeida in western Yemen. The three Americans were traveling in a car near their hotel when the militants pulled up in another vehicle and sprayed them with machine-

The officials had no word on the condition of the wounded American.

UN nuclear chief in Tehran on key mission over allowing watchdog to resume probe of Iran sites

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The head of the U.N. nuclear agency arrived Monday in Tehran on a key mission that could lead to the resumption of probes by the watchdog on whether Iran has secretly worked on an atomic weapon.

It would also strength the Islamic Republic's negotiating hand in crucial nuclear talks with six world powers later this week in Baghdad. International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yuki-

ya Amano and his two aides were quickly whisked away after landing at the Tehran airport before dawn Monday. They are to meet Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, as well as Iran's foreign minister and other officials later in the day. The visit — Amano's first since becoming the

IAEA chief in 2009 — is focused on getting Iran to agree to terms that will allow IAEA probes of suspect Iranian sites, including the Parchin military complex where the agency had reported suspicious activities in the past. Tehran denies having worked on atomic weap-

ons, saying Parchin is only a conventional weapons site.

Largest compilation of exonerations ever finds over 2,000 falsely convicted over past 23 years WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 2,000 people

who were falsely convicted of serious crimes have been exonerated in the United States in the past 23 years, according to a new archive compiled at two universities. There is no official record-keeping system for ex-

onerations of convicted criminals in the country, so academics set one up. The new national registry, or database, painstakingly assembled by the University of Michigan Law School and the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, is the most complete list of exonerations ever compiled. The database compiled and analyzed by the re-

searchers contains information on 873 exonerations for which they have the most detailed evidence. The researchers are aware of nearly 1,200 other exonerations, for which they have less data.

They found that those 873 exonerated defendants spent a combined total of more than 10,000 years in prison, an average of more than 11 years each.

More than half of overweight and obese adolescents have heart disease risk, CDC study says

ATLANTA (AP) — Half the nation's overweight teens have unhealthy blood pressure, cholesterol or blood sugar levels that put them at risk for future heart attacks and other cardiac problems, new federal research says.

And an even larger proportion of obese adolescents have such a risk, according to the alarming

"What this is saying, unfortunately, is that we're losing the battle early with many kids," said Dr. Stephen Daniels, a University of Colorado School of Medicine expert who was not involved in the

People can keep their risk of heart disease very low if they reach age 45 or 50 at normal weight and with normal blood pressure, normal cholesterol and no diabetes. So these results are not good, he

The study was released Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Lockerbie families express relief, regret and doubt after Libyan convicted in bombing dies

NEW YORK (AP) — The death of the only man convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing has left some victims' relatives relieved and others raising questions about his guilt and whether others went

ligence official died Sunday of cancer, his family said. His death renewed pleas from some victims' relatives for further investigation of the bombing. "It closes a chapter but it doesn't close the book. We know he wasn't the only person involved,"

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, a former Libyan intel-

Frank Dugan, president of the group Victims of Pan Am Flight 103, said from Alexandria, Va. Al-Megrahi was convicted of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over the Scottish town on Dec. 21, 1988.

The bombing killed 270 people, many of them New York and New Jersey residents. Syracuse University in central New York was particularly hard hit: 35 students on the way home for Christmas break died in the bombing. Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi handed over al-Megrahi and a second suspect to Scottish authori-

ties after years of punishing U.N. sanctions. In 2003, Gadhafi acknowledged responsibility, though not guilt, for the bombing and paid compensation of about \$2.7 billion to victims' families.

Yahoo agrees to sell half of its stake in China's Alibaba for about \$7.1 billion

HONG KONG (AP) — Struggling Internet company Yahoo Inc. has secured a lifeline after agreeing to sell half of its prized stake in Chinese e-commerce group Alibaba for about \$7.1 billion, with most of the cash going to shareholders.

The deal, announced Sunday in the U.S., will see Alibaba Group buying back half of its 40 percent stake from Yahoo Inc. for \$6.3 billion cash and up to \$800 million of Alibaba preferred shares.

The announcement caps at least a year of rocky on-and-off talks as Yahoo tried to sell the stake as part of efforts to turnaround its business. Money from the sale will give Yahoo the financial firepower to return cash to disgruntled shareholders, many of whom are still upset after it squandered an opportunity to sell itself to Microsoft Corp. in May 2008 for \$33 per share, or \$47.5 billion. Yahoo's stock has sagged since then, trading at \$15.42 on Friday.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My husband's sister "Kelsey" filed for divorce a few months ago. Her soonto-be ex-husband kept in touch.

He told me that Kelsev had been cheating on him with the guy she is currently seeing. I didn't want to believe him, but in the past few weeks, I've discovered that Kelsey has been lying to her parents, her brother and me about nearly everything.

Her new guy has a DUI and lost his license. He has a child from another relationship, doesn't work and rents a room from his brother.

Kelsey has been pay-

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ing for his plane tickets so he can visit her.

Kelsey told me she was filing for divorce because she couldn't deal with her husband's child from his first marriage.

Now she is jumping into another relationship with the same setup. She is convinced that "it's different." Her parents are unaware that Kelsey is planning to move two states away to be with him after she graduates.

I have spoken my piece. I told Kelsey what she did was wrong. If she were a friend, I would stop speaking to

But this is my sister-inlaw, and I don't want to cut her off. However. neither my husband nor I want Kelsey and her new boyfriend coming

our house. Should I tell Kelsey's parents that she is planning to move away

with this guy? Are we being too harsh by not inviting her into our home? This is my husband's only sister, and I want to do the right



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

thing. Unsure of What To Do

Dear **Unsure:**

Kelsey sounds immature reckand less, the type who will make a lot of mistakes before she learns anything.

Unless Kelsey has sworn you to secrecy, we see no reason not to inform your in-laws of her plans. Welcoming her into

your home is up to you. If you have young children, you might want to keep her at a distance. But the more you disapprove of the boyfriend the more she will defend It often can be more

effective to overwhelm him with kindness. And you never know. He could turn out to be the right guy for her.

Dear Annie: What are your thoughts about the practice of notifying friends by email of the death of a loved one?

This person also included instructions on how to offer condolences and provided rec-

ommendations for plac-

es to contribute in memory of the departed.

Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania: Like it or not, email has become one way people now notify others of everything. And while it may be less appropriate than a phone call or handwritten note, it's certainly more private than posting it on Facebook.

Family members and close friends should still be told of a death with a personal call. Others can be informed in whichever way gets the news out in the most timely manner.

Suggestions for charitable donations and conveying condolences would be included in a newspaper death notice and are therefore acceptable in such an email.

Dear Annie: You suggested to "Roommate," whose 13-year relationship was lacking intimacy, that her husband get his testosterone levels checked.

Why is it that when men don't want sex, it's because their hormone levels are off, but when women don't want intimacy, it's because the relationship needs work?

You would think

over finding a physiological reason for wom-

en's lack of interest. Not once has any doctor recommended that I get my hormone levels

checked. - Ohio

Dear Ohio: You must not be a regular reader of this column. We've done countless letters on women and their

hormone levels. The best advocate for your health care is YOU. If you think your hormone levels are off, don't wait for your doctor to suggest it.

Insist on being tested. And researchers are indeed "all over" finding a pill for women that equals Viagra for men.

Not there yet. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.

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Rangers down Astros in interleague action

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The last time Colby Lewis had two RBIs, it helped the Texas Rangers to the second victory of what would become an 11-game winning streak in 2010.

Texas manager Ron Washington is hoping his pitcher's performance on Sunday means good things are ahead for his team.

Lewis allowed four hits in eightplus innings and drove in two runs, and the Rangers took a five-run lead in the first inning before coasting to a 6-1 win over the Houston Astros.

It was the first time a Rangers pitcher had driven in any runs since Lewis also drove in two in a win over Milwaukee on June 13, 2010, and he's the only Rangers pitcher with an RBI since 2006.

"It was awesome," said Washington of Lewis, who also had a single in the fifth. "The last time he did that we went on an 11-game winning streak, so I hope that's a sign."

Lewis (4-3) capped the Rangers' firstinning scoring with a bases-loaded, two-out single to center field to score

"That was a huge hit and it did a lot for his confidence," Washington said. The Rangers got to Houston starter Jordan Lyles early, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Josh Hamilton and adding two more on a single by Nelson Cruz before the hit by Lewis.

"I always like playing on the National League side and getting some hits in and hacks in, or whatever you want to call it," Lewis said. "It was a lot of fun. It keeps me more involved. I love the National League side of things."

His performance marked the eighth time an AL pitcher has had two hits and two RBI since interleague play began in 1997. He has two of those after also collecting two hits in his other two-RBI game in 2010.

Lewis didn't allow a run until Jed Lowrie's solo shot to right field to start the ninth. He was replaced by Robbie Ross, who allowed one hit. It was the longest outing of the season for Lewis, who walked one and struck out six.

"He was quite sharp today," Washington said. "He had a good breaking ball working, and he was able to spot his fastball and he had a real good The performance allowed Lewis to

bounce back from a string of three straight losses, where he allowed a combined 19 runs and 23 hits.

"Things didn't go my way in the

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Elvis Andrus (left) and Ian Kinsler congratulate each other after Sunday's 6-1 win over the Astros in Interleague play.

Dufner wins Nelson with 25 ft. putt on 18

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A month ago, Jason Dufner was a single man still in search of his first PGA Tour victory.

Life has certainly changed for the 35-year-old golfer who last summer at the PGA Championship blew a four-stroke lead with four holes to play and lost in

With a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole of the Byron Nelson Championship on Sunday, Dufner closed out a one-stroke victory over Dicky Pride to win for the second time in four weeks.

"You probably couldn't dream it any better than what's been going on here," Dufner said. "The wedding has been in the works for close to a year, so we know that's been coming around the corner. And there's been a lot of good golf since then, but to win two events and get married in the span of 22 days, pretty remarkable."

Dufner got his first victory April 29 at New Orleans, then got married the following week.

Now he has already won again, this time making \$1.17 million and taking over the top spot in the FedEx Cup standings.

His closing birdie wrapped up a 3-under 67 round for an 11-under 269 to avoid a playoff with Pride.

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Ruth jersey sells for record \$4.4 million

sey worn by The Bambino sold for more than \$4.4 million Sunday, a record for any item of sports memorabilia, according to the buyer and seller.

SCP Auctions, based in California, said the circa 1920 New York Yankees uniform top is the earliest known jersey worn by Ruth and it fetched \$4,415,658 at the company's April auction, which ended Sunday. That price broke the previous record of \$4,338,500 set in 2010 for James Naismith's found-

Lelands.com said it submitted the winning bid for the jersey, which had been displayed for years at The Babe Ruth

Birthplace Museum in

ing rules of basketball.

(AP) — A baseball jer- Baltimore. The road top has "New York" written across the front and the Hall of Fame slugger wore it shortly after he was sold to the Yankees by the Boston Red Sox for \$100,000 following the 1919 season.

Suzan French, spokeswoman for Lelands.com, said the company plans to sell the jersey privately rather than re-auction it.

"Such a spectacular piece will find a home with one of our private clients who truly appreciates its historic significance," Lelands.com president Michael Heffner said in a statement.

Ruth retired in 1935 with 714 home runs, the major league record for

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Spurs rally to sweep Clippers

BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs mowed down another opponent, using their guile under pressure to close out another perfect playoff series.

Tim Duncan scored 21 points, Tony Parker added 17 and the Spurs beat the Los Angeles Clippers 102-99 on Sunday night to win their second-round matchup 4-0 and advance to the Western Conference finals.

"They played great, they made it tough on us," Parker said. "The last 2 minutes we got the stops we needed. Everybody did something."

The Spurs extended their winning streak to 18 games and their playoff record to 8-0, tying the third-best postseason streak

in franchise history.

'Until we go all the way, I can't compare this team," said Parker, who has won three NBA titles with the Spurs. "We're just trying to stay focused."

Danny Green and Gary Neal added 14 points each, and Manu Ginobili and Thiago Splitter had 11 each.

"We needed a game like that. It arrived at the perfect time," Parker said. "We battled. We executed our plays, made big baskets."

San Antonio could find out as soon as Monday night who it will play next. Oklahoma City leads the Lakers 3-1 in their series, with Game 5 on Monday.

"We haven't done anything yet. We've won two rounds,' Duncan said. "We haven't done anything so you can't qualify or classify our team as anything other than that we've gotten this far."

The Spurs trailed much of the fourth until tying the game twice in the final 3:32 before their 30-something trio of Duncan, Parker and Ginobili took over most of the scoring.

"Their experience showed with their execution," Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro. "Tim looks great and the rest of the guys are feeding off that."

Chris Paul had 23 points and 11 assists, Blake Griffin added 21 points, and Eric Bledsoe had 17 for the Clippers, who blew a six-point lead in the fourth quarter when Paul faltered in the final two minutes, usually a time when the All-Star guard is at his best.

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James, Wade combine for 70 to give Heat win

TOM WITHERS AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The coveted NBA championship, the one LeBron James needs to validate everything, was vanishing.

With 18,000 towel-waving fans roaring like the engines at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Indiana Pacers had knocked the Miami Heat to the floor and to the edge of elimination.

James didn't panic. He simply picked up his teammates and carried them to a win.

And this time, Dwyane Wade helped.

James scored 40 points with 18 rebounds and nine assists, and Wade added 30 points -22 in the second half — as Miami rallied to even their semifinal series against Indiana with a 101-93 win on Sunday over the Pacers, who had the defending Eastern Conference champions down couldn't keep them there.

"I felt like I had to do whatever it took to win," said James, who played all but four minutes.

With All-Star forward Chris Bosh injured and back in Florida, the James-Wade tag team saved the Heat, who will host Game 5 on Tuesday night at AmericanAirlines Arena.

"Me and 'Bron had it going," said Wade, who bounced back from the worst playoff game of his career — five points on 2-of-13 shooting — with one of his best, "We played off of each other very well. We both were aggressive at the same time. That's beautiful basketball for the Miami Heat when we play that way."

The Heat now head home back in control of

the best-of-seven series.

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TODAY

Minor League

Reds vs. Indians, Roberts, 5:30 p.m.

 Yankees vs. Mets, Garrett, 5:30 p.m. Pee Wee League

Astros vs. Athletics, Hollis, 6 p.m.

Pony League

Mets vs. Angels, Pony East, 7 p.m.

Astros vs. Rangers, Pony West, 7 p.m.

Major League

- Athletics vs. Cardinals, Roberts, 7:30
- Astros vs. Mets, Hollis, 7:30 p.m.
- Dodgers vs. Red Sox, Garrett, 7:30 p.m.

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- Pirates vs. Diamondbacks, 7:30 p.m.

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Mercury and Jupiter align in Taurus, shining kindly on sales people across the globe. Talking your way into money will be the favored method;

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specific action you want your potential customer to take.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll experience the fluidity of time. You'll place your precious attention on the things that really warrant your focus, and suddenly time stretches or contracts to accommodate what you want to accomplish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Conversation may not flow as easily as usual. Have a "go to" statement that you know will carry you over the bumps. A new topic from the realm of sports and entertainment could be iust the ticket.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Self-care doesn't have

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to be extravagant. Simply taking a walk, reading what you like or talking to your favorite friend could lift your spirits more effectively than anything you could buy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're so cozy in your private world lately that sometimes you have to remind yourself to socialize. You know who your favorite people are, so why not make an effort to be around them more often?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find that you take joy in life and in just being yourself, even when things go wrong. The slight blips pass quickly and add interest to your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Satisfaction is an essential element of high moral character. Seeing a project through completion and knowing you have accomplished with your something time will bring you a contented, if not proud, feeling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take a break from the more serious forces of relationship, delight in minor goals such as making the other person smile. You can't underestimate the power of levity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love is a journey to discovery. You may set out to find the treasure in another, and find it you will, but the real surprise is when you uncover an equally rich trove inside of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's time to either pursue a course of action with great intention, or give it up. There is no in-between stage that will yield results. Better to leave and try again later than to invest half-hearted energy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will make with peace someone eventually. And though you may not bridge the gap entirely today, with consistent effort. relationships are mended. So don't give up. Every act of good will counts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You usually don't realize the effect you have, so it may surprise you to know how influential you are.

You'll sit back and enjoy what unfolds, and people around you take this as a cue to loosen up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While you like to stay busy, there are parts of your work that leave you so unsatisfied that you wonder whether should give it a break. It's not a bad idea to throw up your hands. You can always come back to this tomorrow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 21). It's a gilded year: You'll appreciate the value and admire the beauty of your own experience. Your dearest associations get even closer because you step up to a new level of awareness. Your talents find new expressions in July. Travel is featured in August. In October, you'll organize groups increase your and earnings. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 49, 31 and 16.

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times, I woke him up and about a schoolyard bully expressed astonishment.

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Well, Ann, I was definitely not dreaming. Dudley did indeed hit me. I asked if he perhaps dreamed he was in a fight, and he said it was possible, but he never remembers his dreams.

I find this hard to believe because remember mine.

I am truly concerned that Dudley has subconscious wish to hurt me. Please tell me how to handle this. —

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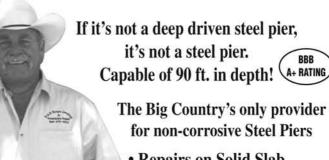
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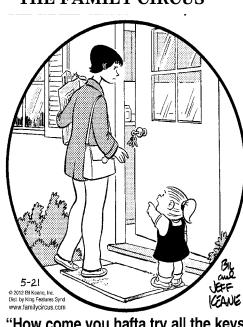


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In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, pre-

miered in Milan, Italy. in 1911, during the Mexican

Revolution, the Treaty Ciudad Juarez was signed by President Porfirio Diaz and revolutionary leader Francisco I. Madero; under the agreement, Diaz resigned his office and went into exile. In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh

landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 hours. In 1941, a German U-boat

sank the American merchant

steamship SS Robin Moor in

the South Atlantic after allowing the ship's passengers and crew to board lifeboats. In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini

Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway with Ethel Merman starring as Mama Rose. In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta,

on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ. In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces

landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay. In 1991, former Indian Prime

Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythmand-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 71. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 69. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 67. Musician Bill Champlin is 65. Singer Leo Sayer is 64. Actress Carol Potter is 64. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 61. Actor Mr. T is 60. Music producer Stan Lynch is 57. Actor Judge Reinhold is 55. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 53. Actor Brent Briscoe is 51. Actress Fairuza Balk is 38. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event)

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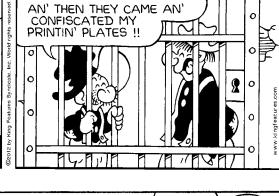




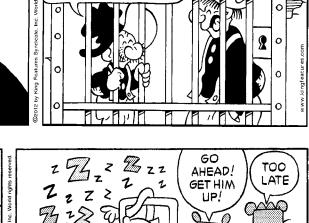


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25 Tosses

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33 Architect's drawings

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11 Success-vs.failure choice 12 "That doesn't

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28 Hard hit 29 Prohibition-era liquor

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43 Playground rides

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Al-Jazeera to launch **U.S.** sports channels

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Al-Jazeera says it will launch two sports channels in the United States in August.

Qatar-based The broadcaster says it plans to show league football from Spain, France and Italy as well as the Copa America and South American qualifying matches for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

The network will be

called beIN Sports USA. BeIN Sports managdirector Youssef Mohammad al-Obaidly says the channels will be "a new way of watching sports, a better way."

He says the network is in "the last stages of negotiation with different providers, having secured two major deals so far that will bring the channel to subscribers homes on August 1."

RANGERS

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last couple of starts, so I just wanted to bounce back and go deep into the game," he said.

David Murphy added a solo home run in the fifth inning, a day after hitting his first career inside-the-park homer for Texas.

Lyles (0-1) yielded nine hits and six runs — both season highs — in five innings in his third start. The 21-year-old, who has spent most of the season in Triple-A, walked three and struck out six.

Lewis retired the side in the fifth before Altuve singled to start the sixth. He sent down the next nine Astros before he was chased by Lowrie's homer.

Ian Kinsler and Elvis Andrus hit consecutive singles in the first inning before Kinsler scored on the sacrifice fly by Hamilton. Michael Young hit a two-out double before Lyles intentionally walked Murphy to load the bases.

The walk backfired when Cruz knocked a line drive single to left field to score two and push the lead to 3-0.

Lyles then plunked Yorvit Torrealba before the two-RBI single by Lewis.

Kinsler grounded out to end the inning.

Cruz singled in the ninth inning on a fly ball to center field, but was out when he passed Young on the basepath as Young headed back to

I'll Have Another set for another at Belmont

BALTIMORE (AP) — I'll Have Another poked his head out of his stall, started nibbling on his nameplate tacked to a wall and looked up at all the people watching his every move.

Yes, I'll Have Another came out of his thrilling Preakness win over Bodemeister in "super shape," trainer Doug O'Neill said Sunday, and now comes New York for a Triple Crown try in the Belmont Stakes on June "Bring it on! We're ready to

go. Super pumped!" O'Neill said as he held court outside the stall of his Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner. "I can't put into words how incredible it is. We're just on Cloud 9. It's super exciting."

The colorful and controversial trainer was returning to his home base in California, and making plans for the trip to New York in the next week or so. I'll Have Another, meanwhile, was loaded onto a horse van at Pimlico and arrived at Belmont Park on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

O'Neill's assistant, Jack Sisterson, will oversee the chestnut colt until O'Neill and the rest of his team arrive.

The trainer took time to soak in the moment before leaving Baltimore, though, and to contemplate the pressure-packed days that await leading to the first Triple Crown attempt since 2008. It will be the 12th Triple try since 1978, when Affirmed won thoroughbred racing's most elusive prize. "It's hasn't completely sunk

in yet," he said. "The party out here at the barn after the race was like wow! I've never seen anything like that — everyone so excited about horse racing and I'll Have Another being 2-for-2. I definitely feel the energy and buzz in the air."

There was Real Quiet in 1998, who looked like a lock to take the Belmont until he was nailed at the wire by Victory Gallop. And there was Smarty Jones, who also seemed golden in the Belmont stretch only to be reeled in by 36-1 shot Birdstone in the final 70 yards.

So can I'll Have Another win it? Steve Cauthen, who was a fresh-faced, 18-year-old jockey who rode Affirmed into history, believes the colt can deliver. Not only does he see similarities with Affirmed, but "The Kid' can relate to what "new-kid-onthe-block" rider Mario Gutierrez is experiencing.

"I guess I'm having a flashback," Cauthen said Sunday from his breeding farm in Verona, Ky. "He's a new kid on the block like I was. The kid's got a great attitude and a great smile. And, like me, he's been put in a position to ride in these kinds of races and a shot at maybe winning the Triple Crown. And the trainer and owner have confidence in him, and that's important, because Laz (Barrera, Affirmed's trainer) and Mr. Wolfson (owner Louis Wolfson) were 100 percent behind me."

As for I'll Have Another, Cauthen said the colt seems relaxed and takes things in stride, just like Affirmed.

RUTH

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nearly 40 years. Hank Aaron broke that mark and then was passed by Barry Bonds, who finished with 762.

In addition, Ruth's 1934 New York Yankees cap that was owned by former major league pitcher David Wells

sold for \$537,278 at auction. The colorful Wells bought the cap for about \$30,000 from a collector and famously paid homage to his idol by wearing it on the mound with the Yankees during a game on June 28.

Hall of Fame linebacker Lawrence Taylor's New York Giants Super Bowl ring from the 1990 season went for \$230,401.

Those items also set records, for a baseball cap and a Super Bowl SCP Auctions ring, said.

"This proves again that Babe Ruth is 'king' in the sports memorabilia world," SCP Auctions president David Kohler said in a state-

Also included in the auction was the high-

end baseball card collection belonging to former big league All-Star Dmitri Young. Top prices were a 1954 Hank Aaron rookie card (\$537,954) and a 1955 Roberto Clemente rookie card (\$432,690). The proceeds will help Young begin a foundation to help kids and student athletes near his home in Ventura County, Calif., SCP Auctions said.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

Both sides vulnerabl SOUTH The bidding:
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East 1 ♥ 3 ♣ 3 NT Pass Opening lead — six of clubs.

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Sometimes, a carefully considered play can backfire and lead to a disastrous result. That is precisely what happened on this deal from the 1989 Venice Cup finals between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States. The Americans won the 128-deal match by a relatively narrow margin after an exciting contest in which the outcome remained in doubt right up to the final few deals.

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The bidding shown occurred early in the match at the table where

Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas were North-South for the U.S. Deas reached three notrump after a lively auction, and the Dutch West led the

Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with jack of hearts! This unusual play was designed to guard against a holding of Q-x-x in the South hand. If declarer had that holding, the lead of the jack would trap the queen, whereas a low heart return would establish the queen as a stopper after South followed low. However, East's - well thought out as it was served only to confuse her partner after declarer won the trick with the

king.

When West subsequently gained the lead with the queen of diamonds, she returned a heart! This established ninth trick. In all, declarer scored two hearts, two spades, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. Had West returned a club instead, establishing East's clubs before the ace of hearts was dislodged, South would have fallen a trick short.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair wound up in two spades, down two. The combination of +600 at one table and -200 at the other gave the Americans a 9-IMP pickup on the deal

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NELSON

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Pride, whose only PGA Tour victory in a 20-year professional career came in 1994, was at 10 under with a par-saving 22-foot putt at No. 18 for a round of 67 after hitting his drive into the water.

Moments later. Dufner made a putt that was only a few feet longer but on virtually the same

"Apparently that was not a very

difficult putt on 18, from the long right," Pride said chuckling.

J.J. Henry, who had an early hole-in-one, was in the lead at 11 under after consecutive birdies at Nos. 15 and 16, overcoming a bad tee shot on the first and a greenside bunker on the second.

Pride made a 13-foot birdie at No. 17 right before Henry, in the final group with Dufner, hit a 7-iron over the par-3 green.

The former TCU star lost the lead with a double bogey after a 4-foot putt slid just outside the

"To be honest, I thought I hit a good shot on 17. I thought the wind was a little into me," Henry said. "I hit the line exactly where I tried to and it just carried about 6 or 7 yards too far."

After watching Henry's meltdown, Dufner made a tap-in par at No. 17 and then hit a big drive on No. 18 in the middle of the fair-

He hit a sand wedge to the middle of the green, then avoided a playoff with the long putt to join Hunter Mahan as the only twotime winners this season.

over."

SPURS

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'We had our opportunities and we couldn't fourth, Bledsoe came up big, scoring 11 in a row, to extend the lead to 90-85 with 5:38 remaining.

After Reggie Evans missed two free throws,

the free throw to put the Clippers ahead by one.

Parker scored consecutive baskets and the Spurs regained the lead, 100-97, with 1:47 left.

Paul's two free throws drew the Clippers within one. After a timeout, Paul drove the basket and lost the ball. He fouled Green, who made the first and missed the second to keep the Spurs ahead for good.

"I messed up, bad decisions," Paul said, holding his 2-year-old son on his lap. "I should have shot it and I missed the shot, all on me."

Paul then missed another shot, and Mo Williams fouled Parker, who missed the first and made the second with a second left.

"To let my team down in that situation is probably the toughest part of the season," Paul said. "We scrapped, we played hard. At the end of the day, playing hard isn't always enough. You got to execute. On that last play, at least we could have gotten a shot

off and I turned the ball

DeAndre Jordan add-

ed 10 points. Paul had

best performance of

the series after sub-par

efforts in the first two

games. He'd been play-

ing with a strained right

hip, while Griffin has a

sprained right knee, an

injured left hip and got

stitches for a cut lip in

Neither team led by

more than five points

in the third period.

Duncan had 10 points

for the Spurs. Bledsoe's

putback slam dunk gave

the Clippers 75-74 lead

The Spurs stretched

their lead to 12 points with Duncan sitting out

the opening 7 minutes of

The Clippers closed

on a 14-6 run to trail 51-

47 at halftime. Paul got

it started with a 19-foot

jumper and ended it

with a 3-pointer. Early

in the spurt, Griffin ran

into Ginobili's shoulder, fell and one of his

top teeth went through his lip. He left the court

with 2:20 remaining to get two stitches on the

inside and outside of his

Los Angeles began the

the second quarter.

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game on a 9-4 run before San Antonio scored 14 unanswered points, reminiscent of its 24-0 third-quarter spurt Saturday that led to the Spurs' eventual 10-point victory in Game 3.

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