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Town hall meeting:

Debt, energy top talk

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The ever-growing federal debt, a need for energy independence and regulatory burdens were the three main topics on the mind of U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer Wednesday afternoon, as he held a town hall meeting on the Howard College campus. Neugebauer spent the better part of the af-

ternoon meeting with local officials and touring educational facilities — including those at Howard College and the newly constructed portion of what will soon be Goliad Elementary School — a day that culminated with the town hall meeting. "There are three things we believe are major

concerns in the country right now," Neugebauer said. "One are these huge deficits we are running. We cannot continue to borrow and spend money we don't have and mortgaging the future for our children and grandchildren. The second is energy independence. One of the things we have been experiencing are these high gasoline and diesel prices and that has really put a burden on our families, our businesses and our economy. We have to get serious about passing a comprehensive energy policy in this country





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U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) addresses the audience during a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts Wednesday afternoon. Listening to Neugebauer is Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

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Saturday Splash In aim: 'sunshine, water and fun'

Flenniken

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

For more than 50 years, residents of the Crossroads — and, more importantly, students — have trumpeted the be-

ginning of the summer vacation with a day in the sun, a tradition that will continue Saturday as the city of Big Spring and KBST Radio present the annual Splash Set for 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the

Big Spring Aquatics Center, the Splash In has long been a fixture in the Crossroads area, and while the look of the city's pool has changed im-

mensely during the past few years, the goal of the event hasn't. "It's all about sunshine, water and fun," Malinda Flenniken, general manager of KBST Radio, said. "KBST and the city have

been holding the Splash In for more than 50 years now and it's become a tradition in the city. This is how we kick off the summer be broadcasting live from the aquatics cen-

Flenniken said the local radio station will

ter — located in Comanche Trail Park — during the event.

"This is something we at the radio station

What: City of Big Spring/KBST Splash

Where: Big Spring Aquatics Center, Comanche Trail Park.

When: 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.

no different," Flenniken said. Admission to the aquatics center is free

look forward to every year and this year is

during the Splash In and participants will have chances to win prizes throughout the "We'll be rolling out our new summer promotion, the Nabors Well Service Plinko

Board," Flenniken said. "Most of you will remember Plinko from the old television game show, where you slide a large, disc-shape chip down the board and whatever prize it lands on, that's what you get." Prizes will range from inflatable water

toys to more extravagant treasures.

ers, which include hotel and accomoda-See **SPLASH**, Page 3

'We'll have tickets to see the Texas Rang-

Cap & gown time

Big Spring grads to earn diplomas Friday at 8 p.m. By STEVE REAGAN

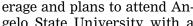
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School

Class of 2012 will receive its diplowhen school holds commencement ercises at 8 p.m Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Leading the way will be top gradu-Lacy Murtrey and Cerbi Ritchey.

Valedictorian McMurtrey, daughter of Brenda and Tommy McMurtrey, graduating with a 4.0 grade point av-



Ritchey

McMurtrey

gelo State University with a major in physical therapy.

During her high school ca-

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Commencement for Coahoma at 7 p.m. today

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer COAHOMA — McKenzie





ron and Karri Moore, is class valedictorian with a grade point average of 102. She is a member of the National

Moore,

are

the

High

Honor Society, student council and is active in one-act play, Business Professionals of America and the

Spanish Club. As a member of Future Farmers of America, she has been named a national voting

delegate and has received a

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Obituaries

Juanita Stinnette Roberts



Juanita Stinnette Roberts, 93, of Eastland County, formerly of Big Spring went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in Ranger, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Pastor Craig Rhoton of Lake Leon Baptist Church officiating.

She was born May 17, 1919, in Sweetwater, Texas, to L.B. and Myrtle Stinnette. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, Texas. For the past eight years, she lived at Lake Leon in Eastland, Texas.

She had many friends and she loved and enjoyed taking care of little children. She was a member of Lake Leon Baptist Church in Eastland, Texas. Juanita was loved by many and will be missed. Rest

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Chamberlain and husband Charles of Eastland, Texas; one grandson, Alan Stone of Austin, Texas; one granddaughter, Kelli Beaman of Eastland, Texas; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earon Roberts; two brothers; and one sister. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Bobby Gyron Vick

BRECKENRIDGE — Bobby Gyron Vick, 78, of Richardson died Monday in a Richardson Hospital. Funeral service with Charles Kuhn officiating will be held Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. Interment is to follow in the Hart Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home of Breckenridge.

Bobby was born Oct. 26, 1933, in Breckenridge to Ancel Gyron Vick and Loree Wright Vick. He went to school in Breckenridge and attended Hardin Simmons University. Mr. Vick loved to rodeo in his younger years and also served in the National

He was employed by Phillips Petroleum, Shell Oil Company and retired with Ensearch Exploration in Dallas after a long career which included several years in Tehran, Iran. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Breckenridge.

Survivors include his wife, Mou Vick of Richardson; daughters, Robbie Young and husband Ted of Friendswood and Anna Evans and husband Mike of Big Spring; son, Paul Vick and wife Libby of Fredericksburg; sisters, Carolyn Kennedy of Cisco and Susan Bigham and husband Stan of Austin; brother, Gary Vick and wife Leslie of Trophy Club; grandchildren, Brian and Tyler Young, Ashton and Hutton Evans, Blake and Ryan Vick and Tyler Hackney; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son,

Steve Franklin Vick; and a grandson, Jordan Michael Evans. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart

The family invites friends to leave a condolence or share a memory of Bobby in the online guestbook at www.meltonkitchens.com.

Paid obituary

Support Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. Dr. Clipper Strickland will speak on the topic of diabetic retinopathy. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m. one plus a rehab meeting.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 6 a.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. today:

- SETH ERNEST WILLIAMSON, 24, of 1425 E. Sixth 2, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for operate a motor vehicle with wrong registration, failed to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration.
- ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 19, of 809 Father Delaney St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief between \$50 and \$500. BRITTANY MARIE DAVES, 25, of 5806 Oak, was
- arrested Wednesday on a warrant for safety seat system-child under age 8 or less than 4'9" tall (two • JOE DAVID GARCIA, 36, of 3479 South Hills No.2020, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of
- driving while intoxicated with blood alcohol level greater than or equal to .15. • PAUL MORENO JR., 29, of 2602 Barksdale Dri-
- ve, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for open container in a motor vehicle-passenger. • TIMOTHY ALEX UNDERWOOD, 35, of 111 E. 16th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant
- for driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction. · ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of N. Benton.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this

- PAULA SUE BAKER, 52, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- VERONICA ORTIZ, 29, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a Green County warrant for bondsman off bond for tampering/fabricating physical evidence.
- TINA LOUIZE REDFEARN, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a New Mexico warrant for fugitive trafficking a controlled substance.
- TIM BECK, 51, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.
- CRYSTAL COBLE, 24, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – vulgar language.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 29, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and evading arrest or
- ROXANA BLACKWELL, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL WADE GUNTER, 25, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration, failure to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection, violation of a promise to appear and failure to maintain financial responsi-
- SETH ERNEST WILLIAMSON, 24, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on municipal capias warrants for displaying fictitious (wrong) registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying expired registration

Take Note

- YMCA is looking for childcare help for summer camp. Summer camp will start May 29. Those wanting to apply for childcare help must be over 18, have high school diploma or GED, know first aid and CPR, must pass drug test and background check and FBI print. For more information, contact Rosie Franco at 267-8234. YMCA is located at 801
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet- has a brief, inspirational message before giving ing, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speak- away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's ers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday a great way to work off community service and get night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for

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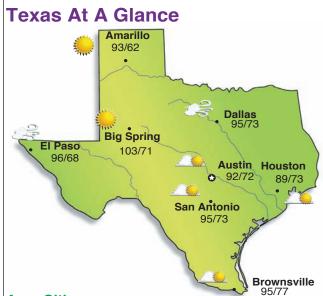
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Austin	92	72	pt sunny	Longview	93	71	windy
Beaumont	88	72	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	66	sunny
Brownsville			pt sunny	Lufkin	93	71	windy
Brownwood	100	73	pt sunny	Midland	102	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	93	72	windy	Rosenberg	89	73	pt sunny
Dallas	95	73	windy	San Antonio	95	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	99	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	72	pt sunny
El Paso	96	68	windy	Sulphur Springs	93	72	windy
Fort Stockton	102	70	sunny	Sweetwater	103	71	sunny
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Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to

Correction

In Wednesday's story on Forsan High School's graduation, it stated that commencement exercises would be held at 8 p.m. Friday. The correct time will be 8 p.m. Saturday in the high school gymna-

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SPLASH

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tions," she said. "We'll also have a lot of local prizes, including tickets to the aquatics center, passes for Moss Creek Lake, municipal golf course passes and cash. There's going to be plenty of chances to win throughout the day."

Area residents will have plenty of reason to douse themselves in the waters of the aquatics center this weekend, as most weather outlets are calling for temperatures to reach the 100-degree mark, leveling out Saturday with highs in the low 90s.

For more information on the Splash In, contact the KBST office at 432-267-

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TALK

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to make ourselves less and less dependent on these foreign countries that don't necessarily like America, but they like American dollars.

"The third is this regulatory burden. A lot of businesses are very concerned about the impact of 'Obamacare,' all of these EPA regulations coming out and the department of labor. It is creating a lot of uncertainty in our country and I feel like it is really keeping our economy from coming

Neugebauer said he is seeing a number of problems with many of the regulations that have been set up to protect Americans from financial ruin since the 2008 collapse of U.S. Financial markets.

"We saw a meltdown of our financial markets in 2008 but we saw this huge piece of legislation passed that was called Dodd-Frank (Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act) that was passed," Neugebauer said. "It threw a pretty big blanket over a lot of our financial institutions. What we're learning, however, is that in an effort to control Wall Street we really impacted Main Street. We've been hearing from a lot of our community bankers that all of these new regulations and burdens are making it more difficult to service the cus-

"That concerns me because, as you know, small businesses are the No. 1 job creator in this country, so we don't want to make it hard for our small businesses to get capital and the loans they need to start new businesses and create new jobs. In my role as chairman of oversight for financial services, I've been looking into some of these new regulations."

Fiscal responsibility was also a major part of Neugebauer's presentation at the Hall Center for the Arts, focusing mainly on the federal deficit.

family who is making \$24,000 a year but is spending \$37,000 a year. So they are spending \$13,000 a year more than what they are making," Neugebau-

"I'd like to tell you about a

er said. "Well, they just got their credit card statement and they found out they owe \$157,000 on their credit card. That little family I'm describing is the United States of America. We have \$2.4 trillion in revenues but we're spending \$3.7 trillion, which makes for a \$1.3 trillion deficit. Our national debt is now approaching \$16 trillion. This is something that has to be addressed. We have to get America back on track."

As the battle for financial reform continues in Washington, D.C., Neugebauer said concerns over healthcare reform and "Obamacare" have met something of a standstill. "What we're all waiting

to see is what the Supreme Court rules on 'Obamacare.' Depending on what their ruling is, we have to come up with what the next step and the next stage will be," Neugebauer said. "The Republicans in the House have been working on some different scenarios — if it's partially thrown out, completely thrown out or not thrown out — and looking at where we go from there.

"Not only is it a Supreme

Court decision, which will be made sometime in June, but there will also be an impact with the election in November, depending on the face of the House, Senate and the White House. I can tell you, in the next Congress, healthcare will be another huge issue we'll be wrestling with, on top of some of the fiscal issues, because in many cases, they are the same."

Neugebauer said he enjoys chances to meet with his constituents — who he refers to repeatedly as his bosses calling the town hall process a vital part of his representation in the nation's capitol.

"The founders intended for this to be the people's house. So, for members of Congress to be able to come back to their districts is extremely important," Neugebauer said. "To hear from the people and to listen to their concerns, making sure that when I'm casting my vote their Washington, D.C., I'm casting a vote that represents and reflects their wishes, as well."

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reer, McMurtrey was a member of the National Honor Society — serving as chapter president this year — and a student council representa-In addition, she was

active in the International Thespian Society, theater and University Interscolastic League academics, qualifying for the state tournament in literary criticism this Salutatorian Ritchev.

the daughter of Carmen and Phillip Ritchey, also is graduating with a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend Angelo State University on a volleyball scholarship and major in mathematics with a minor in

She has been a National Honor Society member and was on the varsity volleyball and basketball teams all four years in high school. She also was on the varsity softball team for a

year and qualified for the state track meet this in discus this spring. Away from school.

she is active in the Golf Course Road Church of Christ youth group.

Members of the Big Spring High School Class of 2012 are:

Edward Alexander Acosta, Shawn Jeffery Adams, Mikhail Anthony Africh, Brandon Jay Aguilar, Robert Aguilar, Armando Alaniz. Tiffany Marie Alaniz. Zachary Donnell Alexander, Jacquelyn Alvarez, Lashaunte Breon Neicole Anderson, Juanita Louise Annalla, Christopher Dylan Archer-Pauchet, Aaron Paige Arispe, Tonia Marie Arista, Krista Michelle Bailey, Ashley Victoria Barrientes, Joshua Moises Basurto, Charles Nolan Beal. Elias Shawn Bihl and Austin Chance Biship.

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EXP. 5/31/12

MYERS & SMITH UNEKAL HUME

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Juanita Stinnette Roberts, 93, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace

Chapel.

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state degree at the 2011 Texas FFA convention. In addition, she has named been Outstanding Youth by the Howard County Optimist Club and has qualified for the state solo and ensemble contest.

Moore will attend Texas Tech University and major in animal science.

Sneed, the son of Dale and Karen Sneed, is class salutatorian with a grade point average of 99.5829.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, BPA and drama and Spanish clubs. In addition, he is senior class secretary was named to the all-region choir and qualified for the state solo contest.

Sneed also was active in University Interscholastic League academic competition and one-act play.

Sneed will attend Texas Tech University and major in biology.

Commencement the Class of 2012 will be held at 7 p.m. today in Dorothy Garrett Coli-

Members of the Coahoma High School graduating Class of 2012 are:

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Our Views

Summer fun is on the way

chool will soon be out for the summer and the temperatures are already starting to heat up.

As kids get out of school the excitement for summer vacation is high, but a few weeks into the break the words "I'm bored" will start to appear.

Hopefully, this summer there will be plenty of events around town and ideas around the house that will help keep the kids entertained.

Splash In at the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center is set for Saturday. From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. area residents can enjoy all that the newly constructed pool has to offer. Last year was the first year for the new center and this year is expected to see the same turnout as last year.

Of course, water restrictions are tight so pulling out the sprinkler at the house isn't exactly on the table anymore.

However, why not go back to the days of water balloon fights? Grab a bucket or a mixing bowl and fill it up with a pack of water balloons. Get the kids or even a group of friends (who doesn't like having water balloon fights, after all?) and go play around. Not a whole lot of water is needed and the balloons bursting on you will help cool you down in the high temperatures. Go fly a kite, literally. There is usually plenty of wind around here making it a bad time to be outside in a dress or skirt, but makes for a great time to put your kite flying skills to the test.

In the morning hours, before temperatures become unbearable, take some time to walk Scenic Mountain. Some people may not know there is a nature trail on the mountain which provides for a nice little walk and can give access to viewing prairie dogs and other animals living up on the

Whether you are 6, 16, 26 or 86, there are plenty of activities to take part in during the summer. All it takes it the use of a little imagination and the memories to be made are endless.

Act like a kid again and enjoy the summer!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May You, Lord, be included in our fine print.

Amen

Remembering my sex education

s a parent, there are a few letters you'll receive from the school district in the mail that will turn both your and your child's day completely upside down.

For my 12-year-old daughter and I, it was a rather peculiar permission slip a couple of months ago.

First of all most permission

First of all, most permission slips begin with the standard verbiage, "I give

my child — insert little Johnny's name here on the conveniently provided line — permission to take part in whatever activity the school district has planned."



THOMAS JENKINS

slip began in a slightly different direction, someth

direction, something more to the effect of, "I do not want — little Johnny's name, again — participating." Needless to say, that immediately caught my attention.

This permission slip was for parents to opt their children out of the school's upcoming sex education classes, or, as the kids later referred to it, SE. Actually, my daughter referred to it as "that class that has scarred me for life, so thanks a lot, Dad" afterwards, but she's a bit of a goof.

Well she serves by it herestly.

Well, she comes by it honestly. After getting the slip in the mail, I showed it to my daughter, who then begged me to sign it and return it to the school. Apparently, learning about the downfalls of sex and seeing pictures of folks riddled with various sexually transmitted diseases didn't rank very high on her to-do list.

Unfortunately — for her, anyway — I remembered taking sex education when I was a kid and just how much I actually learned, not just about sex and the biological reproductive system, but also the pitfalls of sex at an early age and the effects of peer pressure on the whole thing.

Granted, when I was a kid, things were a bit different. First off, we didn't have purity rings or any other kind of jewelry to remind us to keep our virginity intact and no one went around preening about the fact they were or had abstained from sex.

In fact, if I had to take an educated guess, I'd say about 70 percent to 75 percent of the kids in my high school were lying about sex on a regular basis, from whether or not they had had sex, how many people they had sex with or even how often. Looking back, some of the claims we heard now seem impossible or likely culled from a Penthouse forum somewhere.

Simply put it was incredibly

Simply put, it was incredibly uncool to be a virgin. So, like most of my peers, I told all kinds of lies about sex in the hopes I wouldn't be completely ostracized by my friends and classmates.

Despite all that, I managed to hang on to my virginity almost until graduation. Now, before you start cheering — or laughing, for that matter — you should understand it wasn't because of religious beliefs or any desire to wait for marriage.

It was, without a doubt, because of our school's sex education class.

To really understand, you have to realize our classes were set up in two parts. During the first part of the classes everything was co-ed and we learned the basics about pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and the rest of the normal biological fare.

For the most part, us guys did what we always did, snickering and interjecting "that's what she said" every chance we got. In all, it was actually pretty fun, especially if you were into science like I was.

I think it would be safe to say that at the end of the first half of the classes, my opinions — and, more importantly, my desire to be the youngest among my friends to ditch my virginity — remained unchanged.

However, that all changed with

the second half of sex education.
First of all, they split up the guys and girls, which was a dead giveaway to me and my friends they were going to show something to the girls that we undoubtedly wanted to see. Bear in mind, this was all well before the internet, where you can see a pelvic exam online for a membership fee to some skeevy site.

Oh, and try we did to get in there, even donning disguises, but that's for another column I'll hopefully never find time to write.

What followed in that classroom full of boys was, well, nothing short of horrific. It started off with a video on how to do a testicular exam, and while I fully realize that is a medical procedure and necessary for all men, I was not ready to see some dude who looked like he was, uh, playing with himself in the shower.

As bad as that may have been, the next video — a never-ending parade of high resolution pictures of genitalia infected with every STD known to man — made me seriously consider tossing my cookies. Under each picture was the name of the disease in large, yellow block letters.

However, the final video was what got me. Just like a well-placed shot to the groin from a 13-year-old gymnast on crack cocaine, it not only took the wind out of my sails, it managed to completely dissolve my desire to have sex.

It was a video about an average-enough looking teen named Jimmy. You see, Jimmy was bright and was going to go to college and have a fruitful life ... then Jimmy got Jill pregnant. Cue the horror movie music!

They showed Jimmy dropping out of school to get a job as a fry cook at some fast food restaurant, then getting a second job because, whether or not you know this, diapers are an unholy kind of expensive. We saw Jimmy getting up at 1 a.m. to feed and change the baby, then 2 a.m., then 3 a.m., as our hero quickly began to look a lot like a ghost of his former self.

The directors of this video spared no emotion, either, as we watched Jill slowly put on weight through the show. Long gone was the cheerleader outfit, which was quickly replaced by a moomoo and bright pink hair curlers. Oh, poor Jimmy, his life was ruined, all because he had

sex as a teen.

Needless to say, my daughter came home from her turn at sex education with plenty of facts and opinions, some of which she agreed with and others she didn't. And, on at least one occasion, she came home with that "I've been scarred by sex educa-

tion class" look on her face. Honestly, I couldn't have been more pleased.

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Our veterans are truly an asset and deserve a world of thanks

he past few months I have been bombarded — no pun intended — with ceremonies or events pertaining to our veterans.

Right off the bat, let me say in no way does this bother me and in all reality, I believe it is a very good thing to be happening in our community.



For hundreds of years, brave men and women have been fighting to help ensure the freedoms we have remain. All who have gone to fight in battle have made sacrifices and some have paid the ultimate price.

I have never strapped on a

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Moreno

uniform or been extremely close to anyone who has, but over the years I have worked for newspapers, I have had the privilege of meeting several men and women who have.

Growing up, I realized there

who have.
Growing up, I realized there are several holidays throughout the year which are aimed at honoring and recognizing those in uniform. When I was younger I never quite understood what

the meaning was behind having

so many, but never complained

because ... well ... it was usually another day off of school.

Of course, as I got older (and some might say a little wiser, at least in this area) I have come to realize those holidays are not just another day off. They are so much more and honestly, there aren't enough.

Jose Narosky said it best, "In war there are no unwounded soldiers.'

Each and every person who has ever gone into battle, even if they have returned home, have given their life for their country. Our soldiers have seen and taken part in doings and survived conditions most of us in the United States couldn't even imagine. They have done so because they want to ensure all those back home, their families and even strangers, are able to live a life not in fear.

Throughout the past few years, I have had the privilege to meet several heroes. I have had an opportunity to meet several who fought in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and several other conficts. Many of whom would not share their experience, but each remarked it is a time they will never forget and a time they don't want to relive. There are some who have

There are some who have shared pieces of their story and to them I am grateful.

to them I am grateful.

Another observation and ever humbling experience is when you see the veterans gather

together for one of these ceremo-

nies or rememberance events. The unity that lies within the group, even if they have never met each other before, is one

that is indescribable.

As I said, many of the holidays that are sprinkled throughout the year are just reason for many to have a barbecue or take a day off, but very few take the time to realize what the day is really for. Even fewer could care less to know.

Memorial Day is quickly approaching and it is a time I issue a challenge to all. Take the time to learn the history behind Memorial Day (and no, it's not so we can have a day off and barbecue). Take the time to attend a ceremony and truly see the bond that lies between our soldiers.

The daily freedoms we have to enjoy did not come free by any means. Each day was paid with an ultimate sacrifice from so many.

I know each time I am surrounding by our veterans I am truly humbled.

Words can't express the appreciation they all deserve, but it doesn't mean they shouldn't hear appreciative words.

Thank you to all those who served and are still serving. You truly are heroes.

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A second patch was placed on display at Hangar 25 Air Museum Thursday afternoon. The patch was commissioned to represent Webb Air Force Base Pilot Training Class 65A. A local artist designed the patch and Skip Burcham provided the material and helped in hanging the patch.

Stanton commencement Friday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

STANTON — Fortyseven students will re-

ceive their diplomas when Stanton High School holds commencement for the Class of 2012 at 8 p.m. Friday in the high school



auditorium. Highlighting the graduating class are valedictorian Selah Ramsey and salutatorian Sarah Baker.

Ramsey, the daughter of Rantz and Sandi Ramsey of Stanton, is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, band and has been a regional qualifier in University Interscholastic League academ-

In athletics, she participated in basketball, track and cross-country, and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-med.

Baker, the

daughter of

Lester and

Kim Baker

is a National

Honor Soci-

ety member

and is active

in UIL aca-

Stanton,

demic competitions and the Stanton chapter of Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America,

During her high school career, she was a regional qualifier in UIL academics and a state qualifier in FCCLA.

Tech University and Tara Machelle Patmajor in architecture.

Members of Stanton High School's 2012 grad-

uating class are: Joseph Anthony Acosta, Christian Nathaniel Arndt, Sarah Elizabeth Baker, Keanan Daniel

Barboza, Jennifer Lynn Beasley, Derek Shayne Conaway, Edgar Zuriel Cortez, Elizabeth Ariel Cox, Rebecca Ariana Cox, Laci Danae Dugan, Jasmin Marie Erives, Jose Guadalupe Fernandez, Myranda Lianne Flores, Anna Michelle Garza, Jessica Hermosillo Hernandez, Lee William Hull, Daniel Juarez, Maria Guadalupe Juarez, Eva Epp

Klassen, and Nathen

Prentiss Koonce. Morgan Brooke Latham, Ethan Taylor Mauldin, Adrian Scott Mendoza, Ariella Rhae Moreno, Nicolas Antonio Nevarez, Jacob Benjamin Nicols, She will attend Texas Anthony Rene Padron, terson, Lynette Opal Quiroga, Giovani Michelle Ramirez, Selah Rey Ramsey, Oscar Lopez Reyna, Fernando Rodriguez, Alexis Nicole Salazar, Joseph Andrew Sendejo, Rebecca Barboza, Sean Ryan Raye Sendejo, Allison Denise Simpson, Dallas Cody Smith, Timothy Dwayne Smith, Taylor Jordan Spinks, Kara Dax Stevenson, Cassie Marie Tomlinson, Genesis Villa and Dawson Webb Weaver.

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Grady announces Class of '12 grads

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

LENORAH — Morgan McDonald and Jackelina Martens were named the top graduates for Grady High School's Class of 2012.

Class valedictorian McDonald, the daughter of Randall and Rene McDonald, plans to attend Southwestern Assemblies of God University and major in international business.

During her high school career, she was a member of the National Honor Society, one act play, University Interscholastic League academics team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Her honors include being named Martin County student of the year, as well as being voted friendliest, most intelligent and most likely to succeed by her classmates. She has been an "A" honor roll student all four years in high school and has earned Golden G awards in Spanish and journalism. Away from school,

church, having participated in missions work and as a Red Letter Youth Group worship leader. Martens, the daughter of David and Su-

sana Martens, is class

salutatorian. She is a

member of the National

she is active in her

Honor Society, student council, FCA yearbook staff. has been an "A" honor roll student years high school and has received Golden





awards in Spanish, Martens journalism,

and English. She has participated in UIL academics, qualifying for regional

computer applications

competition in editorial writing, feature writing, news writing and computer applica-Grady High School commencement

Saturday in the school auditorium. Members of the Grady Class of 2012 are:

ercises will be 6 p.m.

. Gerald Adkins, Ty Beaty, Ezekiel Clay, Kelly Cook, Jorge Flores, Melina Flores, Abigail Hanson, Jackelina Martens, Morgan McDonald, Alex Picon-Flores, Minerva J. Price, Michael Richards, Ashley Sigler, Jayden Thigpen, Victoria Torres and Samuel

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 Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 24, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. Dr. Clip-

per Strickland will be the guest speaker at the

next meeting, and he a Christ-centered recovwill speak on the topic ery program, is held at of diabetic retinopathy. For more information, call 263-2501.

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Exhibit shows Grosz's take on Dallas in '52

DALLAS (AP) — Twenty paintings from 1952 that capture Dallas as more skyscrapers went up and the city began to sprawl away from downtown, are going on exhibit together for the first time in more than a half-centu-

"Flower of the Prairie: George Grosz in Dallas,"a series of works by the German Dadaist George Grosz, opens Sunday at the Dallas Museum of Art. The series captures everything from the downtown skyline rising from the prairie to the colorful bright lights of a street once filled with theaters to a man with a cowboy hat striding down

Curator Heather MacDonald said that the series captures a moment in the city's history that vanished within a decade as the city grew. The exhibit says the city expanded from 50 square miles at the end of World War II to 198 square miles by 1955.

"It feels like an unintentional commemoration of the city built in the first half of the 20th century and that almost is swallowed up and disappeared by the city that was built after, by the so-called metroplex," she said. "That sense of this dense commercial downtown, it's gone fast," she said.

Grosz, an expatriate German best known for satirical works depicting the rise of fascism in his home country, was commissioned in 1952 by department store executive Leon Harris Jr., whose family founded A. Harris & Company in Dallas in 1887, to commemorate the store's 65th anniver-

MacDonald said Grosz was an unusual choice for a corporate commission. She said that while Grosz — who left Berlin in 1933, just before Adolf Hitler was appointed chancellor, and eventually settled in New York needed the money from the commission, he may have also been motivated a lifelong love of the American West.

"He was struck of course by sky scrapers and all the muscularity and growth of our infrastructure down town and he was also fascinated by the cowboy legend," said Maxwell Anderson, director of the museum. A work titled "In Front of the Hotel,

shows a street scene in front of The Adolphus, a historic hotel downtown where Grosz stayed while he was in the city. Those featured in the water color include a smartly-dressed woman, a man in a cowboy hat and a man in overalls. A couple of the works depict residents in black neighbor hoods of the city, including one called "A Glimpse into the Negro Section of Dallas," showing a grouping of welldressed African-Americans.

Three works show the city's historic sources of wealth — one of cattle, another depicting an oil refinery and an other showing people picking cotton — though the exhibit notes that by the

1950s, the city's economy was already dominated by banking.

"Refreshments on the Way," shows a man in a cowboy hat standing outside of a restaurant called the Pig Stand, famous for a pork sandwich. A sign shaped like a pig with the words "pig sandwich" on it.

Grosz's watercolor "Dal las Broadway" depicts a colorful scene of a street filled with dozens of the aters and people. The exhibit said that with growing competition from the entertainment venues in the suburbs, most of those theaters were closed by the 1970s. All but one, the Majestic Theater, razed.

The series was first exhibited at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, the predecessor to the Dallas Museum of Art, in October 1952. The series was again displayed in 1954 in New York before being largely forgotten.

One work from the series, "Romantic Moon Over Texas," is missing, its whereabouts unknown, MacDonald said. Most of the works ended up in the collections at the Dallas Museum of Art.

Astrodome fades, crumbles as Houston decides its fate

RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astrodome was once the envy of other cities, a fully air conditioned facility with a translucent roof that kept out the heat and humidity, gave synthetic grass its name, made Houston a sports entertainment destination and sparked the imaginations of baseball lovers, concert-goers and some of the country's most creative minds. Walt Disney, according to local leg-

end, was so blown away when he stood under the dome that he dubbed it the Eighth Wonder of the World. Then came the retractable roof,

and the Astrodome, in its heyday the proud host to everyone from Muhammad Ali to Madonna, rapidly became a venue of the past. Now, after years on the sidelines, the Astrodome is in the spotlight again as

the leader and staff of the agency that

runs the facility are set to make a recommendation on its future. One option could be a fate that other domes have met in recent times — de-

For now the Astrodome sits there, a signature feature of Houston's skyline, in disrepair and decaying, dirt covering the floors, mold creeping up the walls, the AstroTurf that got its name from the building a dirty, rumpled mess.

"It was an amazing structure at its time," said Mark Miller, general manager of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corp., the agency that oversees the Astrodome, Reliant Stadium and the other complexes on the 340-acre campus.

"People were coming from all over the world to see the Astrodome, it was that significant. People like Frank Sinatra, Walt Disney, John Wayne ... just came to Houston to see the Astrodome because it was such an amazing thing at the time," Miller added. "It seems commonplace now, but for its time, being the first, it was just incredible."

However, the last time it was used for an event was in 2008. More memorably, in 2005 it housed refugees from Hurricane Katrina.

Today, piles of cardboard boxes litter the stadium floor alongside a crumpled mat of synthetic football field. Trash litters the stands under torn stadium seats, from which spectators watched major events from the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match between Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King, to concerts by Elvis and the Rolling Stones, to the Republican National Convention.

In 1965, after Houston unveiled its marvel, complete with luxury suites, almost tasty food and beer served at clean Formica counters, comfortable press boxes and cushioned seats, other cities quickly followed suit. There was the Kingdome in Seattle — now gone. The Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla. Minneapolis' Metrodome, And New Orleans' Superdome, considered an improvement — bigger and better on the Astrodome.

"Eventually, it's always about money," said Bob Bluthardt, former chairman of the ballparks research committee at the Society for American Baseball Research. "And the Astrodome went from being state-of-the-art to being obsolete in barely a generation."

John Pastier, an architect who wrote the 2006 book "Historic Ballparks," agreed. "The fixed dome had a certain peri-

od of currency and then was replaced by retractable domes," he said. A roof that opens and closes has the

benefit of beating back the elements when necessary while also being able to let in the air and the view.

Houston, too, wanted bigger and better. Like other teams, the Astros wanted their own stadium, so they built Minute Maid Park with a retractable roof. The NFL's Texans also got a new retractable roof stadium – Reliant—that opened in 2002.

Since then, the Astrodome hasn't turned a profit.

So when it came to paying millions to get inspections and permits reapproved, the corporation opted out. And the Astrodome has stood largely

Reports have been written, recommendations have been made. A multipurpose facility, with a new event floor, a S.T.E.M. — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics -Institute and green attributes. A "renaissance" building with a museum, S.T.E.M. attractions, a conference center and a movie studio.

A dark shadow floating above, always, was demolition, the very idea of which offends some Houstonians.

But the option remains the cheap est, \$128 million as of 2010, including the cost of transforming the site into a plaza with green space and a water feature, compared with nearly \$400 million for a simple multipurpose facility and nearly \$600 million to make the "renaissance" idea reality.

And in a state where there is no income tax and in a city that collects only sales and property taxes, the idea of using public money to build a new facility might be less popular than de-

Bluthardt, the baseball historian, believes Houstonians would, in the

end, accept demolition. "Houston ... by nature a city that

looks to the future," he said. If the planners can find a sustainable model for saving the structure it is possible the Astrodome will re-

main. Otherwise, it could also disappear in a large boom and a cloud of smoke.

"It will be another chapter in the Astrodome's long history," Bluthardt

Contract 4 Bridge V By Steve Becker

A Trusty Counterweapon

spade bid was not based on the nor-

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable ♦ J 10 9 6 2 SOUTH **↑** A K Q 10 7 6 4 2 West 6 🖈

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

It is said that in war every new

weapon gives rise to a counterweapon. In much the same way, many bidding and play conventions can frequently be turned against their users. Consider this deal where the bid-

ding went as shown. South's two-

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mal complement of at least 17 highcard points usually needed for a jump-shift response, but his bid was quite reasonable, considering the enormous trick-taking power of his spades. South knew he was on the verge of a slam the moment his partner opened the bidding, and he wanted the two of them to be on the East's subsequent double of six spades was conventional. In the

given sequence, it asked West to lead the first suit bid by dummy The significance of the double was not lost on North, who realized

that a heart lead through the A-Q could prove fatal. So he wisely ran to six notrump, a contract that proved unbeatable against any opening lead. He lost a club trick, but that was all.

East was in the unfortunate posi

tion where, if he passed six spades, West would probably lead a diamond, while if he doubled, he risked chasing the opponents into six notrump. On the whole, East was right to double, since there was no assurance that either North or South would budge after the double. In the actual case, East was a goner either way.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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1,600 museums offer military families free tickets for summer

BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

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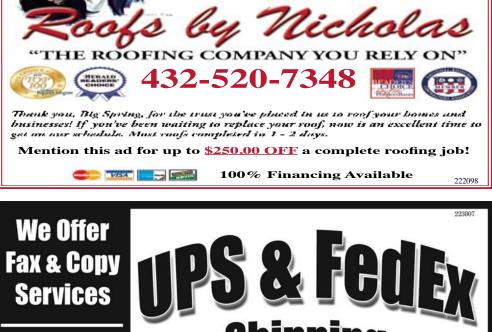
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The program began in 2010 as a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Defense Department. It's adding 300 new museums this year.

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Howard County Titans, an eight-and-under baseball squad representing Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan pose for a picture during a practice Wednesday. The team will be traveling to Ruidoso over the weekend to out for this team, and you have to be an participate in a state vs. state tournament. The Titans are: (back row, from left) Coach Chris Martinez, Kobe elite player to make it. They play in the Cervantes, Brandon Valdez, Coach Freddie Oliveras, James Alexander, Isaiah Solis and Coach Manuel Cervantes. Front row: (from left) McCray Jacobs, Seth Brooks, Kelby Olivarez, Chris Martinez Jr., Ky Kemper and Grayson Jacobs. Not pictured are Evan Letcher, Lane Smith and Manager Angela Brooks

HC Titans set to travel to Ruidoso

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Howard County Titans are on a roll. The elite 8-and-under traveling baseball squad comprised of kids from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan is currently ranked first in the West Texas division standings. They have won four out of six tournaments they have competed in this season and are preparing for a state vs. state, king of the hill-style competition being held Saturday in Ruidoso, N.M.

Most of the young athletes also play Little League baseball, but there are differences between the Titans' league and Little league play according to team manager Angela Brooks.

"In Little League, you don't get to pick your team," Brooks said. "You have to try

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Liddi's slam leads Seattle past Texas

TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Considering his rarified place in baseball history, it's no wonder Alex Liddi could not stop grinning.

He also wouldn't mind getting use to the occasional curtain

"Obviously big-time guys do it and when you have to do it, it's a good thing," Liddi said.

Liddi hit the first major league grand slam by an Italian-born player in half-century, Kevin Millwood threw six shutout innings and the Seattle Mariners took two of three from AL Westleading Texas with a 5-3 win over the Rangers on Wednes-

Liddi made Texas manager Ron Washington pay for the decision to pitch around Dustin Ackley with one out in the fifth inning. Ackley was intentionally walked to load the bases, and Liddi lined the first pitch from Scott Feldman (0-2) just over the yellow line on top of the leftfield wall for his third homer

The opportunities for Liddi have been few. Wednesday was his 20th start in 46 games. He came up as a third baseman, but with the emergence of Kyle Seager as the Mariners everyday third baseman for now, Liddi has learned how to play first base and made his second start of the season on Wednesday in left field.

Almost on cue, his day started rough when he lost a fly ball against a cloudy, but bright sky and committed a two-base error in the second inning. But that became an afterthought thanks to his slam in the fifth.

"He's a guy that's capable of doing some damage up there. He works as hard as anybody we have. That's the reason he's able to maintain the way he does when he doesn't play," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. "He's still a young hitter, but he's learned how to hit."

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Dufner confident, ready for Colonial

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jason Dufner has won twice in the last four weeks after never winning before on the PGA Tour, yet has struggled at the Colonial.

With the confidence in his game right now, after wins at New Orleans and the Byron Nelson Championship while getting married in between, maybe Dufner can finally have success at a difficult course he has always liked.

"Pretty much every time I step on the tee this year, wherever I am at, whatever round it is, I feel like I could play a good round," Dufner said.

Dufner isn't the only player feeling good about his game going in the opening round Thursday in the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial.

The field includes Hunter Mahan, No. 2 behind Dufner in the FedEx Cup standings and the only other two-

time winner this season. There are Zach Johnson and David Toms, the past ments and get myself into two Colonial champions, and 24-year-old Rickie Fowler, who in his last two starts got his first PGA Tour win along with a runner-up finish at The Players Championship.

Johnson has made the cut in all 12 tournaments he has played this year, though he hasn't won since slipping on the Colonial plaid jacket two years after a tournament-record 21-under 259 total.

The 45-year-old Toms, coming off a 15th-place tie at Quail Hollow and 10thplace tie at The Players, got his only victory since 2005 last year at Hogan's Alley.

"It's a special week for me. It's always been a tournament that I loved to play, and over the years, but to finally get a victory, it was just awesome really," Toms said.

"Obviously, I haven't had a result this year that I would like. But that's the way golf is. It kind of goes in cycles. I'm hoping to build upon what I've done the last couple of tournaposition."

Toms won at Colonial in his 14th try. Johnson won his fifth time, the victory coming in the middle of his current streak of three top-10 finishes at Colonial.

"I do enjoy coming back here. Certainly the obvious fond reasons, playing well," said Johnson, the 2007 Masters champion.

"I think more than that I really enjoy this golf course. I think it requires the right kind of golf. I think it separates the field. If you are off, it will expose that. If you are on, I think you can climb the leaderboard. ... A lot of tradition, a lot of history here, it's

good to be part of that." When they tee off at No. 1, Toms and Johnson can see their names on the Wall of Champions with the likes of Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

Tiger Woods' name isn't there. His only appearance at the par-70 course was 15 years ago, when he tied for fourth.

Astros shut down Chicago, earn three-game sweep

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chicago Cubs hoped a road trip to Houston would get them back on track.

Instead, a three-game sweep by the Astros gave them their longest losing streak in more than a decade and left Chicago with baseball's worst record.

J.D. Martinez had three hits and three RBIs to back up seven solid innings by Wandy Rodriguez and the Astros got a 5-1 victory over the Cubs to hand Chicago its ninth consecutive loss.

It's their longest losing streak since dropping the same number of games from May 8-18, 2002 and leaves their record at 15-29.

"It's getting very tough," Cubs bench coach Jamie Quirk said. "This game is so mental because day in and day out, it keeps coming at you. Obviously, you wipe it away and show up the next day wanting to win, but losing is never fun."

With Cubs manager Dave Sveum absent from Wednesday's game to attend the high school graduation of his son Rustin,

Quirk was in charge of the team. For the third consecutive night, the Cubs had more hits than the Astros but couldn't find ways to score runs. The Cubs left 10 runners on base and struggled to come up with timely hits throughout the night.

Rodriguez (4-4) pitched seven innings, allowing eight hits and one earned run, while striking out five batters and walking none. Rodriguez wasn't as dominant at the start of the game.

Center fielder Reed Johnson put Chicago on top with his solo home run to the Crawford Boxes in left field with one out in the first inning. When Houston didn't score in the bottom of the first, it left the Cubs ahead at the end of an inning for the first time in 60 innings.

Chicago starter Jeff Samardzija (4-3) didn't allow a hit until Castro doubled with one out in the third inning. Jose Altuve walked with two outs, but Jed Lowrie struck out to end the threat.

The only inning where the Astros scored against Samardzija proved to be the difference. J.D. Martinez hit a two RBI triple in the fourth inning to give the Astros a lead the Cubs were unable

to overcome. Martinez's triple fell fair in shallow right field as Darwin Barney and David DeJesus bumped into each other trying to make the catch. The ball bounced in and out of DeJesus' glove, but he fumbled it after colliding with

"Jeff was pitching really well and had good command of his stuff, and that was a turning point in the game," Barney said. "It was really unfortunate that it happened that way."

Quirk defended both Barney and DeJesus for their effort and said neither was at fault for the dropped ball.

"If they make the play it would've been an outstanding play," Quirk said. "It was just perfect placement on their part. They both gave everything they had and it was a great effort, but they just didn't catch the ball."

Thanks to the defensive mishap, Samardzija yielded six hits and two runs with four strikeouts in six innings.

"It's really going to show our team character in the long run," Samardzija said.

"Things don't always go the way you want them to, period. You've got to find what adjustments you can make as a team and as an individual and keep grinding and making those adjustments to get it right."

A&M wins, UT loses in first bouts of Big XII play

Texas A&M —

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jacob House and Scott Arthur had two hits and three RBIs apiece and Daniel Mengden pitched 62-3 strong innings, leading two-time defending champion Texas A&M to a 10-4 victory over Kansas in the Big 12 tournament Wednesday.

The second-seeded Aggies (42-14) won their eighth game in a row and improved to 11-1 in May. They'll play Thursday night against No. 6 Missouri. The No. 7 Jayhawks (22-34) play No. 3 Texas on Thursday afternoon.

Texas A&M used a four-run fifth inning to break open the game.

Tyler Naquin had four hits for the Aggies. Tucker Tharp, Jordan Dreiling and Michael Suiter had two hits each for Kansas.

University of Texas —

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Rob Zastryzny held Texas to five hits over 8 1-3 innings and Missouri broke open the game with a four-run fourth in a 5-0 win over Texas at the Big 12 tournament Wednesday night.

No. 6 seed Missouri (29-26) plays No. 2 Texas A&M on Thursday night. No. 3 Texas (30-21) plays No. 7 Kansas in an elimination game in the after-

Blake Brown hit a two-run double and scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-0 in the fourth.

Only two Texas runners made it past first base as the Longhorns were shut out for the second time in three games.

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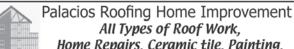
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open. **TAURUS** (April 20-20). May Just when you think you're gaining ground, you realize something sends that

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you back to ■ This is the beginning. ultimately very beneficial. Your results

will be much stronger

GEMINI (May 21-June give you a good idea of an 21). The one you love may or may not reciprocate in the manner you would prefer, but you will get a

surprising response either way. Regardless of how it plays, there's something wonderfully energizing about being caught off guard. CANCER (June 22-July

22). You will have special privileges because of a relationship association. Even if you feel you've done nothing to deserve the perks, you

should enjoy them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Tense situations settle in a neutral Someone who was being difficult last week will now be willing to talk be allayed. Everything is toward working resolution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know it would be wrong to base your selfworth on someone else's opinion. That may not be enough to keep you from working for someone's favor, though. It's only natural to want approval.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. person's One attention and support will make your work easier. It also will make it clear who isn't supporting you and really should be. It will be the start of a conversation that happens in the days to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day is rich in everything you see is a symbol for another thing entirely. You'll look deeply into so-called reality to find a larger meaning. You want the story behind the story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's an action you would like to turn into a permanent fixture in your behavior — to the extent that it becomes a part of your personality. Repeat the response hundreds of times until your brain

accepts it as automatic. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't will yourself to take pleasure in an experience.You either feel it or you don't. That's what makes

reasonably. Anxieties will complexity. It's as though pleasure an expression of your true self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You make a habit of celebrating people. You need only get a slight inkling that there's something to celebrate, and you're on the job — and good at it, too. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your prize appears on the horizon — and just when you'd almost given up! Reach forward with all of your might and imagine that destiny is rushing toward you, arms extended.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My father and I have never had the best relationship.

He was domineering, controlling and verbally abusive to me as a teenager, and as a result, I rebelled and did things specifically to irritate him.

Several times, kicked me out of the house, saying I forced him to behave the way did. I always apologized because it was easier if I kept the peace.

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before Mom and I moved out, Dad and I got into a huge argument, and he nearly punched me.

I did not speak to him for six months. Since then, there's been a thaw in our relationship. He even apologized (which he never does) and seemed understanding. When I saw him at Christmas, we

had a great time together.

However, he hasn't spoken to me since then. There was no fight or argument. I've tried to call him several times to make plans or just talk, and he has ignored my calls and doesn't respond to my voicemails.

He broke every coffee date I made, and instead of telling me, he informed my brother or mom that he couldn't make it.

Dad obviously is avoiding me, but I have no idea why. I'm tired of his imaginary issues and loves "nobody me' attitude. Should confront him and find out why he stopped talking to me or forget him? Confused and Exhausted

Dear Confused: Your relationship with your

father is tenuous, and it's possible that maintaining his equilibrium around you is stressful for him.

And although behavior may be difficult, your response likely has its flaws, too. If you want to know what's going on, please ask your mother or brother to intercede on your behalf and find out whether vou have unintentionally done something to aggravate the relationship and how you can repair it.

Learning to get along with someone who pushes all your buttons requires ongoing effort. Since it's your father, we think it's worth another

Dear Annie: I am boiling mad. boyfriend has an adult son who is autistic. After he and his ex separated, she started telling the son horrible lies about both of

The son believes her and now wants nothing to do with his father or me. The boy used to speak to us, but now runs the other way when he sees us coming.

What can we do about

to the ex-wife. She is the source of the problem. My boyfriend is paying child support but doesn't get to spend any time with his son. Also, we suspect little of the money is going for the child's benefit. — The **Girlfriend**

Dear Girlfriend: Since your boyfriend is still paying child support, he be entitled to may regularly enforced visitation with his son.

Also, some courts are beginning to recognize and address parental alienation. Please suggest to your boyfriend that he discuss his options with a lawyer who experience in this area.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Jim in Peoria," who has been married for 42 years and his wife won't "allow" him to do any of the household chores.

thoroughly am appalled that men do not stand up for themselves, all in the name of keeping peace in the house.

I am a divorced man.

this? Please don't say talk This woman should be thankful her husband wants to do something to balance out the chores. Nobody could tell me I couldn't wash dishes, cook or do anything else in my own house.

He has just as much of a right to do what he wants in that house as she does. Walking around on eggshells in your own home is NOT worth a marriage certificate. — Danny in Shreveport

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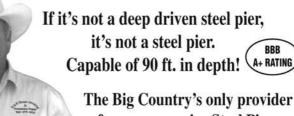
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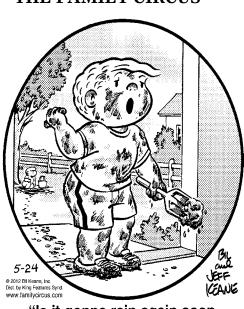
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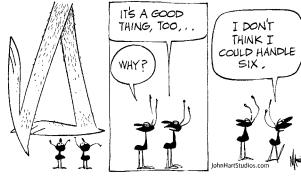


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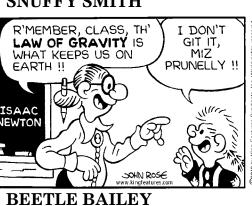




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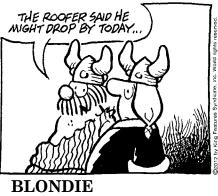
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 24, the 145th day of 2012. There are 221 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On May 24, 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the

second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora On this date:

In 1775, John Hancock was elected President of the Continental Congress, succeeding Peyton Randolph.

In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse

transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line. In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn

Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland.

In 1918, Bela Bartok's one-act opera "Bluebeard's Castle" had its premiere in Budapest

In 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

In 1937, in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935. In 1941, the German battle-

ship Bismarck sank the British

battle cruiser HMS Hood in the North Atlantic, killing all but three of the 1,418 men on board. In 1959, former U.S. Secretary

of State John Foster Dulles died in Washington, D.C. at age 71. In 1961, a group of Freedom Riders was arrested after arriv-

ing at a bus terminal in

Jackson, Miss., charged with breaching the peace for entering white-designated areas. (They ended up serving 60 days in jail.) In 1976, Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde

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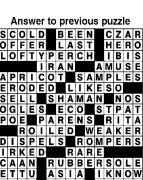
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U.S. Army personell are pictured with Coahoma High School's Justin **Coker and Jennifer** Castilaw, who were recipients of the U.S. Army **Reserve National** Scholar-Athlete awards. The honor recognizes students' achievements in the classroom as well as their contribution to the school's athletic programs. Photo submitted by Donna

TEXAS

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Millwood (3-4) was brilliant for a third consecutive start. Coming off a two-hitter at Colorado, Millwood gave up three hits in six innings. Only a high pitch count ended his day early.

Millwood silenced yet another former team, and holding the top offense in baseball to just three hits might have been more impressive than his complete game against the Rockies. Millwood has gone 17 straight innings without allowing a run. Dating back to a three-run second inning against Detroit on May 8, Millwood has given up just one run in his last 25 innings. The 17 straight scoreless innings is the second-longest streak of

his career. "The biggest thing

was just confidence has been building for the last couple of weeks so I felt like when I got out there it just felt like I was going to have a good game and throw the ball well," Millwood said. "When I missed guys made good plays or they just fouled it off. Confidence goes a long ways in this game."

Texas made it interesting breaking up the shutout with Josh Hamilton's RBI double and Adrian Beltre's two-run homer in the eighth off reliever Tom Wilhelmsen. But Brandon League rebounded from some shaky recent outings and shut down the Rangers in the ninth for his ninth save in 12 chances.

Liddi was the lone hitting star for Seattle, which won with only four hits. He doubled in the first, but was caught too far off the bag when Ichiro Suzuki lined out and was doubled up to end the inning. Feldman then walked the bases loaded to begin the third, and Michael Saunders' fly ball to center was deep enough to score Kyle Seager.

Saunders opened the fifth with a walk and Mike Carp followed with a bloop single that fell into shallow left and just out of the reach of shortstop Elvis Andrus. Saunders and Carp advanced 90 feet when Ian Kinsler failed to catch Feldman's pickoff attempt at second base, but held as Brendan Ryan grounded out to shortstop with the infield playing in.

Ackley was walked intentionally to bring up Liddi. Given a pitch at the top of the strike zone to start the at-bat, Liddi turned on the pitch, lining it down the left-field line and barely clearing the hand-operated scoreboard.

Manning building rapport with new passing targets

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Peyton Manning's two biggest targets are a pair of promising young receivers who have already made their mark in the NFL despite spending lots of time on the sideline.

Neither Demaryius Thomas nor Eric Decker has put together a complete season in the NFL — or, for that matter, a full offseason.

Both missed much of the lead-up to their rookie year in 2010 with foot injuries. Last year there was the lockout, plus another injury for Thomas.

Decker shined for two months last season but faded after Tim Tebow took over at quarterback for Kyle Or-

Thomas missed the first half of the season with a torn Achilles tendon and a shattered thumb but was unstoppable down the stretch.

Decker went down with a knee injury early in the Denver Broncos' wild-card playoff game against Pittsburgh, and Thomas stepped up with four catches for 204 yards, including an 80-yard TD catch from Tebow on the first play of overtime.

Like Kirk Gibson's improbable homer off Dennis Eckersley in the 1988 World Series, it's an electrifying, iconic moment in sports that's been replayed countless times.

"Yeah, I've replayed it a couple times myself," Thomas said Wednes-

"I actually replayed it last night. I

was in my bed on I was on the computer and I typed my name in." He said it was just as thrilling watching it for the thousandth time

on YouTube as it was on that January night in Denver when he dashed into history. "Yeah, it puts chills in my body,"

said Thomas, who has been dogged by a broken foot, sprained ankle, concussion, torn Achilles and broken thumb since turning pro. Once the season was over, Deck-

er's strained knee ligament quickly healed. He said Wednesday he would have tried to play in the AFC title game had the Broncos gotten past New England that following week.

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league too, so they are on the baseball field five days a week."

The Titans have earned respect wherever they travel. Teams from larger cities are cautious when playing the Titans, who can compete with any other roster, but it

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wasn't like this last year.

"It was a rough year," Brooks added. "We didn't win too much. The boys have just on the team come together. They decided to concentrate and hit the ball and focus on not making as many errors."

If there is another key to the Tiatns' success, it could be confidence as expressed by outfielder Seth Brooks

"I'm naturally good," Brooks

He enjoys the traveling aspect too. "You get to go to new places and see the world," Brooks proclaimed.

The "world" may be a bit smaller to a crew of seven and eight-year-olds, as the farthest they have ventured so far for league play is Amarillo.

But don't tell the Titans that. Chris Martinez, who coaches the Titans along with Freddie Oliveras and Manuel Cer-

vantes enjoys working with the squad, as well as his son, Chris Martinez Jr., who plays

"What I like is bringing the boys up and teaching them to be better," Martinez said. "Hopefully someday, some of them will get a chance to get a college scholarship to play baseball. And just seeing their smiles when they win a championship is great. They are a different team now. It's nice to see how far they have come since the first time we saw them."

According to Brooks, the Titans make quite a grand entrance. The team has a signature chant — adapted from the movie 'Remember the Titans' — a Walt Disney football film based on an actual football team in Virginia.

"It's the only team I know of that does it," Brooks added.

"They line up and sing 'We are the Titans... the mighty, mighty Titans'. It's very disciplined. The

crowd just gets quiet when they start to chant."

The Titans' goal is to qualify for a World Series, which will likely be played in Las Cruces. N.M. or Dallas. The team plans to play in at least four more tournaments through July.

If donations are received the extra funding will allow them to participate in more tournaments.

Brooks said any person or business willing to donate to the team may do so by calling her at 213-3513.

"If anyone donates they get a postcard with a picture of the team," she said. "I keep a very detailed decription of the whole account and I will provide it to anvone who donates. I know where every dime goes."

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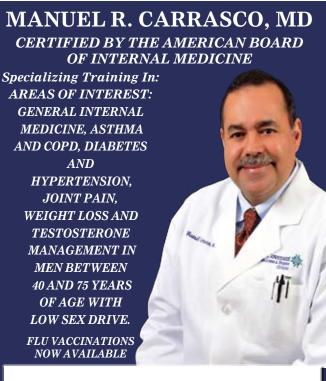
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