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Funtastic Fourth returns Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Area residents can get a jump start on the upcoming July 4 holiday this weekend.

The 10th Annual Alon USA/Alon Brands Funtastic Fourth, presented by the Downtown Revitalization Association, will be held Saturday in the area surrounding the Howard County Courthouse.

Admission is free to the event, which will last from 10 a.m. until midnight.

Organizers promise a day filled with music, fun and food.

People can get a sneak peek of sorts Friday, when festival organizers preview a new event — the Swifty Swine pig races — at 7p.m. in Heart of the City Park. "This is a new event we're adding this

year," said Allan Johnson, one of the festival's organizers. "It's something they hold at state fair every year and it's a lot of fun to

Another new attraction this year is the addition of a video game truck to the Kid's Zone area. The air-conditioned truck features a wide variety of video games and seats 15 children at a time, Allen said.

Aside from the video truck, Kid's Zone also will feature a rock climbing wall, mechanical bull and bungee jumping. Armbands which allow access to all Kid's Zone attractions are \$25, while individual tickets are \$5,

said Christy Brorman, another of the event's organizers. In addition to games, the festival will fea-

ture day-long music from bands which will perform on two stages. The headline act will be country musician Rich O'Toole, who will perform at 10:30 p.m., but music ranging from rock to Christian also will be featured, organizers said.

Also, vendor booths will be open, providing a wide variety of food items for sale, Johnson The only area of concern is with the weath-

er. Although temperatures are not expected to exceed 100 as in recent days, it will still be hot Saturday and both Johnson and Brorman advised festival-goers to exercise caution. Saturday's schedule of events includes:

• 9 a.m. — vendor booths open.

- 10 a.m. opening ceremonies (national
- anthem sung by Cheridan Fulgham).
- 10:10 a.m. patriotic pooch parade and contest; washer tournament signup; Swifty Swine Pig Races begin; Kid's Zone opens; The Hub opens; music begins on the Alon
- 11 a.m. music begins on the Crossroads Saloon Stage.
- 1 p.m. washer tournament begins. • 2:30 p.m. — 7-Eleven Big Bite hot dog eat-
- ing contest.
- 4 p.m. evening music performances be-



The 10th Annual Funtastic Fourth festival, featuring music, food and games, will be held in the downtown area of Big Spring Saturday.

Officials: 2012 Relay for Life raised \$165,000

Staff Writer

That's a wrap.

The 2012 Relay For Life community wrap-up event took place Tuesday in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. A total \$165,447.28 has been raised to date, offi-

"The season doesn't officially wrap up until Aug. 31, and we will take money until that time," Relay For Life Chairman Manny Negron said. "This year we fell short of our set money goal, but we reached our goal at the same time ... we were able to touch

caregivers, family members and community members."

Negron said his personal goal was to make this year's Relay a memorable experi-

"I truly believe we accomplished our goal. We let the survivors know this is about ebrate them," he said.

Despite being short of the monetary goal, this year proved to have more team participation and community involvement. There were more than 50 sponsors and underwriters, with Dr. John and Paula Farquhar once al contributor with \$3,000.

"For the past several years the Farquhars have been one of our biggest supporters if not our biggest," Negron said. "We are so thankful for their support over the years of Re-

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A Howard County volunteer firefighter hoses down a hot spot after dousing a small

grass fire along Highway 350 northeast of Big Spring Wednesday.

SA officials urge residents to donate fans

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

With highs expected to eclipse the 100-degree mark every day this week, officials with the Big Spring Salvation Army say the battle to stay cool for area low-income residents is reaching a critical point. Less than midway through its

annual fan drive, officials with the local charity say fans are being distributed as quickly as they can be gathered. "Last week we were able to get

about five fans in and by the end of the week four of them were gone," Bessie Flores, a social worker with the local Salvation Army, said. See FANS, Page 3







CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY





Inside The Big Spring Mall 267-6335

Obituaries

Lexie Kaylin Lockhart



Lexie Kaylin Lockhart, 22 months, passed away Monday, June 25, 2012, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Odessa, Texas, to Dana Lockhart. Lexie is survived by her mother, Dana Lockhart of Big Spring; grandmother, Joyce Coffman;

Mike Lockhart; aunt, Tammy grandfather, Lockhart; sisters, Brylie Star Elizabeth Lockhart and Kaylie May Kaczyk, all of Big Spring.

She is also survived by her adoptive parents, Dan Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of and Melissa Thomas of Big Spring; memaw, Jenny Thomas; grandma and paw paw, Cherie and Derrill Pope; great grandpa, Bobby White; uncle, James Pearson; uncle, Mike and aunt Stacy Thomas; uncle, David Pope; uncle, Jaime Nieves; aunt, Kaylea Pope; aunt, Kimberly and uncle Carlos Sanchez; brother, Joshua Thomas; sisters, Mallory Thomas and Faith Pearson-Wyatt; beloved cousins, Braden and Christopher Pearson, Zachary Thomas, Jacik Salgado and Alyanna and AJ Sanchez.

mother, Elizabeth Miller; grandfather, Clayton from another agency. Coffman; aunt, Patty Brewer; her pop pop, Bruce Thomas; uncle, Micah Levi Pearson; and greatgrandma Sharon White.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

- Christ Community Fellowship will be selling hot dogs and burritos at Pops in the Park on top of the amphitheater. Funds raised will benefit the mission program at the church.
- Bake sale to be held at Walmart west door Saturday. The Christian Women's Job Corp Spring of Siloam will be selling a variety of baked good and
- A fundraiser for Luis and Lupe Flores, who lost their home and business (El San Luis Bar) in a fire earlier this month, will be held Saturday at the Hog Heaven Party Barn, 3910 W. Highway 80. Brisket plates will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$7. A dance, featuring Sierra, Juan Pantoja Y Carabina 30-30, Los Madurgadores and DJ Loco, will be from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. Menudo to go with all the trimmings will be sold at the dance for \$7.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale public intoxication. Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appli- ferred to the county jail Wednesday by BSPD on a ance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check charge of driving while license invalid with previout and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are ous conviction/suspension without final restituflexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Montion. day through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535
- Watercolor Horizons Art Show Exhibition at UTPB opens Friday, during the reception that evening and will continue until July 30. Anyone interested in submitting work may receive a prospectus from Petra Eubanks, show chair, 432-366-1757, cpeubanks@juno.com.
- Donate blood! A bloodmobile will be available at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. A sign up sheet is located in the Sears store inside the mall. For more information, contact Stacie Proctor at 432-267-1127.
- An immunization clinic for school children will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the DSHS Big Spring Health Clinic, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B. Children age 2 months to 18 years, CHIP, Medicaid or uninsured only. \$5 per visit, per family. Call 432-263-9775 for an appointment.
- 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., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Police blotter

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

- JASON RANDALL PORTER, 24, of 502 N. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 20, of 710 E. 17th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consump-Lexie was born Aug. 2, 2010, in tion of alcoholic beverage by a minor. ALYSSA CRISELDA LOPEZ, 23, of 4204 Dixon,
 - was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. YENISSIA RAMERIZ VIERA, 27, of 1401 N.
 - Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. • VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA, 27, of 411 N.
 - public intoxication. • KALEB ALLEN HILL, 38, of 910 Baylor, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired registration, driving while license invalid, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsi-
 - bility. OTIS JAMES PORTER, 29, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 125, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.
- VINCENT ANTONIO OSSORIO, 25, of 1906 E. She was preceded in death by her great grand- 11th Place, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant
 - RICHARD LEONARD MOYA, 38, of 610 Caylor Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Kent Avenue.
 - THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1100 block of N. Aylesford.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- KALEB ALLEN HILL, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by BSPD on capias warrants for display expired registration, failure to appear and driving while license invalid fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- OTIS J. PORTER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of display expired registration and failure to appear.
- VINCENT ANTHONY OSSORIO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- SAN JUAN CUELLAR, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on a charge of
- RICHARD LEONARD MOYA, 39, was trans-

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

Medical Services reported the following activity: MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- 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) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. 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

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Today's Weather

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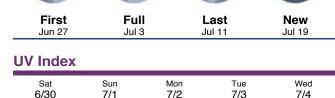


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Austin	90	71	t-storm	Longview	96	73	mst sunr
Beaumont	90	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	99	69	sunny
Brownsville	92	79	t-storm	Lufkin	94	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	96	71	mst sunny	Midland	101	73	mst sunr
Corpus Christi	88	77	t-storm	Raymondville	94	76	t-storm
Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	88	74	t-storm
Dallas	98	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	93	74	t-storm
Del Rio	98	76	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	71	t-storm
El Paso	104	79	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	74	mst sunr
Fort Stockton	98	70	mst sunny	Sweetwater	99	71	mst sunr
Gainesville	96	73	mst sunny	Tyler	96	73	mst sunr
Greenville	97	73	mst sunny	Weatherford	96	72	mst sunr
Houston	88	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	102	72	sunny

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Atlanta	106	77	mst sunny	Minneapolis	91	72	pt sunny
Boston	93	69	mst sunny	New York	92	76	mst sunn
Chicago	90	71	t-storm	Phoenix	109	82	sunny
Dallas	98	75	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	56	pt sunny
Denver	93	66	pt sunny	Seattle	66	57	rain
Houston	88	75	t-storm	St. Louis	102	79	mst sunn
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Nation bakes as serious heat wave hits

this week, it's not a mirage. From Montana to Louisiana, hundreds of heat records have been slashed as harrowing temperatures leave cornfields parched and city sidewalks sizzling.

On Tuesday 251 new daily high temperature records were set, boosting to 1,015 the number of records set in the past seven days. The consequences range

from comical — a baconfried driveway in Oklahoma — to catastrophic, as wildfires consuming parts of the Rocky Mountains are fueled by oppressive heat and gusty winds.

The record-breaking numbers might seem big, but they're hard to put into context — the National Climatic Data Center has only been tracking the daily numbers broken for a little more than a year, said Derek Arndt, head of climate monitoring at the

Still, it's impressive, given that records usually aren't broken until the scorching months of July and August. "Any time you're breaking all-time records in mid- to

late-June, that's a healthy heat wave," Arndt said. And if forecasts hold, more records could fall in the com-

ing days in the central and

(AP) — If you're feeling hot western parts of the country and extend to the East Coast through the weekend.

> Though it's been a week that could fry a person's soul and their soles and hands, really anything exposed to the relentless sun — no matter where you are, the objective is the same: stay cool.

HIGH STAKES, HIGH TEMPS All bets are off at the famed

thoroughbred racetrack Churchill Downs during the heat wave — at least they will be Thursday. The Louisville, Ky., venue canceled its racing card as

predicted meteorologists temperatures would touch at least 100 degrees. Track spokesman Darren Rogers said he thinks it's the first time the home of the

racing due to extreme heat. Longtime horse trainer Dale Romans has seen the toll that sweltering temperatures can take on the animals.

Kentucky Derby has canceled

"I've seen horses have heat strokes, and it's not a pretty sight," the veteran Kentucky trainer said Wednesday.

Romans said he thinks most of the horses and humans could handle the heat, but it's not worth the risk, especially when the dirt track soaks up the sun's heat.

"These are professional ath-

letes," he said. "They're exerting all their energy, and everybody knows how tough it is to get that hot. Some of the horses just can't cool down fast enough afterward.'

PRAYING FOR RAIN

On the treeless, wind-swept Kansas prairie, the searing mix of sun and triple-digit heat is a recipe for agricultural disaster.

Some residents have taken to praying for rain and cooler temperatures in the sparsely populated western part of the state. Menlo farmer Brian Baalman can testify to that. "Everybody is just sick of it.

good rain," he said. "It has become a point to pray for it at church on Sunday, for sure." Temperatures in the area have hovered around 111 degrees or higher for the past four days. Hill City, about 50

They just wish we would get a

miles from Menlo, reached 115 on Tuesday and Wednesday — earning it the distinction of the nation's hottest spot, according to the National Weather Service.

Much of the fortunes in the Menlo area are tied to corn, whose crop yields contribute not only to food but also ethanol-blended gasoline. But day after unyielding day of blazing sun and high heat have baked the top six inches

of soil, and plant roots can't break through to the moister soil below. Growing corn in these hot

and windy conditions, Baalman said, is impossible. "It is getting to look ugly,

the longer this keeps going on without a drink," Baalman said.

EVENING FIREFIGHTING

Wildfires pack intense heat, but soaring temperatures and whipping winds are piling the pressure on the men and women battling the blazes raging across the Rocky Mountains. U.S. Forest Service firefight-

er Owen Johnson had to work overnight and avoided the piping-hot daytime temperatures in the region, which toppled records in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. On Tuesday, Colorado Springs reached 101 degrees, and Miles City in eastern Montana soared to 111 degrees, the highest ever recorded in that area.

A call came in after Johnson's regular shift Monday in the Helena National Forest in Montana. A wildfire was racing through the Scratchgravel Hills, threatening at least 200 homes. But firefighters had to wait to attack the flames until midnight when the temperatures cooled and

the wind died down.

On Tuesday morning, Johnson figured he had worked more than 24 hours, and probably wouldn't quit until the sun went down. His sweaty hands gripping

a banana and a cup of coffee, he gave a tired shrug when asked to compare this fire to others in his 13-year career.

"Every fire's different," he said. "They all pose their own risks and challenges."

EVERYTHING'S BETTER WITH BACON Aaron Anderson and his

4-year-old son bypassed the

timeworn trick of cooking an egg on the baking sidewalk Tuesday, opting instead to fry bacon on their driveway in Coweta, Okla. thermometer Anderson's read 105 degrees around 4:30

p.m., about the same time his son, Aaron Paul, said it felt like his feet were cooking. Sky-high temperatures aren't unusual in this part of the country, but it is warm

enough this week that five records were set on Tuesday. Anderson preheated the skillet for 10 minutes in the sun before throwing on the

bacon. It took an hour for the meat to fully cook. And, yes, they

RELAY

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Another big achieve ment this year was the 35 plus member committee. The Howard/ Glasscock County Relay for Life had the biggest committee in the region,

according to Negron.

"Our members played a very important role. It is because of their hard work that we were able to have the success that we did and it couldn't have been done without them," he said.

During the community wrap-up, several awards were distributed. Recognition was committee given to members and teams with special thanks going to TexaStone Racers for that team's years of

The Spirit of Relay award was presented to 8-year-old Madison Rodgers. She was a member of her grandmother's team and was able to raise more than \$1,000 by selling different duct tape items. "Madison represents

the true spirit of Relay. She did all this for her 'Nana,' who is a survivor of cancer," Negron said. "One thing that we

need to remember is that if we don't believe in the message of hope and bring that message of hope to the community and survivors of Howard and Glasscock counties then we don't believe in Relay," he added.

Other awards presented included: most laps, achieved by R.E.L.A.Y. For a Cure; and Scenic

team, which was recognized for the most creative campsite.

Appreciation also went to First United Methodist Church for the use of the facility, Big Spring Independent School District for the use of the track for Relay and to PJ the DJ for providing the music. According to Negron, PJ the DJ has already committed to being part of next year's Relay For Life event as well.

"We are so grateful that we have all these people wanting to provide their support," Negron said. "This is truly it takes the work of everyone to be able to make it a success."

Tentative dates for the 2013 Relay For Life were also announced Tuesday. Community kickoff is set to take place in kick off is scheduled for

October and Relay is set for the spring.

"All the dates we have are still tentative, but we do know that we will be back at Blankenship Field again and we are looking forward to next year's event already," Negron said.

"There were a lot of positive things that took place this year, but we are already looking at ways to improve next year's Relay in order for us to make it a bigger and better event," he added.

One of the improvements Negron and the committee will be workyear is the education factor. This past year, 2012 Hero of Hope Debbye ValVerde helped spread the word about the cause by traveling around the area and visiting area communities ful job of representing Howard and Glasscock counties this year. She traveled to many area communities visiting several Relays and sharing her story," Negron said. "This is something we want to continue in our own community for the upcoming year and expand on the education aspect. We want people to know about cancer, the programs offered by the American Cancer Society and get people to tell their stories."

He continued, "We are doing our best and striving to get that message of hope out to residents in Howard and Glass cock counties."

For those wanting to join the committee or put together a team, call Negron at 432-816-9464. For more information on teams, call Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582.

also be found by follow-

ing the local Relay information on Facebook and Twitter. Search rflbigspringtx to find them on both sites. Email can also be sent to rflbigspringtx@gmail.com.

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

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FANS

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"The demand is absolutely amazing right now. The fans are going out as quickly as we get them in." The annual fan drive

collects donated fans and money to purchase new fans, which are then distributed to area residents in need of help in beating the summer heat, according to Salvation Army officials. Flores said she knows

full well the summer is far from over and it's just a matter of time before the mercury once again rises. "We're trying to target

the elderly because they

are the most susceptible

to heat related illness-

es," Flores said. "We're also trying to target families with children 5-years-old and younger and who are at home through the day during the summer months.

"Donations can be made in several different ways. Donors can bring in their used fans that are in good, serviceable condition, or they can make a monetary donation. The box fans that we normally purchase usually run anywhere between \$20 and \$30. It all depends on what kind of fan that person needs."

Donations can made by purchasing fans and taking them to the Salvation Army office — located at 811 W. Fifth Street and open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30

godliness and holiness." (I Timothy 2:1-2).

p.m. with an hour break for lunch at noon — or earmarking monetary donations for the fan drive.

Those in need of fans can apply for assistance at the Salvation Army Office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch at noon. The office is located at 811 W. Fifth Street.

"We realize everyone is struggling to get by these days. There isn't anyone out there who hasn't been effected by the downturn in the 15 economy," Flores said. "However, we're just asking area residents to keep in mind those families who are struggling. 'While many of us are

having a tough time paying our electric bills because of the heat, there are a lot of families who don't even have fans - much less air conditioners — to try to keep them cool. We need to look into our hearts and find a way to help those folks."

For more information, call 267-8239.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

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How do you select a birthday present for a loved one? Do you ask for suggestions before you buy? Do you choose a gift based upon price? Do you get something that you would like yourself? Do you expect your gift to be returned? In a few days, our nation will celebrate a birthday. What do you give a nation that cringes when people talk about our heritage of faith? How do you honor a

nation that approves of sinful lifestyles? How do you celebrate freedom that has been purchased by the sacrifices of so many? At the top of the gift list should be our prayers. "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all

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Our Views

Here's to the red, white and blue

nother month is almost behind us and another holiday is before us. This weekend will mark the begin-■ning of Fourth of July activities in the

Big Spring community. Funtastic Fourth activities will begin Friday with the Swifty Swine pig races in the Heart of the City Park at 7 p.m.

The majority of the festivities will take place Saturday, including vendors, refreshments, foods and live music. This is the 10th year for the Alon USA/Alon Brands Funtastic Fourth event brought to the community by the efforts of the Downtown Revitalization Association. Saturday's activities will unfold from 10 a.m. until midnight. The featured act will be Rich O'Toole, country music singer.

Of course, this weekend, despite the slew of activities, it is only the beginning.

The annual Pops in the Park celebration is still set to take place July 3 at the amphitheatre, as usual. The fireworks will begin at dark with the pre-show, Don Turner, and the usual slideshow taking place before. Vendors will also be available at the Pops in the Park and located at the top of the amphitheatre.

The Highland Parade will carry on tradition and take place July 4 in the Highland subdivision at 10 a.m.

For those wanting to pop fireworks, it is allowed this year, but firefighters are urging extreme caution.

However, just because the Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday doesn't mean the fun stops there. The activities will conclude Saturday with the Coahoma Freedom Parade. The final activity of the 2012 Fourth of July festivities will start at 10 a.m.

So, get out the sunblock, water bottles and cameras, there will be plenty to do for the next coming week.

Happy Fourth of July!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can make a good showing.

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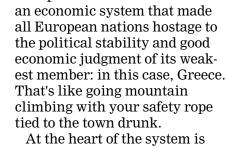
Greece: One weak domino

ther countries have problems, but Greece's are an encyclopedia of bad behavior.

The stock market keeps going up and down like a yo-yo. I thought you'd like to know why. It's Greece.

Oh, not totally — there are other miscreants involved — but pretty much everyone agrees the Greeks are the first and foremost cause.

This is because years and years ago the finest minds of post-World War II Europe devised



the euro, the common currency that sews together the nations of the European Union in an interdependent economic network — without political linkage. It's fine when the going is good. But in harsher times when one nation's economy falls, it sets off a domino effect that sends the rest tottering.

And Greece is one weak domino.

Other countries have problems, but Greece's are an encyclopedia of bad behavior. If you combined the worst abuses of the welfare state with the most wretched excesses of free-market

capitalism, you would have Greece.

Do other countries have a surplus of overpaid government workers? Greece's government workers make almost three times the average private-sector

The national railroad, which is government-owned, has annual revenues of 100 million euros —and a wage bill of 400 million, plus expenses. A Greek minister of finance once said it would be cheaper to put all of Greece's rail passengers into taxicabs. He wasn't kidding.

Do other countries suffer from waste, fraud, and abuse? Greeks who go to public health clinics assume they'll have to bribe someone there to get some health care. The same is true of its educational system.

Greece has four times as many teachers per pupil as the next most teacher-rich nation (Finland), yet scores near the bottom of school systems in Europe.

Do other countries labor under the burden of overly generous pension systems? Greek men in what are classified as "arduous" jobs can retire as early as 55. For women it's 50.

More than 600 professions are listed as "arduous," including radio announcers, musicians, hairdressers, and waiters.

Do other countries have a tax evasion problem? Greece's central bank estimates that the government collects only two-thirds of the tax owed it and that the off-the-books "shadow economy" accounts for more than a quarter of the country's total product.

Most of these figures appear in Boomerang, Michael Lewis' en-

gaging account of the continuing crisis in Europe and elsewhere. I recommend it to all NASCAR fans. It's more fun than a seven-

car crash on the backstretch. The Eurozone members, led by Germany, have been stern with Greece. They offered to bail it out only if Greek officials adopted the harshest kind of austerity measures.

The Greeks did, and the measures completely tanked the economy, as austerity measures tend to do to economies in trouble. Something like 50 percent of young Greeks are unemployed, and people are rioting in the streets.

And they're also voting. Last week they held an election that boiled down to a contest between left-wing populists who promised to renegotiate the terms of the bailout and the current government, which is trying to appease the Eurozone.

The results favored the government but were largely inconclu-

There's no one who thinks this is the end of it. It may not even be the beginning.

The prospect of a Greek default of debt and abandonment of the euro continues to cast its shadow over all of Europe, and the nations there have taken measures they hope will help them survive a Greek collapse.

But then it would be Spain's turn to be the cause of everything bad. Or Italy's. Welcome to the global econo-

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"Between fear and greed" Romney

ach week, the Mitt Romney campaign helpfully provides evidence to reporters of how America is going to hell in a handbasket under the administration of Barack Obama.

The Romney campaign sends out an email titled, "Not the Week of Headlines President Obama Was Looking For."

Last week, the email contained 13 stories that included:

CNBC: "Job Openings Report Shows Market Is ... Really, Really Bad."

Bloomberg News: "Americans Hold Dimmest View on in Five Months."

Economic Outlook The Washington

Post: "Everybody's Moving Into Their Parents' Basements.' The Obama campaign simi-

larly posts negative stories about Romney.

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The campaigns like to use the media's reporting under the (possibly dubious) theory that people trust the media more than they trust campaigns.

If so, the last few days have been far rougher on Romney than on Obama. Three major news organizations published major stories calling into question Romney's behavior while running Bain Capital. Even though, as I pointed out

recently, businessmen historically have made lousy presidents, Romney's main qualification to be president rests largely on his performance at Bain, a private equity firm (it bought other companies) that he cofounded and ran for nearly 15 years, making a fortune in the process. Romney also ran the 2002

Winter Olympics, which he often talks about, and served a single term as governor of Massachusetts. He rarely talks about the latter, largely because of the health care plan he instituted there, which became a model for Obama's health care plan and is today unpopular with Romney's Republican base.

While Romney would like to

make the election about Obama's performance as president, Romney must also make the case that he would do better. He tries to make that case by stressing his accomplishments at Bain and all the good he did there by creating jobs for Americans. "The president's a nice guy,

but he's never had a job in the private sector," Romney often says. "He's never created a job. I think it helps to have had a job to create a job." But did he create jobs? And

where did he create them? Here or in Asia? Last Thursday, Tom Hamburg-

er wrote a story in The Washington Post headlined, "Romney's Bain Capital Invested in Companies That Moved Jobs Overseas." The story began: "Mitt Rom-

ney's financial company, Bain Capital, invested in a series of firms that specialized in relocating jobs done by American workers to new facilities in low-wage countries like China and India." The next day, Michael Luo and

Julie Creswell published a story in The New York Times under the headline, "Companies' Ills Did Not Harm Romney's Firm."

The key paragraph in the story stated that of the 40 U.S. companies in which Bain held a majority stake during Romney's tenure, "at least seven eventually filed for bankruptcy while Bain remained involved, or shortly afterward. ... In some instances, hundreds of employees lost their jobs. In most of those cases, how-

ever, records and interviews suggest that Bain and its executives still found a way to make money." Two days after that, Michael

Kranish and Beth Healy of the Boston Globe published a story headlined, "The Story Behind Romney and the Junk Bond

The junk bond king was the infamous Michael Milken, who headed Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and ended up being sentenced to 10 years in prison and ordered to pay \$600 million in fines and restitution for securities fraud.

At the time of Romney's financial dealings with Milken, the Globe reported, "it was widely

known that Milken and his company were under federal investigation, yet Romney decided to go ahead with the deal ... saying, "It was fun while it lasted." Romney used the money he got

from Milken's company "to turn a \$10 million investment into a \$175 million profit for himself. his partners and his investors.' The killer quotation in the story comes from Marc Wolpow,

"a former Drexel employee who was involved in the deal and later was hired by Romney to work at Bain Capital.'

"Mitt, I think, spent his life balanced between fear and greed," Wolpow said. "He knew that he had to make a lot of money to launch his political career."

The Romney campaign has mounted a defenses to these stories, but its greatest luck so far is that the public often does not focus on stories that are both lengthy and deal with complex financial matters.

People often demand that the media dig out the "truth" rather than just deal in "he said/ she said" stories, but the public has to be willing to read, listen and absorb the truth.

You can lead the public to water, but you can't make it drink.

Yet the Romney campaign has to be worried about how many more shoes are going to drop. After a while, the public develops an impression of a candidate, even if it doesn't follow the details behind that impression.

Those people who think this election is going to be determined by the unemployment figure released on the Monday before Election Day are wrong. You can't beat an incumbent president with a statistic. You have to beat him with a better choice.

And if that choice is between Obama and the guy who balanced his life between "fear and greed," then Obama has a real chance.

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News in brief

The whole world is watching: Supreme Court set to render health care verdict Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — They've known the outcome for three months. Now it's time for the nine Supreme Court justices to share it with the world.

Barring some incredibly strange twist, shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning Thursday, Chief Justice John Roberts is expected to reveal the high court's verdict on President Barack Obama's health Between 400 and 500 people will crowd into the

marble courtroom, the only witnesses to a historic moment that will not be broadcast live on television or radio. Some of those hoping for seats already were in line early Wednesday afternoon. The court is not just passing judgment on a major

expansion of the social safety net, designed to cover an additional 30 million Americans with health insurance. It is doing so on the president's signature domestic legislative achievement and in the heat of his closely fought campaign for re-election.

Four major issues await resolution, the most important of which is whether the law's centerpiece requirement that most people have health insurance or pay a penalty is constitutional. The justices also are weighing whether other parts or indeed the entire 2010 law should fall if they strike down the insurance requirement.

Census finds population growth in big cities surpass that of suburbs for first time in century WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in a

century, most of America's largest cities are growing at a faster rate than their surrounding suburbs as young adults seeking a foothold in the weak job market shun home-buying and stay put in bustling urban centers.

New 2011 census estimates released Thursday highlight the dramatic switch.

Driving the resurgence are young adults, who are delaying careers, marriage and having children amid persistently high unemployment. Burdened with college debt or toiling in temporary, lowerwage positions, they are spurning homeownership in the suburbs for shorter-term, no-strings-attached apartment living, public transit and proximity to potential jobs in larger cities. While economists tend to believe the city boom

is temporary, that is not stopping many city planning agencies and apartment developers from seeking to boost their appeal to the sizable demographic of 18-to-29-year olds. They make up roughly 1 in 6 Americans, and some sociologists are calling them "generation rent." The planners and developers are betting on young Americans' continued interest in urban living, sensing that some longer-term changes such as decreased reliance on cars may be

The last time growth in big cities surpassed that in outlying areas occurred prior to 1920, before the rise of mass-produced automobiles spurred expansion beyond city cores.

Merkel vs. Italy, France, Spain will she bend? Question No. 1 at summit for troubled Europe BRUSSELS (AP) — European leaders gathering

Thursday in Brussels are set to sign off on a series of measures to boost economic growth but expectations of a breakthrough on the pooling of debt have fallen by the wayside. Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has

resolutely opposed the issuing of mutual debt, is the woman to watch — or fear, or confront — at the two-day summit. Many leaders have backed the idea of eurobonds

as a key way of fixing the eurozone's problems as they would help lower indebted countries' borrowing costs. But Merkel has been reluctant to expose her country to new potential costs, and is concerned that eurobonds may minimize the pressure on countries like Greece and Spain to reform their The plan to stimulate growth, and so increase

government tax revenues, is relatively modest.

Though worth €30 million (\$162 million), it is expected to consist mostly of European funds already earmarked for development.

Far more urgent, in the short term, is finding a way to keep the cost of borrowing money sustainable for weaker EU countries.

Republicans not backing down on votes to hold attorney general in contempt as NRA watches WASHINGTON (AP) — Barring a last-minute

deal, House Republicans plan historic votes Thursday to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in civil and criminal contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over documents related to a bungled guntracking operation. A sitting attorney general never has been held

in contempt and Republicans picked an odd day to set a precedent. They scheduled the votes the same day the Supreme Court was deciding the legality of President Barack Obama's health care law. Passage of the contempt resolutions was not in

doubt. Republicans control the House, and are likely to pick up Democrats who support the National Rifle Association. The NRA said it's keeping score on how members vote, partly because the gun owners' group believes the Obama administration wanted to use the program — called Operation Fast and Furious — to make the case for more gun con-Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the longest serving

House member and normally an NRA supporter, said Wednesday he would not back the contempt resolutions but instead wants the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to conduct a more thorough investigation. The criminal contempt resolution would send the

matter to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, who is under Holder. The civil contempt resolution would allow the House to go to court in an effort to force Holder to turn over documents the Oversight Committee wants. In past cases, courts have been reluctant to settle disputes between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Turkey deploys anti-aircraft guns on Syrian border after downing of plane ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey deployed anti-

aircraft guns and other weapons alongside its border with Syria, state television reported on Thursday, days after the downing of a Turkish military jet by Syrian forces heightened the tensions between the two countries. A small convoy of military trucks, towing anti-

aircraft guns, entered into a military outpost in the border village of Guvecci, which faces a Syrian military outpost across the border and where Syrian forces and rebels clashed in recent months, TRT television footage showed. Several anti-aircraft guns have also been deployed

elsewhere alongside the border. Some trucks were seen carrying self-propelled multiple rocket launchers, TRT footage showed. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned

Tuesday that any Syrian military unit approaching its border will be treated as a direct threat. Turkey's NATO allies have expressed solidarity with Ankara and condemned the Syrian attack but made no mention of any retaliatory action against Syria.

The deployment came before President Abdullah Gul chaired a National Security Council meeting on Thursday, TRT said. The meeting, attended by Cabinet members and the military's top brass, is expected to focus on tensions with Syria.

Leaders hope to push student loan, transportation compromise through Congress by week's end WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to avert the kind

of headlines politicians dread, congressional leaders are aiming for final passage by week's end of legislation reshaping federal transportation programs and preventing a doubling of interest rates for millions of new student loans. Without action by Saturday, federal authority to

conduct road, mass transit and other transporta-

tion programs would end, along with the government's ability to collect gasoline and diesel taxes that fund most of those programs, costing what Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said would be 3 million jobs. Democrats and Republicans were eager to avoid blame for shuttering transportation projects when voters are focused on the nation's weak employment market. "The highway bill boils down to one simple thing:

jobs," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a bargainer House and Senate leaders reached agreement

Wednesday on the transportation and student loan measures and decided to wrap them together in hopes of sidestepping parliamentary obstacles and speeding Congress' work. Provisions renewing and revamping federal flood insurance were included

On the highway measure, Republicans dropped demands for one provision forcing federal approval of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas, and another blocking the government from regulating toxic ash produced by coalfired power plants. In exchange, Republicans won concessions curbing environmental reviews for highway projects and diverting money away from bike paths and pedestrian safety projects.

Go outside for a smoke? At many of nation's colleges, you'll have to go off campus completely

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — As a political science major at Ohio State University, Ida Seitter says, she lit up many a cigarette to help her through the stress of exam season. Right or wrong, they were her security blanket as she toiled through college.

Seitter, now 26, was old enough by then to make her own decisions, she says. She opposes efforts by policymakers in Ohio, New York, California and other states to impose bans on tobacco use not just in buildings at public colleges, but also anywhere on the campus — even in the open air.

"Just back away from me a little bit. I won't blow it in your face and I'll try not to be rude," Seitter says. "At the same time, I think it's a little discriminatory for a practice that is considered legal."

Bans on use, advertising and sales of tobacco in all its forms are being enacted or considered at perhaps half of campuses nationwide, sometimes over the objections of student smokers, staff and faculty. The movement is driven by mounting evidence of the health risks of secondhand smoke, the reduced costs of smoke-free dorms and a drive to minimize enticements to smoke at a critical age for forming lifelong habits.

California's state system will begin to bar tobacco use in 2013. A ban on use and advertising at the City University of New York system goes into effect in September, and the University of Missouri at Columbia is going smoke-free in 2014.

New government system will send severe weather warnings straight to Americans' smartphones

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Millions of smartphone users will soon begin receiving text messages about severe weather from a sophisticated government system that can send a blanket warning to mobile devices in the path of a dangerous storm.

The National Weather Service's new Wireless Emergency Alerts system offers a new way to warn Americans about menacing weather, even if they are nowhere near a television, radio or storm si-

Beginning Thursday, the system will notify people about approaching tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards and other threats. When a warning is issued for a specific county, a message of no more than 90 characters will cause late-model smartphones in that area to sound a special tone and vibrate.

Users do not have to sign up for the service or pay for the text message. And people who prefer not to get the warnings can opt out of the system.

"These alerts will make sure people are aware of any impending danger and provide them with the information needed so they can be safe until the threat is over," said Amy Storey, spokeswoman for CTIA-The Wireless Association, an industry trade group that helped set up the system.

Displaced residents wait as Colorado fires continue to rage still dangerous, keeping showed dozens of heavibeen evacuated when

Colo. (AP) — Tens of thousands of Colorado Springs residents forced from their homes by a raging wildfire took refuge with friends or family and crammed into hotels and shelters as Army troops helped firefighters protect the U.S. Air Force Academy from encroaching flames. The blaze was burn-

ing out of control early Thursday in the mountains and within Colorado's second-largest city, after more than 30,000 evacuees frantically packed up belongings and fled.

The wildfire was one of many burning across

the parched West, blazes that have destroyed structures and prompted evacuations in Montana and Utah and forced the closure of a portion of Zion National Park. winds Shifting

Wednesday challenged firefighters trying to contain the 29-squaremile Waldo Canyon blaze and extinguish hot spots inside Colorado Spring's western suburbs. The National Weather Service reported 60 mph winds and lightning above the fire Wednesday afternoon, but winds were calmer

by nightfall. "It won't stay in the same place," said inci-

dent commander Rich Neighborhoods where

explosions of bright orange flame Tuesday signaled yet another house had been claimed were

authorities away from being to assess the dam-But an AP aerial pho-

taken Wednesday one neighborhood ly damaged or destroyed homes. Ed and Florine Gigan-

det took refuge in a hotel in Manitou Springs, which days earlier had the same fire passed through. They fled their home as ash fell on their driveway. from an ominous or-

ange smoke overhead.

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News in brief

Texas man gets 40 years in stand-your-ground case

HOUSTON (AP) — Retired Texas firefighter Raul Rodriguez, armed with a handgun and video camera, had claimed he was standing his ground and had no choice but to use deadly force when he fatally shot his unarmed neighbor after confronting him about a noisy party.

A jury decided otherwise Wednesday, sentencing Rodriguez to 40 years in prison for killing the neighbor, Kelly Danaher, a 36-year-old elementary school teacher. Prosecutors said they are hopeful the punishment will stop others from settling matters with violence and trying to use Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law as a defense.

"I think it sends a clear message that this was not a case of stand-your-ground," said prosecutor Kelli Johnson. "And I think from his behavior, his intent, the provocation ... shows that this had ... nothing to do with self-defense."

Rodriguez, who faced up to life in prison for the 2010 killing, will be eligible for parole in 20 years. Jurors deliberated about five hours Wednesday before reaching their verdict. The same jury convicted him of murder on June 13.

His reference to standing his ground was similar to the claim made by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who is citing Florida's stand-your-ground law in his defense in the fatal February shooting of an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. Rodriguez's case, however, was decided under a different kind of self-defense doctrine.

During closing arguments earlier Wednesday in the trial's punishment phase, Johnson referenced Zimmerman but told jurors that case was different from what Rodriguez was convicted of doing.

Danaher's family members said they wished the jury had sent a stronger message when sentencing Rodriguez.

"Nothing will be enough," Danaher's wife, Mindy, said. "It's not going to bring Kelly back. I just want (Rodriguez) to be in there forever."

Texas may increase wholesale electricity rates AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Public Utility

Commission is considering raising the price cap on wholesale electricity rates by 50 percent this summer in hopes it will spur construction of new power plants.

Officials say Texas needs to boost its electricity capacity to avoid potential blackouts at peak times like hot summer days.

Advocates of the plan hope the promise of higher profits will lead power companies to build new power plants. A vote is scheduled for Thursday's commission meeting.

Consumer groups worry the price increase will raise wholesale costs by billions of dollars and mean higher electric bills for Texas households. And there's no guarantee the higher rates will result in new construction.

On Tuesday, Texas set a June record for peak electricity demand as temperatures soared into the

Man faces capital murder in Austin police killing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Austin man could face the death penalty after a Travis County grand jury issued a capital murder indictment in the April shooting of a police officer.

Brandon Daniel was indicted Wednesday in the April 6 shooting death of Austin police Senior Officer Jaime Padron and faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted.

A spokesman for Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg said there's been no decision whether to seek the death penalty.

Padron, 40, was killed inside a north Austin Walmart after responding to a call around 2:30 a.m. about a man causing a disturbance.

Daniel, 24, remains in jail pending trial. His attorney, Bill White, did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

Saudi man found guilty in Texas bomb plot trial

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — In the months before his arrest, authorities said, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari collected bomb-making supplies and instructional videos and made a list of targets, from nuclear power plants to the home of a former president. His goal, they said, was to carry out jihad.

Despite his attorney's protestations that he was a harmless "failure," Aldawsari was convicted Wednesday of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. He faces up to life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 9.

Aldawsari, a 22-year-old former Texas Tech Uni-

versity student, closed his eyes as the verdict was read. It took the jury fewer than two hours to con-

Aldawsari was arrested in February 2011 after federal agents secretly searched his West Texas apartment and found bomb-making chemicals, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks. He also researched possible targets: nuclear power plants, the homes of three former soldiers that were stationed at Abu Ghraib prison and the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush.

Videos found in his apartment showed how to prepare TNP, a chemical explosive. FBI bomb experts have said the amounts in this case would have yielded almost 15 pounds of explosive — about the same amount used per bomb in the 2005 London subway attacks. He also tried to order phenol, a chemical that can be used to make explosives.

Aldawsari's attorneys acknowledged that he had intent, but argued he never came close to attacking anyone.

Cancer research might get smaller slice of \$3B pot

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas bet \$3 billion on curing cancer, but may soon spend less researching how to do it. Launched three years ago with the blessing of vot-

ers, and lately embattled by a funding controversy that led to a Nobel laureate resigning in protest, the Cancer and Prevention Research Institute of Texas is likely to start putting more taxpayer dollars into private startups and less into university labs searching for the next big breakthrough. Agency leaders say earmarking more money for

commercialization wouldn't betray the original mission sold to Texas voters in 2007, when cancer survivor Lance Armstrong backed the constitutional amendment creating CPRIT in rallies that almost exclusively delivered messages of funding prevention and research. "It does say innovation and commercialization,

creating high-quality jobs," Bill Gimson, the agency's executive director, said of the original legislation. "This is completely within what was intended for CPRIT."

The agency has so far awarded \$647 million to 385 projects. The vast majority — 75 percent of all grants— are funding different stages of research. Fifteen percent has gone toward commercialization, and 10 percent toward prevention efforts.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our late 40s and have been married 30 years. (We married young.)

"Eugene" has started looking at a lot of porn and seems to have a compulsion about

We have enjoyed adult videos as a couple and still do, but Eugene now watches porn on the computer by himself. I feel betrayed, and it damages mv trust.

When I told him I don't like that he looks at Internet porn so often, he became hostile and defensive.

He angrily told me that "after 30 years of the same old thing, a guy needs to look at something different."

That comment hurt me

deeply, and I've had trouble getting past it.

For a little while, Eugene backed off the porn, but now he's sneaking around. Today, I discovered he has logged on to live chat rooms and Internet porn dating sites.

When I confronted him about it, he was nonchalant, saying those sites just randomly pop up. But I know that's not true. He's visited those sites numerous times.

Eugene says I'm too sensitive and his behavior is normal. But, Annie, the fact that he's sneaking around is enough for me to know it's not acceptable. Do you think Eugene is looking for an affair? — Not Comfortable with My Future



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

Dear Not: We think your husband is looking for some thrills, and he's being quite a jerk about it.

This could be a typical midlife crisis: He's approaching 50 and needs to feel young again. But such juvenile behaviors can damage a marriage beyond repair.

Please ask Eugene to go with you for counseling. Tell him you want to work on the areas of your marriage that are at risk.

Dear Annie: My son is getting married next year at a somewhat remote and tiny resort. Due to the distance, some guests will be arriving at the resort the day before the wedding.

The rehearsal dinner is the night before the wedding. I plan to pay for the dinner, but my wife thinks we should pay for any guests that happen to be at the resort that night. Is she right?

It could be awkward if we don't include them and have to see them in passing. The resort is small. What is the proper way to handle this dilemma? — Unsure in Illinois

Dear Unsure: All members of the bridal party, including parents, grandparents and officiants, are included in the rehearsal dinner.

It is not mandatory to include all out-of-town guests, although if there

aren't too many of them, it would be both appropriate and kind to do so. Otherwise, please

be sure there is hospitality provided at the resort specifically for them that includes some type of food (snacks, drinks, etc.).

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Pennsylvania," who asked about the etiquette of announcing death via email. of

couple

If he won't go, go without months ago, my husband's sister emailed that an aunt had a stroke, and she said she would keep us posted. Several weeks later, I was throwing out an old newspaper and spotted the aunt's obituary, too late to attend the funeral. No one in my husband's familv called him.

> When I confronted his spacey sister by phone, she said she meant to send a follow-up email but forgot.

> When my husband confronted his mother, she said, "Your brother-in-law was supposed to send you an email."

> It turns out that the brother-in-law offered to do so, but said the email bounced back with the wrong address. It never occurred to him to then call us.

So don't rely on email. Sometimes it gets lost in cyberspace, bounces back or goes into spam, and some people don't check their email often.

I guess this is less a comment about the etiquette of sending an email to announce a death and more of a comment on my husband's ditzy family. AlsoPennsylvania

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A finesse was available in diamonds, and if West had the queen, nine tricks would be there for the taking. So South led the jack of diamonds at trick two and let it ride East won with the queen and returned a heart, and declarer was now in deep trouble. He had no way of establishing a ninth trick before the opponents could collect five, and

In effect, South gave himself about a 50 percent chance probability that West had the diamond gueen. Before attempting the diamond finesse, he should have asked himself whether another approach was available that might improve his chances. This might

have led him to consider the possibility of trying to establish dummy's clubs, a move that was, percentagewise, far better than the one he chose. All South needs to establish three extra club tricks is a 3-2 division of

success all told. duck a club at trick two, win the pre-sumed heart return and lead a club to the ace. When the suit broke normally, he would concede a club to West's king and finish with 10 tricks

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five of hearts.

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Murphy's 5 RBI helps Oswalt overcome shaky start



Michael Young and Nelson Cruz high-five David Murphy, who went 4-for-5 with two home runs to propel the Rangers past the Tigers 13-9 despite a Detroit rally.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Detroit Tigers starter Doug Fister lost for the fourth time in six road starts this season and he couldn't complain about a lack of run support.

The Tigers had 17 hits Wednesday night in a 13-9 loss to the Texas Rangers. One of their biggest problems was David Murphy, who went 4-for-5 with two home runs and matched his career high with five RBIs to make a winner out of Roy

Fister (1-5) gave up nine runs and nine hits in 4

"He just wasn't very sharp," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said of Fister. "We pitched bad and didn't play very well at all defensively.

"Pretty much sums it up."

Ian Kinsler added a two-run homer and Adrian Beltre had three hits and an RBI in support of Oswalt, who earned his second victory in as many starts with the Rangers by pitching in and out of

Oswalt (2-0) went six innings, giving up five runs and a career-high 13 hits with two walks and six strikeouts.

"It was just one of those nights where everything comes together," Murphy said. "It was just impressive the way we showed an offensive effort from top to bottom. It was very complete."

Closer Joe Nathan pitched a scoreless ninth in a nonsave situation for the Rangers, who needed just about every run for their sixth consecutive series victory, matching the club's longest such streak this season.

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Harrell six-hits Padres in Astros' 1-0 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Clayton Richard pitched one of his best games of the season Wednesday night. Unfortunately for the Padres, Lucas Harrell was even bet-

Harrell pitched a six-hitter for his first complete game and left fielder J.D. Martinez threw out a runner at the plate in the ninth inning to preserve the Houston Astros' 1-0 victory over San Di-

Matt Downs homered and Harrell (7-6) finished it off by striking out Nick Hundley with the bases loaded.

Richard (5-8) allowed only two hits in seven innings, but one of them proved to be the difference in the game. Downs' home run in the third gave the Astros their only run against Richard, who allowed just one other runner on a single by Martinez.

"Baseball is a funny game," Richard said. "Sometimes you pitch well and don't get the results you want. But that just goes to show how much of a team game this is. You have to have everything going to get wins."

The Padres managed six hits but could never turn them into anything that would help Richard. He acknowledged being

disappointed when San Diego manager Bud Black elected to pinch-hit for him in the eighth.

"As a pitcher, you always want to stay in as long as you can," Richard said. "That's what you pride yourself in. In that situation, in a one-run game, Buddy is going to make a decision that he feels will best help us win the ballgame."

Black defended his decision by saying the Padres had just three at-bats left to crack Harrell, who struck out seven and walked

"The game dictates what you do with your starting pitcher, and that was just a classic National League game where you have to pinch-hit him to try to win the game," Black said.

The game took just 1 hour, 57 minutes — the fastest of the season for San Diego.

The Padres had everything in line to steal the game from Harrell and Houston in the ninth.

Chase Headley led off with a single, but Carlos Quentin grounded into a fielder's choice and Headley was thrown out at second. Alexi Amarista ran for Quentin and advanced to second when Yonder Alonso walked.

The next batter, Logan For-

sythe, singled to left and Martinez threw out Amarista at the plate.

"I knew the guy was fast," Martinez said. "I was just lucky that my outfield coach put me in good position, brought me in a little bit and gave me a much better chance to get to the ball quicker and make a much better throw

Pinch-hitter Mark Kotsay followed with a walk to load the bases. On a 2-2 count, Harrell struck out Hundley to end the game.

"It was another night of pressing them as best we could without scoring," Black said. "They executed a play in the ninth and beat us. We didn't lose that game. The Astros beat us."

Alonso, who returned to the starting lineup after missing the last three games with a sore knee, singled with one out in the second. But Houston turned a double play before Harrell pitched a perfect third to face the minimum through three innings.

Everth Cabrera walked in the fourth and stole his 12th base in 12 tries this season, but he was left on base when Alonso was retired to end the inning.

The Padres stranded eight run-

ners in all.

Playoff dollars could spark call to pay players

NEW YORK (AP) — The new playoff system means big money for major college football, as much as a half-billion dollars per year just in television rights alone.

That has Texas coach Mack Brown — among others — wondering if some of that windfall should be heading the players way.

"In my opinion, with the amount of money the playoff will generate, I hope we can revisit the student-athlete stipend," Brown tweeted soon after the new, semifinal format was approved by university presidents Tuesday in Washington.

"It will be a very lucrative event and those young people are the ones that make it all possible," he added.

Even before the plan had a presidential seal

of approval, a group of former and current athletes was pushing for some of the newfound wealth to be spent on player safety and health — an issue that becomes more important as the season expands.

The current Bowl Championship Series television deal with ESPN, plus the Rose Bowl's separate agreement with ABC, pay the major college football schools about \$155 million per year. That money is distributed unevenly throughout college football, with power conferences such as the Big Ten and Big 12 getting more for their members than others such as the Mountain West and Conference USA.

commissioners working on the playoff

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Drexler denies making statements about Magic

Clyde Drexler denied Wednesday making negative statements attributed to him about Magic Johnson in an upcoming book about the Dream Team.

In Jack McCallum's book, "Dream Team," Drexler said Johnson only earned a spot on the Olympic team and the MVP award in the 1992 All-Star game out of pity resulting from his HIV diagnosis the previous year.

"He couldn't play much by that time. He couldn't guard his shadow," Drexler is quoted as saying in the book. "But you have to understand what was going on then. Everybody kept waiting for Magic to die. Every time he'd run up the court everybody would feel sorry for the guy,

and he'd get all that

HOUSTON (AP) — benefit of the doubt."

Drexler said in a phone interview that the quotes attributed to him were "totally ludicrous" and he has "no idea" where McCallum got them. In a statement released through the Houston Rockets, Drexler says he would've never said those things and that Johnson is one of his closest long-time friends.

"Magic and I have a friendship that goes back more than 28 years and I would never say such hurtful things," Drexler's statement said. "I have reached out to Magic to assure him that I did not say those things and to apologize to him and his family for even having to respond to something as baseless

as this." See **DREXLER**, Page 12

Franchise arbitration hearing held for Brees

(AP) — An arbitrator expects to rule within a week on arguments presented Wednesday concerning the Saints' use of the NFL's franchise tag on quarterback Drew Brees, NFL Players Association outside counsel Jeffrey Kessler said.

Arbitrator Stephen Burbank, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania, is handling the matter of how to interpret language in the NFL's collective bargaining agreement, which requires any club that designates a player as a franchise player for the third time to give that player a 44 percent raise.

Brees, once a franchise tag player with San Diego, has been designated New Orleans' franchise player in 2012. The QB seeks clarity on whether the raise for third-time franchise players applies to his career, or only his stint with one

Burbank "said he will have a decision within one week and we're going to eagerly await that decision," Kessler said.

The ruling could affect Brees' ongoing efforts to reach a longterm contract with the Saints, and also could set a precedent

PHILADELPHIA for other players who face the prospect of being named a franchise player multiple times.

If Burbank decides the 44 percent raise would kick in when Brees receives the tag for the third time in his career, the Saints would have to pay him more than \$23 million in 2013 if they made him their franchise player a second year in a row. However, if Burbank rules for the NFL and the Saints, then Brees would only be due a 20 percent raise to about

\$19.6 million. Attorney Ben Block argued the case for the

NFL.

The franchise tag gives NFL teams the ability to maintain exclusive negotiating rights with one player

each season. New Orleans designated Brees, 33, its franchise player in March after the club was unable to reach a new long-term extension with the record-setting quarterback before his previous six-year, \$60 million contract expired.

Brees and the Saints still have until July 16 to negotiate a new long-term deal. Otherwise, Brees would have the option of signing his franchise tender of about \$16.3 million for the 2012 season.

Larsen's perfect game jersey to be auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball jersey worn by New York Yankees legend Don Larsen when he pitched the only perfect game in World Series history will soon be available for auction.

Steiner Sports Memorabilia is conducting the auction in the fall. They say a bidding war is expected for the one-of-a-kind jersey. In May, a jersey worn by Babe Ruth sold for more than \$4.4

Larsen pitched the perfect game during Game 5 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium on October 8, 1956. The Bronx Bombers defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 2-0 in the game and went on to win the series in seven.

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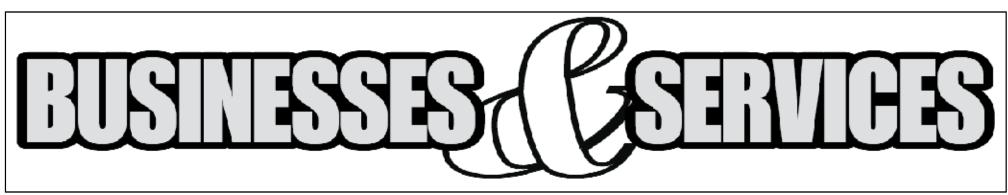
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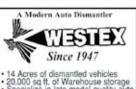
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The lotus symbol of creation and purity may have special

meaning to you now as you come to new venture with a pure heart and the sole intention of making something beautiful.

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TAURUS 20). (April 20-May Mastering a new skill is nothing but placing your continued attention on it. Therefore, you can relax knowing that it's not about you and whether you're good enough to "get" it. It's simply about the time and effort you

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your exterior casing is not who you really are, but it sure makes a difference as to how you feel about yourself. The outer informs the inner. You'll work on both at the same time today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to learn courage, there has to be something to fear. And patience can't be learned without a frustrating or annoying element present. Obstacles are a gift, and you wisely are grateful for them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love is something you can't hold on to, because it really isn't love until you give it away. You'll actively showing others and yourself what feelings in motion look like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The day brings a dilemma. Is it more important to be true to yourself, or to try to be better than who you are? Whatever you decide, it will be the right decision

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whether your task for the day is high or humble, it is important. Doing the job with reverence can be a transcendent experience both for you and for those you help with your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People look up to you. Knowing this, you may feel some pressure to act in a certain way — like yourself, only more formal. Really, it's not necessary. The casual version of you will do just fine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Potential distractions and obstacles are cleared before you wake. Today, you make up your mind about what you're going to do, and you do it. Nothing could be simpler.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A ship is safe in port, and it's also quite useless there. The same goes with your talent. You have the potential to go somewhere with it, but you have to risk the open waters to do so.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You wisely realize that what's happening around you isn't the only thing that contributes to

because you'll make it your happiness, and yet it's awfully nice when circumstances favor you and even seem to rally to make you smile.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 28). Your faith is strong, and when you believe something is possible, you pursue it with great conviction. A brilliant move pumps up your professional life in August. Travel will expand horizons. There's a change in your social lineup as you welcome new friends at the year's end. A May investment will pay handsomely in five years. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 25, 48, 2 and 17.

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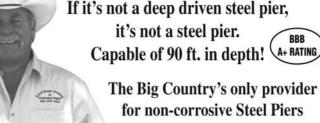
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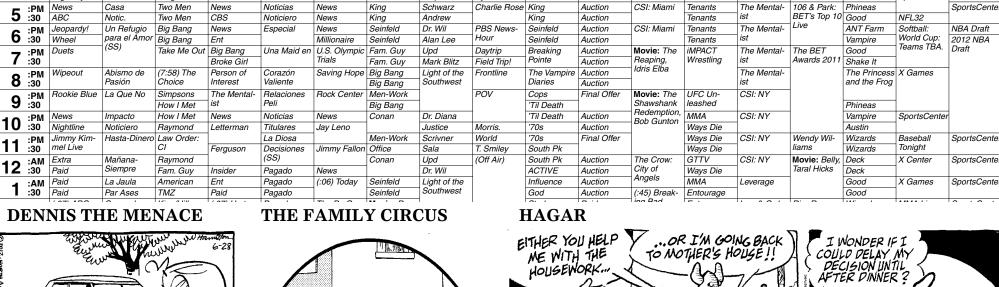
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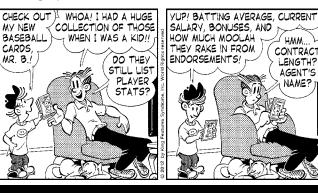
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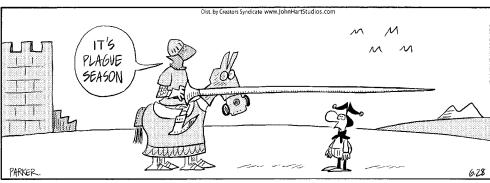
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This Date In History Today is Thursday, June 28,

the 180th day of 2012. There are 186 days left in the year. Today's Highlights

History: On June 28, 1712, philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, one of the most influential thinkers of

the 18th century Enlightenment,

was born in Geneva. On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, In 1914, Archduke Franz

Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — the event which sparked World War I. In 1919, the Treaty of

Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the

War. Independence, Mo., future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace. In 1922, the Irish Civil War

began between rival national-

World

ists over the Anglo-Irish Treaty establishing the Irish Free State. (The conflict lasted nearly a year, resulting in defeat for anti-treaty forces.)

Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France. In 1944, the Republican

In 1939, Pan American

national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president. In 1950, North Korean forces

captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea. In 1962, a jury in New York

awarded \$3.5 million to former radio-TV personality John Henry Faulk in his libel suit against the group AWARE Inc. and two individuals who'd accused him of Communist sympathies and gotten him blacklisted. (The judgment was reduced to \$550,000 by an appeals court.)

ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke (BAHK'-ee), a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination. In 1981, a bomb exploded at

Iran's ruling Islamic Republic Party, killing 74 people, including Iran's chief judge, Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti. In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida

Straits, Elian Gonzalez was

the Tehran headquarters of

returned to his native Cuba. Today's Birthdays Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 86. Senate Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 78.

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system have been reluctant to speculate on exactly how much the TV rights for it will be worth, but they all agree it'll be at least double.

Also, the new national title game will go to the highest-bidding city, which will pour millions more into the coffers of FBS schools. Officials in Arlington, Texas, home of the Cotton Bowl, and Atlanta, where the Chick-fil-A Bowl is played, are already lining up to make a pitch.

West Virginia Athletic Director Oliver Luck said that, to those who want the players to receive more money, all that playoff cash "is at least one more arrow in their quiver."

While NCAA President Mark Emmert has argued strongly against paying football players like professionals, in a manner that South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier has been pushing the past two years, the fight over raising student compensation already has started.

Last year, new legislation was approved that would have allowed schools to offer a \$2,000 stipend, in addition to their scholarship, toward what the NCAA calls the full cost-of-attendance.

But the measure was tossed into limbo after more than 100 schools asked for an override vote. Critics were concerned about whether all schools would be able to afford it, especially with so many facing budget crunches in the economic downturn. Also, there is concern that the schools which can afford to pay the extra stipend will gain an advantage in recruiting.

Still, Emmert has said he would still like it passed, and he praised the approval of a new postseason format to replace the BCS.

"I commend the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee on its leadership to move to a playoff model," he said. "I remain confident that as the details of the new format are determined in the coming weeks, presidents will continue to keep student-athlete well-being, both in the classroom and on the field, front of mind." Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt said

it's too soon to start talking about what do with the extra money.

"I think there's still a lot of work to be vetting out, and how the revenue is going to be distributed is the first step in that," he said. "We haven't gotten that far along in the process but I expect over the course of the next academic year we will do that in meetings."

Luck said he had been telling his bosses, even before the new playoff format, that they should start budgeting for the increased cost of scholar-

"I always kind of figured it was inevitable," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Cutting back would seem to be off the board at this point, Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said. With teams being asked to play as many as 15 games in a season now, he said there better not be any more talk about reducing the 85-scholarship

"Any talk about that going forward has to cease," he said. "You're going to need more players to get through a season healthy."

Washington State coach Mike Leach said while he has no problem with giving players a bigger scholarship, maybe the extra money could go toward more scholarships.

"Give everybody five more scholarships, five more opportunities for guys to go to school," he

The National College Players Association, an advocacy group made up of 17,000 current and former Division I student-athletes, isn't looking for players to be paid as much as it would like more money spent to keep them safe.

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Serena, Sharapova win at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Maria Sharapova's latest win at Wimbledon took two days and considerable resilience.

The top-ranked Sharapova was on the verge of victory Thursday when her old serving problems briefly resurfaced.

The lapse cost her the second set, but she recovered to beat dangerous Tsvetana Pironkova, 7-6 (3), The Court 1 match, suspended overnight in the

second set, ended three minutes after Serena Williams concluded her second-round victory on Centre Court, beating qualifier Melinda Czink 6-1, 6-4. Sharapova saved five set points in the first set and

led the second set 3-1 when play was halted Tuesday because of darkness. She lost the first two games when the match re-

sumed, and double-faulted on her first three service

points in the tiebreaker. Sharapova has struggled with an inconsistent serve following shoulder surgery in recent years, but in the final set she had no trouble with her

She won 21 of the last 27 points and finished with just 11 unforced errors.

Pironkova beat Venus Williams at Wimbledon each of the past two years, but Sharapova's at her best in winner-take-all sets.

She improved her record in three-set matches to 9-0 this year and 21-1 since the beginning of 2011.

Sharapova won Wimbledon at 17 in 2004 and won the French Open this month to complete a career

While she battled an erratic serve, with eight aces and 10 double-faults, four-time champion Serena

Williams had no such trouble. She won 27 of 28 points on her first serve, had 10 aces and was never broken.

The sixth-seeded Williams could meet Sharapova in the final next week. Sara Errani committed only five unforced errors and beat Anne Keothavong of Britain 6-1, 6-1. The

25-year-old Errani, an Italian who has blossomed in Grand Slam competition this year, matched her best Wimbledon showing by advancing to the third round. She was the French Open runner-up this month

to Sharapova, and she's 12-2 in major tournaments She began this year with a career record of 15-17

Playing the day's first match on Court 2, the 10thseeded Errani erased all three break points she faced and won in 61 minutes. That was a grueling effort compared with Wednesday, when she played only one point to complete a victory suspended overnight because of rain.

The fourth day of play began with sunshine and temperatures heading into the low 80s.

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DREXLER

serve — or anything else.

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McCallum's book is due out on July 10. On his Web site, Mc-

Callum said the excerpt is accurate. Deadspin. com ran the excerpt on Tuesday, and McCallum said the site mischaracterized the context. Drexler was referring to the opinion of many people in the league, McCallum said, and not specifically members of the 1992 Olympic team.

Drexler, now an ana-

lyst for the Rockets' locally televised games, said in the statement that he was one of Johnson's biggest supporters in the wake of the diagnosis that led to his retirement in November

"I take great exception to having such comments attributed to me," Drexler said.

"I have nothing but love and respect for Magic Johnson and all that he has accomplished in basketball and in life. I always took pride in being a great throughout teammate

my career and I would never have made the statements that were reported in Jack McCallum's book." McCallum

viewed Drexler his home and got the sense that Drexler felt snubbed when he wasn't one of the first 10 players named to the muchcelebrated team.

He was added to the team later, along with Duke's Christian Laett-

McCallum said he didn't feel comfortable writing about Drexler said, but he stands by the quote.

"Now, is there an element of truth to it? I can't say for sure," Mc-Callum wrote. "What's clear, though, is that it was extremely impolitic of Drexler to say it. And let me emphasize again that he wasn't talking about the Dream Teamers, but more the league in general."

One key element excluded from the Deadspin excerpt, McCallum said, was that Drexler "stood tallest of all the Dream Teamers in welcoming Magic back to the league" in 1996.

MURPHY

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Every Ranger had a hit or scored except Josh Hamilton, who went 0-for-4 and struck out four times. He continued a prolonged slump and is 6-for-36 (.167) in his past 10

Murphy led the 16-hit parade with run-scoring hits in each of the Rangers' big scoring innings.

"It was just one of those nights where everything comes together," he said. "It was just impressive the way we showed an offensive effort from top to bottom. It was very complete."

Jhonny Peralta was 3-for-4 with a two-run double in the fifth inning for the Tigers, who twice fought back from big deficits, including scoring four runs in the eighth to make a game of it.

Murphy's three-run homer in the second capped a four-run inning, a solo shot in the fourth started another four-run surge, and he had a run-scoring single in the three-run fifth that extended their lead to 11-5.

Murphy matched a career high he set June 11, 2008, at Kansas City. It was the fourth multihomer game of his career.

In two starts this season, Oswalt is 2-0 with a 4.43 ERA in 12 2-3 innings. He gave up nine hits but only one walk and one run in 6 2-3 innings in his debut June

"My command's great, I'm throwing the ball where I want to," Oswalt said. "A few balls leaked on me a little bit during the game, but overall, for all four pitches, I felt pretty good coming out of my hand, like I can throw a strike when I want to.

"For my second start, I feel pretty close to where I want to be."

The Rangers scored four runs on four hits and an error in the second.

Beltre, who led off the inning with a single, scored the first run when Detroit third baseman Miguel Cabrera threw wide to first on Nelson Cruz's slow roller.

Murphy followed with a home run to right on an 0-2 pitch.

Hamilton struck out for the third time in the fourth inning.

"I'm not concerned about Josh," manager Ron Washington said. "Give Josh 600 at-bats, and he's going to do some damage. That's all that I look at." His second homer of the game,

which landed in the Rangers bullpen in right-center, put the Rangers up 5-2.

Kinsler followed with his homer that gave Oswalt a five-run The Tigers chipped away at

five- and six-run deficits in the fifth and eighth. Quintin Berry's triple with no outs in the fifth scored Austin Jackson, who led off with a single.

Oswalt got Cabrera to pop out softly to first and Berry was caught in a rundown on a fielder's choice on Prince Fielder's grounder to Beltre.

But Delmon Young singled and Alex Avila, who had two hits, followed with a walk to load the bases for Peralta's two-out double that trimmed the lead to 7-5.

Down 11-5 in the eighth, the Tigers used run-scoring hits from Jackson, Young and Avila off relievers Martin Perez and Mike Adams and an error by Kinsler to score four runs.

"We hustled hard and had good at-bats," Leyland said. "You got to play better than that, pitch better than that to have a chance here.

"This was an ugly game. You just turn the page and go on to the next stop.'

Cabrera had a run-scoring single in the third and Brennan Boesch had an RBI.

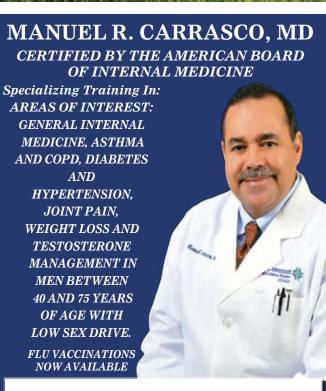
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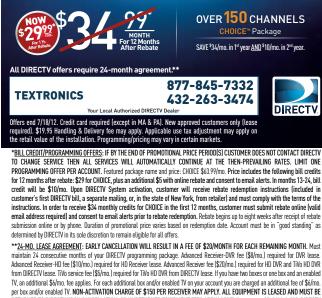
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