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Coahoma and area residents turned out to attend the Freedom Parade Saturday. Each year, the parade is held in celebration of the Fourth of July holiday. Entries included vintage and newer model sports cars, Shriners, tractors and decorated floats.



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Westexags Shootout

County A&M Club to hold tournament, live auction

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

If you're an Aggie, are friends with an Aggie or don't mind helping an Aggie, the Howard County A&M Club needs your help. For the 13th consecutive year, the club will hold its WestTexAgs Shootout to raise scholarship money to support area public school students attending Texas A&M University.

Anyone, regardless of whether they're an Aggie, is welcome to attend.

Two major events, both held at Big Spring Country Club, will highlight this year's Shootout, which will be held Saturday, July 14:

- A four-person scramble golf tournament will tee off at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$100 per person and includes cart and green fees. In addition, the A&M club is seeking \$500 sponsorships for teams and holes.

Golfers will be allowed one mulligan (for \$10) and awards will be presented for the longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Prizes will be country club pro shop credits.

The action shifts inside at 6 p.m., when the A&M club holds its annual Aggie Live Auction.

Items such as memorabilia and vacation trips will be auctioned off. Items include:

- John David Crow Texas A&M statistics jersey.

- Texas A&M Aggie Band framed piece — Nov. 1941 Texas A&M vs. Texas game.
- UT Millennium Statistics Football, signed by Earl Campbell.
- Texas A&M 12th Man Kickoff Team book by Jackie Sherrill.

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Nothing going on in Big Spring?

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

As summer rolls on and fall approaches, Crossroads area residents might want to keep in mind some important opportunities for entertainment coming up.

Among them is the WestTexags Shootout, set Saturday, July 14. Activities include a four-person scramble at Big Spring Country Club, followed by a live auction. There is a catch, of course, and that is all funds raised go toward sending young men and women to Texas A&M University — Aggie-land, if you will. Perhaps hard to take for Red Raider fans.

But you don't have to be

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Robinson Howard, Glasscock families honored

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Several families have made an impact in the history of

Howard and Glasscock counties, which is why the Heritage Museum continues to pay tribute and recognize pioneer families.

"We wouldn't be the communities that we are if it wasn't for those families who pioneered it all," Museum Director Nancy Raney said.

This year, two families sharing the same last name but no relation were honored as the Howard and Glasscock County Pioneer Families — G.R. (Rob) and Myra Robinson were recognized for Howard County and W.L. Robinson was honored from Glasscock County.

G.R. (Bob) and Myra Robinson initially moved to Big Spring from Colorado City

in 1966. At that time Robinson Drilling's headquarters changed locations. The company was originally formed in Colorado City, in 1947, af-

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ter Bob retired from the service as a major and resumed civilian life. Before forming the company, he served as an engineer with Stanolind Oil and Gas in Oklahoma City.

The couple shares three children. Myra took over the company, after serving as bookkeeper, in 1972 when Bob passed away as a result

of a car accident.

"This has been my life and I wouldn't trade it for any other," Myra Robinson said.

Her children describe her as a woman of formidable energy and drive that never stops. Her work ethic inspires hundreds of people throughout Texas who count on her leadership, friendship and encouragement.

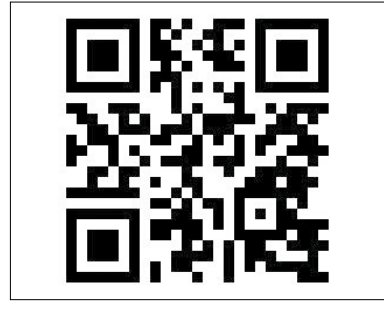
The Glasscock County Pioneer Family of W.L. Robinson started their history in the county in 1890 when his great-grandfather, Cornelius Joseph Robinson, arrived in Howard County.

W.L.'s father and grandfather ran Robinson Brothers Livery Stable while the family lived across the street. Upon

getting married to Bertie Mae in 1927, the couple moved to Glasscock County. The couple shared 16 children.


Mr. Robinson was the county commissioner at the time of his death in 1973. Bertie Mae died in 1982. The couple's son, John, accepted the award on behalf of the Robinson family.

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Obituaries

June Minchew



June Minchew, 76, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 5, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, July 9, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

She was born Oct. 1, 1935, in Erath County, Texas, and married Bill Minchew Sr., Nov. 5, 1956, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death March 20, 2011.

June was a Baptist. Survivors include her daughter, Sherri Spurny and husband Joe of Midland; many cousins; and numerous caring friends.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Billy Minchew Jr.; her father, Jim Hightower; her mother, Bobbie Seary; and two sisters, Doris Jane Steuterville and Jackie Lavelle Hightower.

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

Mike Carter



Mike Carter, 64, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 29, 1947, in Marysville, Calif., to Margaret and James Carter. He married Dorothy James on Sept. 16, 1968 in Big Spring, Texas. He has been a resident of Big Spring most of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving 10 years. He was an operator for Key Energy, retiring in February 2012 due to ill health. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Carter of Big Spring; two sons, Ray Heffington of Big Spring and Chuck Stephens of Overland Park, Kan.; two daughters, Diane Anderson of Abilene and Deborah Rueda of Lubbock; two brothers, Tony Carter and Randy Carter, both of Colfax, Wash.; seven grandsons; several great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

Take Note

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday 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

• 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.

• Nichols Road will be closed for repairs July 10 through July 24, according to the Howard County Road and Bridge Department.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney underwent 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.

Police

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

- NICKOLAS JONPAUL RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 410 Owens, was arrested Friday on a warrant for fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- MARTIN ANGUIANO, 45, of 202 N.E. Second, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR, 29, of 802 E. 14th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and prohibited weapons-switchblade/knuckles.
- CHRISTOPHER GENE BAKER, 26, of 1804 Mittell Ave., was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.
- JAMES RICHARD TAYLOR, 58, of 1416 Ash, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal mischief between \$50 and \$500 and assault by threat.
- JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR., 49, of 700 E. 15th, was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft between \$50 and \$500 all other.
- TAJUANA MONIQUE CARR, 26, of 2503 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from other agency.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive. In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported: In the 1500 block of Sycamore. In the 400 block of Sunset Boulevard. In the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue. In the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 2200 block of Johnson Street.

Support Groups

MONDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. Contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

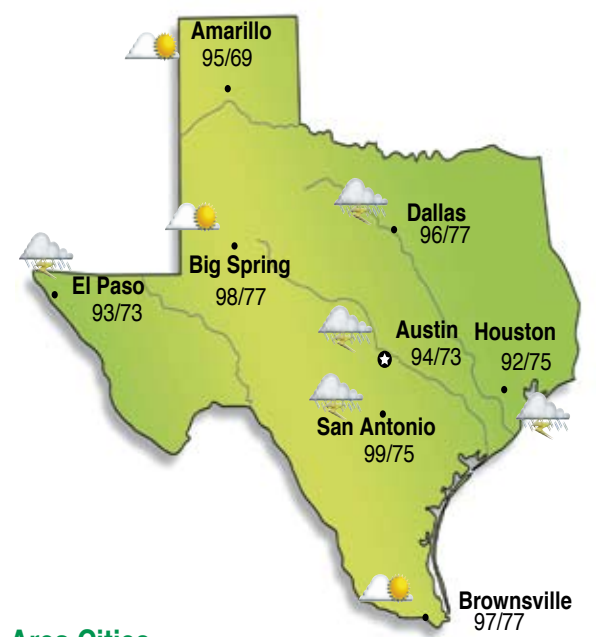
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 7/8	Mon 7/9	Tue 7/10	Wed 7/11	Thu 7/12
98/77 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 70s.	96/74 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	88/72 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	91/73 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/74 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	74	pt sunny	Kingsville	97	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	95	69	pt sunny	Livingston	89	72	t-storm
Austin	94	73	t-storm	Longview	87	73	t-storm
Beaumont	88	74	t-storm	Lubbock	95	71	pt sunny
Brownsville	97	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	73	t-storm
Brownwood	97	74	t-storm	Midland	97	76	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	98	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	93	74	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	96	77	t-storm	San Antonio	99	75	t-storm
Del Rio	101	79	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	73	t-storm
El Paso	93	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	73	t-storm
Fort Stockton	93	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	74	pt sunny
Gainesville	96	75	t-storm	Tyler	88	74	t-storm
Greenville	93	73	t-storm	Weatherford	97	75	t-storm
Houston	92	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	99	75	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	87	68	mst sunny
Boston	86	64	rain	New York	89	74	t-storm
Chicago	81	65	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	85	pt sunny
Dallas	96	77	t-storm	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Denver	70	60	t-storm	Seattle	81	61	mst sunny
Houston	92	75	t-storm	St. Louis	92	71	t-storm
Los Angeles	78	63	sunny	Washington, DC	100	77	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

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At left, Mike Mathis, rodeo announcer, presents Myra Robinson with the Howard County Pioneer Family of the Year plaque during the Old Settlers Reunion at the Heritage Museum. Mathis also presented the award for Glasscock County Pioneer Family of the Year award to John Robinson on behalf of the W.L. Robinson family.

Courtesy photos

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"We are honored to be able to recognize these families who have chosen to let Howard and Glasscock counties play such

an integral part of their families history while also giving back to the communities they reside in," Raney said.

Old Settlers Reunion was first held in 1924 on the T.J. McKinney farm, north of Coahoma. Four years later, it was moved to Parrish Park. In order to ensure

the success of the event, a group of officers and committees were elected.

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an Aggie to get in on the fun. The auction will feature dozens of autographed books, jerseys, banners, prints, photographs — you name it — vacation packages and, believe it or not, Aggie football tickets.

This year, the Howard County A&M Club hopes to generate funds for 18 scholarships.

The following weekend, Cactus and Crude, a bicycle ride from Midland to Post through Big Spring will be held to support the fight against multiple sclerosis. Those dates are July 21-22.

As the bike ride ends,

action takes to the air. July 22-27, Big Spring hosts an event which most people know little about, but is large in certain circles. It's the U.S. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association's Big Spring Nationals 2012.

An interesting "bragging" point: 11 years in the running (or sailing), it's the USHPA's longest continuously sanctioned competition in the United States. Why? the USHPA's website says, "Best weather, great locals, excellent facilities, tons of airtime, long flights." Come fly with us in Big Spring.

An event that is catching on quickly is the Moonlight Rave Runs being held at Big Spring State Park. Two have

been held already this year, with the third and fourth runs of the series set Aug. 3 and 31. Imagine running along scenic Mountain at midnight.

The Texas Plains Trail Roundup will be in Big Spring Aug. 9-10. It's not so much an opportunity for entertainment as it is for education. The purpose is to market Big Spring and other areas of the Texas Plains.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will hold its annual kickoff Aug. 18. Speaking of kickoffs, football is just around the corner. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan begin their 2012-2013 school year Aug. 27 and football — and volleyball — will follow quickly.

September brings the Comanche Warrior Triathlon to Comanche Trail Park. Competitors come from all over the state, New Mexico and Oklahoma to run, bicycle and swim their way to prizes. That event will be held Sept. 8.

Another event — moving at a slower pace, but every bit as meaningful — will be the Walk to End Alzheimer's, slated for Sept. 15.

Indoors, the Howard College Foundation will feature Krickitt Carpenter on Sept. 24. Krickitt and her husband, Kim, are the actual couple behind the box office hit, "The Vow."

Calling all kids, queens, tractor pullers, artists and cake bakers — the Howard County

Fair is Sept. 27-29. It's a good time to start planning what categories to enter.

A quick glance at October indicates the Big Spring Symphony will begin its season with "A Night in Vienna" on the 6th; Discover Big Spring will be on the 7th; ag appreciation day is the 11th; and Heritage Museum will host a Halloween extravaganza on ... yes, Oct. 31.

Odd News

Monkey seen? Officials search for missing macaque

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Searchers trying to find an 8-pound monkey that escaped more than a week ago are now playing sounds of a baby monkey to try to recapture the wayward animal.

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center spokesman Chad Campbell told the Winston-Salem Journal someone reported seeing the monkey in southwestern Forsyth County on Friday. But crews didn't see the animal when they arrived. This particular type of monkey, called a macaque, escaped from the Wake Forest University Primate Center.

Campbell says searchers have set up humane traps and are playing baby monkey calls to lure the animal. Officials hope the monkey will respond to the calls

because she is a breeding animal used in research.

The 16-year-old macaque is originally from Indonesia and has been in captivity since 2008.

Man pays off mortgage with pennies

MILFORD, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man who pledged to make the last mortgage payment on his home with pennies has fulfilled that promise.

After warning his bank, Thomas Daigle dropped off about 62,000 pennies weighing 800 pounds in two boxes for the final payment on the Milford home he and his wife, Sandra, bought in 1977.

He tells The Milford Daily News he just wanted to make his last payment on April 24 "memorable."

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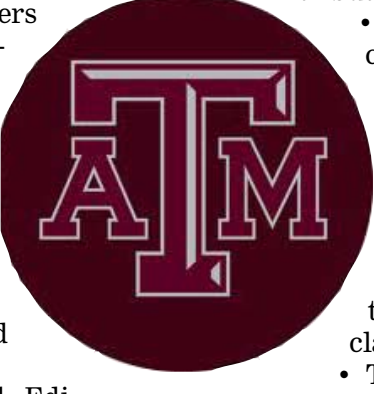
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The goal for this year's Shootout is to raise enough money for 18 endowed scholarships to the university. For more information, call 432-263-7969 or visit the A&M club's website at www.westexags.com

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The 2012 recipients were Kaitlyn Hector, Kaley Ownes, Jessi Morgan, Sylvia Gonzalez, Lynzi Ferrell, Minnie Goodblanket, Justin Coker and Rebecca Mince, all from Coahoma; Patrick Robles and Cheyenne Galloway, both from Forsan.

These scholarships were announced at the end of May at the senior assemblies of Coahoma & Forsan High School. Each recipient will receive \$500 for the fall semester enrollment in college.

The group would like

to extend a special thank you to Gene and Vicki Hector for all of their hard work in securing donors for the golf tournament and for working behind the scenes to make the tournament and the ongoing scholarship fund possible.

They would also like to thank G&S Oilfield Service for providing and cooking hamburgers; every individual hole sponsors; and especially all of the golfers that came out and participated!

The Abrego family is very grateful to all who had a part in making the golf tournament a huge success and for assisting so many students while allowing Chubby to be remembered in such a positive way.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Uncle Mort hits 100

Properly planted and girded by embellished half-truths, rumors race across a community faster than the truth on roller skates. When a rumor-starting pro like my Uncle Mort sets 'em up, they move still faster, swelling and swirling with tornadic force.

Take Mort's 100th birthday extravaganza July 4 in the thicket as Exhibit A. It was at the core of community conversations for at least two months — just as he'd planned. He "set the table" for the magical event — his way.

Would there be aerial fly-overs? Would Elvis show up? Did guests really need to bring pockets full of silver dollars? Would the lights for TV cameras light up the skies? Was it even remotely possible that both presidential political candidates might show up? Could Mort actually entice the Boston Pops Orchestra to appear? Would there be a recipe of great import shared? Such were the rumors that swelled and swirled.

Uncle Mort threw everyone a curve. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary when a couple of hundred relatives and friends showed up. He greeted everyone, asking if they'd like to toss a few silver dollars into his "offering plate," actually a five-gallon bucket.

It was a cooler than usual July 4 in the thicket. Game tables were set up under trees, with vats of lemonade 20 or 30 yards apart and fishing poles awaiting the kids. Ice cream freezers growled in the background. Old Glory rippled in the breeze atop a 50-foot pole; those who know Mort best were surprised he sprung for a flag big enough for a car dealership.

Guests were asked to silence their cell phones; electronic games were stilled. Eureka! Genuine "how've-you-been conversations" began as cards and dominoes shuffled and fishing lines plopped lazily into the creek. Still, everyone remained uneasy. After all, the only "usual Mort thing" so far was his collection of silver dollars at the gate.

As sunset closed in, Mort sauntered to the portable mike. Choking up a bit, he thanked God for giving him long life, much longer than he deserved. "God's good at overdoing it," he said. Then he thanked everyone for being his friend.

Was that all, everyone wondered as they belted out Happy Birthday, ready to cut their own cake slices — "as big as they wanted."

Then, from across the hill came a rickety bus carrying three dozen kids from a community church two counties away.

They sang the National Anthem, followed by This is My Country, Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless the USA, Yankee Doodle Dandy and their finale, God Bless America. We all joined in the singing at the last, then a 10-year-old boy played Taps, quavering — but quickly recovering — on the final note.

There were no fireworks, but fireflies pierced the first shades of darkness.

We drove away, feeling closer to each other and more thankful than ever for Uncle Mort. For a couple of magical hours, we adhered to a biblical admonition. We were still and knew that He is God.

At Mort's gate, there was the bucket, filled with silver dollars. A little sign read, "Take as many as you brought, and give 'em to charity," the note urged.

Back home, emptying pockets before donning PJ's, I opened the little envelope I'd gotten at the party. Sure enough, it was Mort's promised "secret recipe" — the one he claimed to be "the very best for preparation of possum."

It instructed thusly: "Upon procurement of the possum, hopefully on a day with a chill in the air, prepare it as per usual in a big sauce pan. Then, instead of placing in the oven, put it on your neighbor's roof for a good overnight chill."

The PS cracked me up: "Be sure not to put it on your own roof, 'cause if you do, somebody might steal it!"

Ah, the final words remind us of the Uncle Mort we've grown to love. May he have many more birthdays and continue to brighten our days along the way.

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A Very Special Thanks to Coach Phillip Ritchey

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been a coach and teacher in Big Spring for the past six years. I have watched as our community has accomplished and conquered in many powerful ways. It was a very hard decision to make, but recently I was offered a position in my hometown, and will be leaving Big Spring.

One of the most powerful blessings that I have seen, and had the pleasure to work for, is having Phillip Ritchey as the BSISD athletic director.

Not only is Phillip Ritchey an athletic director of a large 3A school, but he is also a man of many talents. Not only is he a father of three, a husband and an athletic director, He is also head swim coach, basketball official, softball announcer, basketball clock worker, and drives to every out of town game if he is not in the middle of a seasonal sport.

Sometimes I have wondered to myself, how does he do it? I have seen him go from gym to gym after football practices in the evening. He always wants our future Steer Nation to know that he will do the best he can to come watch the game(s). While I am coaching, it is no surprise to see Coach Ritchey sitting in the bleachers. The leadership he has brought to Big Spring is passed down through the vessels of his coaching staff, and then on to the future athletes of BSISD.

I didn't get to why I have been so grateful to have him as a roll model and athletic director.

I found out last March that I had exactly 30 days to find a house, pack, and move during a hectic softball season. Well, with the help of Kay Cook the athletic secretary, I was able to find a rent home, and I began packing. Coach Ritchey was notified by a coach that I was moving everything by myself from one house to the other. I received an email from Coach Ritchey asking when would be the best time for a group of coaches to come help me move things across town. I said 6 p.m. sounds like a good time. With the thanks of Coach Ritchey offering to help me, the move was done by 8 p.m. This would not have been possible for me to do by myself. I was so grateful to all of the coaches who took time away from their families and moved me.

I would like to tell Coach Ritchey that I am honored to have had you as my superior, leader and role model. The passion that you have for helping the children of BSISD is a contagious one, and I will carry what I have learned from you everywhere I go. Thank you for supporting me, and believing in me.

SINCERELY
AMANDA WILLIAMS
BIG SPRING

Editorial content

TO THE EDITOR:

First of all, I want to thank Sports Editor Brian McCormack for his informative editorial: "An Orwellian Concern ..."

As he said, "We the people, have slowly been giving up privacy for decades" and adds "Under the guise of security, etc" ... American public has allowed our version of Big Brother to permeate our society.

Second, I was ready to submit a letter to the editor on the Declaration of Independence when the opinion/editorial page of the Herald printed two columns and a cartoon which in my opinion insults the rank and file voters of both political parties. Of course both the DNC and RNC run distortion ads against their opponents. Both parties are more concerned in raising money and making false promises than solving the country's problems, which they established. Don't they know that Old John Q. Public is suffering from high taxes, governmental waste and corruption? Perhaps they do and don't care — it's not their money that they are wasting.

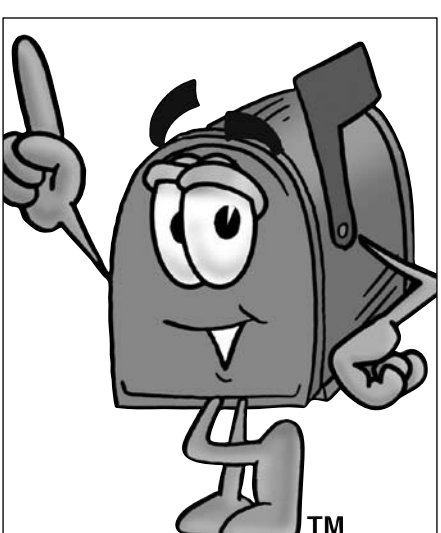
The June 15 edition of the Herald carried a half-page, three-col-

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umn tirade by Miguel Perez about presidential candidate Mitt Romney. The column begins with the statement: "If he wasn't trying to overcome the image of the politician who would say anything to get elected, if he wasn't known as the champion of the flip-flopers ... " In my opinion, the same thing could be said of President Barack Obama (aka foreign student, Barry Soetoro). Mr. Perez says that Mr. Romney "hypocrisy is not an obstacle." This, also in my opinion, can be applied to the president.

If it wasn't, in my opinion, so stupid, I would laugh at Perez's statement that the Romney camp plans to attract Hispanic voters "... will be akin to watching the Ringling Brothers when they let all the clowns run loose." Having been a clown in the now defunct Gainesville Community Circus for a number of years, I can honestly state that I prefer clowns (whose purpose is to act stupid) than the pompous ring master with his grandiose announcements (whether true or false) of each circus event.

Then June 21, a column by Donald Kaul was carried under the editorial masthead of the Herald. He wrote about Romney: "It's likely however that he'll try to finesse the question of what he's for in favor of attacking the incumbent." Doesn't Mr. Kaul remember that President Bush was blamed by Senator Obama



as being the cause of all our national problems? He continues his tirade: "... with the dangers of Marxism embraced by Republicans in Congress." It amazes me that a western song singing personality was fired for giving his political opinion and I wager the man from Ann Arbor, Michigan will continue his insulting tirades without even so much as a wrist slap. The Washington Times has stated: The oval office is occupied by a man who once pledged allegiance to the socialist party and authorized himself to declare martial law as President."

Mr. Kaul's last bit of bile is about the November election which he concedes that: "This could be an historic election if the electorate were to rise up and throw the Republicans out into the middle of the street ..." In my opinion, the election will definitely be a historic election — Will the electorate choose to return to the United States Constitution or will they choose the Orwellian utopian Oceania and be controlled by Big Brother?

Last, but not least, my opinion on the insulting cartoon of the elephant character shouting "Obama refused to deport this child" I doubt that I will ever see a cartoon depicting a Jack-ass stating: "Obama wants to assist older people in committing suicide."

There's more I could say, but my printer just ran out of ink.

CAD WINGERT
BIG SPRING

Senior Center

TO THE EDITOR,

I come in contact with so many people who are negative. I believe in having a positive attitude and enjoy life because we, as a nation, are so blessed.

I'm writing about the physical conditions at the senior center where we hold our dances every Friday night. Since the Bible states there will be dancing in heaven, as seniors we enjoy practicing for that day. With so much

obesity in our country, we are urged to be active and exercise.

Dancing is one of the best, fun ways to exercise.

Because of the roof and ceiling damage at the center, we were moved into a much smaller room that is extremely hot. The ac helps very little unless you are directly in front of it. Extra fans that we bring help very little to cool the room.

We have people come from Colorado City, Snyder, Midland, Odessa and other places to dance weekly. They all have complained about the hot conditions. The group from Snyder said they would not return until we have a cool room in which to dance. (We want to thank the large group from Colorado City who faithfully come every week. We hope they will keep coming.)

In the past, when there was a need in Big Spring, the people have always risen to the occasion in meeting that need. We provided a sports complex and a water park for our youth, which is good. We need to provide for our own youth. Now, we need to take care of our seniors' needs. This senior dance is the only dance I know of that doesn't have drinking, smoking, cursing or rowdy behavior.

Seniors are urged to be active and exercise. Dancing is truly a fun way to exercise.

We seniors have contributed much time and money to help better this community. Now it is time we receive some help. I am asking everyone to contact members of the city council, the county commissioners and anyone else you know who is in authority to get changes made. Let them know this should be a priority because as seniors, our health is not always the best.

On June 22, we had one man become faint from the heat, almost falling to the dance floor. This room condition is not acceptable. To paraphrase the Bible: Please have mercy on us seniors.

If anyone knows of a cool place where we could have our dances until renovations are made at the center, please notify the center and let them know because we need action taken asap since the heat will continue for weeks to come.

We will be forever grateful for any help in solving this problem.

SINCERELY,
DEL HARTIN
BIG SPRING

Drought

TO THE EDITOR:

We are all really concerned about the drought, not only in Big Spring, but in all droughted places. Drought anywhere effects others near to it and farm from it in all kinds of ways. Though all the details escape me right now, it seems that a couple or three years ago, a local pastor (who is no longer here) organized a prayer such that all people, from all denominations, and from everywhere, were invited to come. There were signs posted variously as to what time, place and date.

I was not one of those who attended, but that year cotton grew "sky high" to quote "Gone With the Wind's" Scarlet O'Hara. The fins were full, inside and out. Maybe ginning wasn't finished until February or March. It rained, rained, rained!

A couple of scriptures come to mind. In Matthew 18:19, the Christ Jesus promised believers "... if two of you agree about anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven." The other scripture that comes to mind is from II Chronicles 7:14, when the Lord said to Solomon, "If my people ... humble themselves and pray, seek my face, turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Maybe there are those who will agree with me that our lands, towns, cities, states, nation, even our world, desperately need healing, especially those that have

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Amelia Earhart's own corner of Wyoming

By MARGARET MATRAY

Star-Tribune staff writer

MEETEETSE — The dot of land deep in the woods, dozens of miles from any town, would have been perfect.

To get there, she would have had to pack in. The first car to drive even close came through just 12 years earlier.

That's why Amelia Earhart picked it.

The famed aviatrix would have gone unnoticed and unbothered.

Mount Sniffel to the south would have cast long shadows in the summer afternoon, enveloping her cabin in cool.

Below, Wood River would have whispered the only sound.

Yes, it would have been perfect. The first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic asked friend and Meeteetse rancher Carl Dunrud to build her a summer home on the spot. He cut logs and laid the beginnings of walls in 1936.

One year later, Earhart's Lockheed Model 10 Electra disappeared over the Pacific Ocean during her attempted around-the-world flight, and Dunrud stopped building.

Monday marks 75 years since Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan went missing. Researchers with the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery return to the Pacific atoll Nikumaroro this week with sonar and robots to try, once and for all, to find Earhart's plane. A 1937 photograph discovered earlier this year shows what could be a landing gear sticking out of the Pacific.

Had history gone much differently — had potentially credible radio signals gone noticed, had Navy ships and planes found clues in the ocean — Earhart would have come here, to the Wyoming quiet, to get away.

The remnants of Earhart's cabin have endured more than seven decades of wind and winter on the Shoshone National Forest. Two walls have been weathered away completely, evergreen trees growing in their place. What's left are four logs splintering and sinking into the soil.

"It's not going to take much before it's all just a pile of dust," said Joan Dunrud, Carl Dunrud's daughter-in-law.

Earhart's connection to northwestern Wyoming began with her husband, publisher George Putnam.

Putnam, his son and first wife, Dorothy, took a trip to Yellowstone National Park in 1921. Carl Dunrud, a packer for tourists in the park, led the Putnams on their trip. A few years later, George Putnam came back.

"We went out and had a grand time," Dunrud wrote in his book, "Let's Go! Eighty-five Years of Adventure," which draws on journal entries he kept throughout his life.

"We left the trail many times and started for the wildest places on the map."

Putnam told Dunrud he should quit his job and join him on an expedition to northern Canada.

Dunrud did quit in 1925. But when he got to the Putnam home in New York to prepare for the trip, plans had changed. Putnam was to go to Greenland to bring back animal specimens for the American Museum of Natural History. Still, he wanted Dunrud to come.

"Now I wondered how I would place on the ship's roster. I was a green hillbilly from the Sweetgrass Hills of Montana and a 'retired' Yellowstone Park ranger," Dunrud wrote. "Everyone else on the roster, except the sailors, was a high-powered scientist of one kind or another."

But Dunrud found his place. Photographs show him butchering a walrus in the arctic, roping a polar bear cub from a row boat.

Some eight years later, Dunrud was back in Wyoming. He had purchased the ghost town of Kirwin — a remote mining camp dead since 1907 — and ran the nearby Double Dee Ranch outside of Meeteetse.

Putnam wanted his second wife, Amelia Earhart, to camp and experience the Wyoming he had in the '20s. They planned a trip to the Dunruds' ranch for July 1934.

Earhart arrived first. She drove cross country in her air-cooled Franklin and went unrecognized until she reached Douglas. Dunrud had to adjust her carburetor to the 8,200-foot altitude so she could make it to the Double Dee, said Jim Dunrud, Carl's son.

During Earhart's stay, photographer Charles Belden snapped images of her sitting on the corral and joking with Carl Dunrud as he pretended to cut her hair with sheep shears.

She posed for a photo in a checkered shirt, one arm around the Dunruds' dog, Tag, the other around Jim, then 2 years old. The image hangs in

Jim and Joan Dunrud's home today.

Earhart liked the sound of the stream at night; it put her to sleep, Jim Dunrud said.

Carl Dunrud led the couple on a two-week pack trip through the mountains. Before they left Wyoming, Earhart filed on a mining claim one mile upstream from Kirwin.

"She saw a spot that she would really like," Joan Dunrud said.

Prior to her final flight, Earhart sent some of her things to the Double Dee Ranch to be stored until her cabin was finished, including a flight jacket and a buffalo coat given to her by actor William S. Hart.

She sent a wooden chest of gifts to the Dunruds with a bamboo fishing pole and Winchester .22 rifle.

Joan Dunrud said Carl likely harvested timber on the spot to construct the cabin. He wrote in his book that four walls had been built about halfway up by July 2, 1937.

"Then she was lost," Jim Dunrud said. "And that was the end of the cabin."

He said his father corresponded with Putnam following the disappearance, but Putnam never came back to stay with the Dunruds. During World War II, the family had to shut down the Double Dee.

Earhart's flight jacket and buffalo coat have since joined the collections of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody.

By the 1970s, the cabin had begun to rot. Carl Dunrud wanted the community to remember her, so he had a small stone monument erected in Meeteetse.

A photograph from 1984 shows four walls — only a few logs high — and a door frame.

Last week, Jim and Joan Dunrud went back to the cabin to show two journalists the site. They hadn't visited in a couple years.

The door frame is gone. The remnants of only two walls are left.

"Boy, it is really melting away," Joan Dunrud said.

Any human remains out in the Pacific would be long gone. Pieces of plane would be deep on the ocean floor.

Earhart's cabin, too, will soon crumble away, leaving no traces behind.

"To be out in the weather that long," Joan Dunrud said, "it probably stands to reason we'd all deteriorate."

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our world, desperately need healing, especially those that have been ravished by uncontrollable fires one after the other. I am learning that the World of God addresses any situation for all times.

PASTOR SHARON,
LAKEWOOD SPRINGS

Con job continued

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to this ongoing con job and theft by the Howard County Tax Appraisal office. Supposedly because of the oil boom. No boom of housing apartments or business because of the stifling taxes here. In a real boom like Midland's, the influx on new homes and business triggered a 20 percent across the board tax reduction to homeowners.

I have heard some say "If Alon paid their share." The taxing entities have bled that refinery dry for years and continue to do so. You can thank the tree huggers for one thing, if not for the 35-year moratorium on new refineries in the U.S., that outdated, obsolete refinery would have told them to stuff their taxes and been gone long ago.

Their next step after raising there and others evaluations in the next one or two years, is to claim there is not enough money to run the schools, city and county. There never is. I have heard this broken record my whole life. Then they will need to raise the rates.

There is never enough money but yet, they all find it when they want to build the pyramids that attest to their greatness and power. Example 1: Four new schools built at the same time. Were the four old schools that dilapidated and being condemned all at the same time? And the \$37,000 fancy sign in front of the high school. Example 2: The county's law enforcement center was voted on and cut in size by the voters. So now they are doubling the size of it and did not have a vote on anything except what they wanted and did it "in house." Example 3: Did we not vote in a several million dollar bond issue just a few years ago to overhaul the aging water and sewer lines and then repave streets after the repair? Yet about every third street you turn on to you have to dodge the uncovered holes for weeks at a time, bomb craters left by the city. Some could devour a small car. Yet the city has money for their pyramids, like the totally useless lighted islands on Main Street and the tire-eating obstacles jutting out too far around the courthouse.

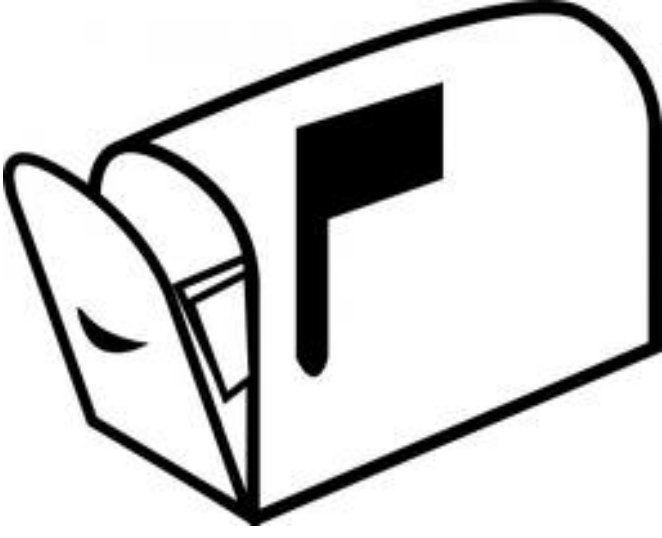
Seems like all we got for that multi-million tax bond was some black top seal coating and new paint stripes on a few of the more traveled and noticeable streets. To heck with the water woes and paving on back streets. However, everyone, especially the upper echelon, get some nice pay increases.

It is high time to dispense with the niceties and p.c. crap and get down to the facts. These appraisal board members are one of three things. Either naïve or dumb to what is going on; misled or lied to; or guilty of perpetuating this fraud and theft of the Howard County taxpayers.

Quite a few have protested these value hikes to

a three-person protest board that has steamrolled over all of them and been told that is it, nothing more you can do but eat this BS sandwich they are dishing out and learn to like it.

However, lots more have said and done nothing, either being too timid to speak up or others who have too busy working trying to pay these taxes and support families. The time is now to do something or get used to that sandwich from now on.



Show up at the tax appraisal board's monthly meeting if nothing else, just to show in numbers that we are mad as hell and not going to take it any more. The meeting is Wednesday, July 11, at 5 p.m. at the annex across from the courthouse.

Those wishing to speak need to go by and be put on the agenda or they won't let you say a word.

Those who say they don't have the time or don't want to get out in the heat just remember, not everyone else can fight your battles or represent you. No shows have no right to gripe in the future about their taxes. Just get used to paying them.

STEVE CHRANE
BIG SPRING

Gas prices

TO THE EDITOR:

This past week I drove the Big Spring, Abilene, Fredericksburg, San Antonio, San Angelo, Big Spring loop and am happy to report Big Spring had the lowest gas price of all these places at \$3.09 a gallon.

Urban legend has it that our Big Spring gas prices are set by a group of local distributors who meet for morning coffee and gleefully set the price for the day. I personally have no knowledge of how the price is set or why there is a 30- to 40-cent variation in price across town, but to whoever is responsible I send out a hearty "thank you," not only for

the lower price but also for once giving Big Spring bragging rights for the lowest price in the Texas loop I recently traveled.

NANCY MICHAELIS
BIG SPRING

Register to vote

TO THE EDITOR:

If you are not yet a registered voter, now is the time to do it — so you will be able to vote in the November election. This is probably one of the most important elections that you will be able to take part in — as our country is being undermined by Obama in every way possible!

He does not believe in the greatness of our country.

This Health Care Bill that he has tried to stuff down our throats is not the prize that some think it to be.

This is what will begin to take place, the doctors who can afford to retire will do so and get out of the business altogether. Those who can not do so will not take any knew medicare or medicaid patients and

might not take care of the one's they see now, unless the patient can pay for the visit at the time of service.

I for one would not be able to do that.

The insurance you do have will most likely raise your premiums. The states can not pay for this, and with Obama not willing to enforce our borders, the border states will be strangled with illegals.

We need to make sure Obama is a one term President.

LILLIE HENDRICKS
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Zimmerman released on bail under stricter terms

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — George Zimmerman is out of jail again, but the rules have changed since the last time he was released on bail after being charged in the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin.

When he was freed in April, Zimmerman was allowed to leave Florida — his ultimate destination kept secret by his attorneys for his safety. He had a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and couldn't have any guns, but beyond that Zimmerman enjoyed many of the freedoms of people not facing a murder charge.

Now a judge who believes Zimmerman misled the court about his finances is requiring him to stay in Seminole County. He also must be electronically monitored, can't open a bank account, obtain a passport or set foot on the grounds of the local airport. He has a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

Still, one of Zimmerman's attorneys said his client is "very happy to be out."

"Certainly it's been a sobering experience spending the last month in jail in that kind of environment," Don West, one of Zimmerman's attorneys, told reporters outside the jail Friday.

Zimmerman will stay in a "safe house" before relocating to a permanent home, and he has hired a security team, according to information posted on a website run by his legal team.

The former neighborhood watch volunteer is charged with second-degree murder for fatally shooting Martin, an unarmed black teenager whom he encountered and fought with while patrolling his community in February.

Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester set Zimmerman's bail at \$1 million, and Zimmerman walked out of Seminole County Jail on Friday wearing a white shirt and dress jacket and got into an SUV, ignoring shouted questions from nearby reporters.

Zimmerman had been released on a \$150,000 bond in April in the shooting, but the judge revoked it last month after prosecutors presented evidence that Zimmerman and his wife misled the court about how much money they had available to pay for the bond. They didn't tell the judge that donations from a website for Zimmerman's legal defense had raised around \$135,000 at the time of his first bond hearing.

Prosecutors argued Zimmerman and his wife talked in code during recorded jailhouse conversations about how to transfer the donations to different bank accounts. For example, George Zimmerman at one point asked how much money they had. She replied "\$155." Prosecutors allege that was code for \$155,000. Their reference to "Peter Pan" was code for the PayPal system through which the donations were made, prosecutors said.

Shellie Zimmerman faces arraignment at the end of July on a perjury charge; she is free on bond.

Zimmerman's attorneys said Thursday that there was \$211,000 in an account, which included the amount raised from Zimmerman's website and also money generated from another website set up by his legal team. An additional \$20,000 was raised in the day after Lester issued the \$1 million bond order.

Zimmerman had to pay a bond company \$100,000 but also needed \$1 million in collateral to secure the bail, his legal team said.

West refused to comment on what was being used as collateral after Zimmerman left the jail.

"We worked that out," West said.

Shortly before Zimmerman's release, the Rev. Al Sharpton criticized Zimmerman for raising money through online donations. The civil rights leader and talk-show host was in New Orleans with Martin's parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton.

"Now we see where they're solicit-



Courtesy photo

George Zimmerman was released on bail, but with new rules to be followed.

ing money, saying, 'If you would have done the same thing, send money to help with his bond,' showing no remorse over the loss of human life," Sharpton said.

Court documents show that Zimmerman's parents are using their house as security for the bond. But Zimmerman likely didn't put up \$1 million worth of collateral because the amount can be negotiated with the bond company and the insurance company backing the bond, said David Engel, an Orlando-area bail bondsman.

"Do they have a \$1 million worth of collateral? I'm sure they don't," Engel said. "There's nothing set in stone regarding what we have to take. It's up to us what we decide between us and the insurance companies."

During Zimmerman's second bond hearing, his attorney, Mark O'Mara, said that his client was confused, fearful and experienced a moment of weakness when he and his wife misled the court.

The judge didn't buy it and expressed his unhappiness with Zim-

merman and his wife in his second bond order. He accused Zimmerman of making plans to flee to avoid prosecution, misleading O'Mara by not disclosing the money from the website and trying to manipulate the judicial system.

"Under any definition, the defendant has flaunted the system," Lester wrote.

But the judge said current law limited his ability to deny a second application for bond.

Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder and claims the shooting was self-defense under the state's "stand your ground" law. Zimmerman and Martin got into an altercation last February inside a gated community in Sanford, Fla.

Martin's parents and supporters claim that the unarmed teenager was targeted because he was black and that Zimmerman started the confrontation that led to the shooting. Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is Hispanic.

World Briefs

Libyans vote in 1st parliamentary election since Gadhafi's ouster amid fears of violence

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyans started voting on Saturday in the first parliamentary election since last year's ouster and slaying of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, with jubilation at this major step towards democracy after decades of erratic one-man rule tempered by boycott calls and violence in the country's restive east.

The voting for a 200-seat legislature is being held amid intense regional, tribal and ideological rivalries. However, lines began to form outside polling centers more than an hour before they were scheduled to open in the capital Tripoli.

Policemen and army soldiers were guarding the centers, searching voters as well as election workers.

"I have a strange but beautiful feeling today," said dentist Adam Thabet, waiting outside a polling center in the capital Tripoli. "We are free at last after years of fear. We knew this day was coming, but we were afraid it could take long to come."

Libya's election is the latest fruit of Arab Spring revolts against authoritarian leaders. It is likely to be dominated by Islamist parties of all shades, a similar outcome to elections held in the country's neighbors Egypt and Tunisia, which had had their own, though much less bloody, uprisings.

There are four major contenders in the race, ranging from a Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated party and another Islamist coalition on one end of the spectrum to a secular-minded party led by a Western-educated former rebel prime minister on the other.

U.S. declares Afghanistan major non-NATO ally; Clinton calls the move 'a powerful commitment'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Obama administration on Saturday declared Afghanistan the United States' newest "major non-NATO ally," an

action designed to facilitate close defense cooperation after U.S. combat troops withdraw from the country in 2014 and as a political statement of support for Afghanistan's long-term stability.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made the announcement shortly after arriving in the country for talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

"We see this as a powerful commitment to Afghanistan's future," she said at a news conference in the grand courtyard of Kabul's Presidential Palace. "We are not even imagining abandoning Afghanistan."

Clinton insisted that progress was coming incrementally but consistently to the war-torn nation after decades of conflict. "The security situation is more stable," she said. Afghan forces "are improving their capacity."

At the news conference, Karzai welcomed Clinton to Kabul and thanked the U.S. for its continued support.

'A bevy of Romneys': For GOP candidate, politics is an extended family affair

WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — Mitt Romney's large family is at the center of his life — and of his presidential campaign.

His five sons, five daughters-in-law and 18 grandchildren — "a bevy of Romneys," as he dubbed them — were front and center on Independence Day as the Republican presidential candidate paraded his family down Main Street in this quaint resort town where the entire clan vacations.

"My family's so big it takes two risers!" Romney exclaimed after he reached the end of the parade route and held a campaign event in a field overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. As he spoke, he was flanked on two raised platforms by all of his sons and many of the grandchildren.

While a handful of family members sometimes accompany Romney on the campaign trail, the annual family vacation provided a rare opportunity for him to showcase all the members of the group he invokes so often.

They now number 30 in all, and his wife, Ann, laments that's it tough to get them in one place at the same time.

At a time when non-traditional families have become more common — and when even the Romneys watch "Modern Family," a popular sitcom that centers on unconventional family arrangements — the Romney brood stands out. Mitt and Ann Romney have been married for more than 40 years.

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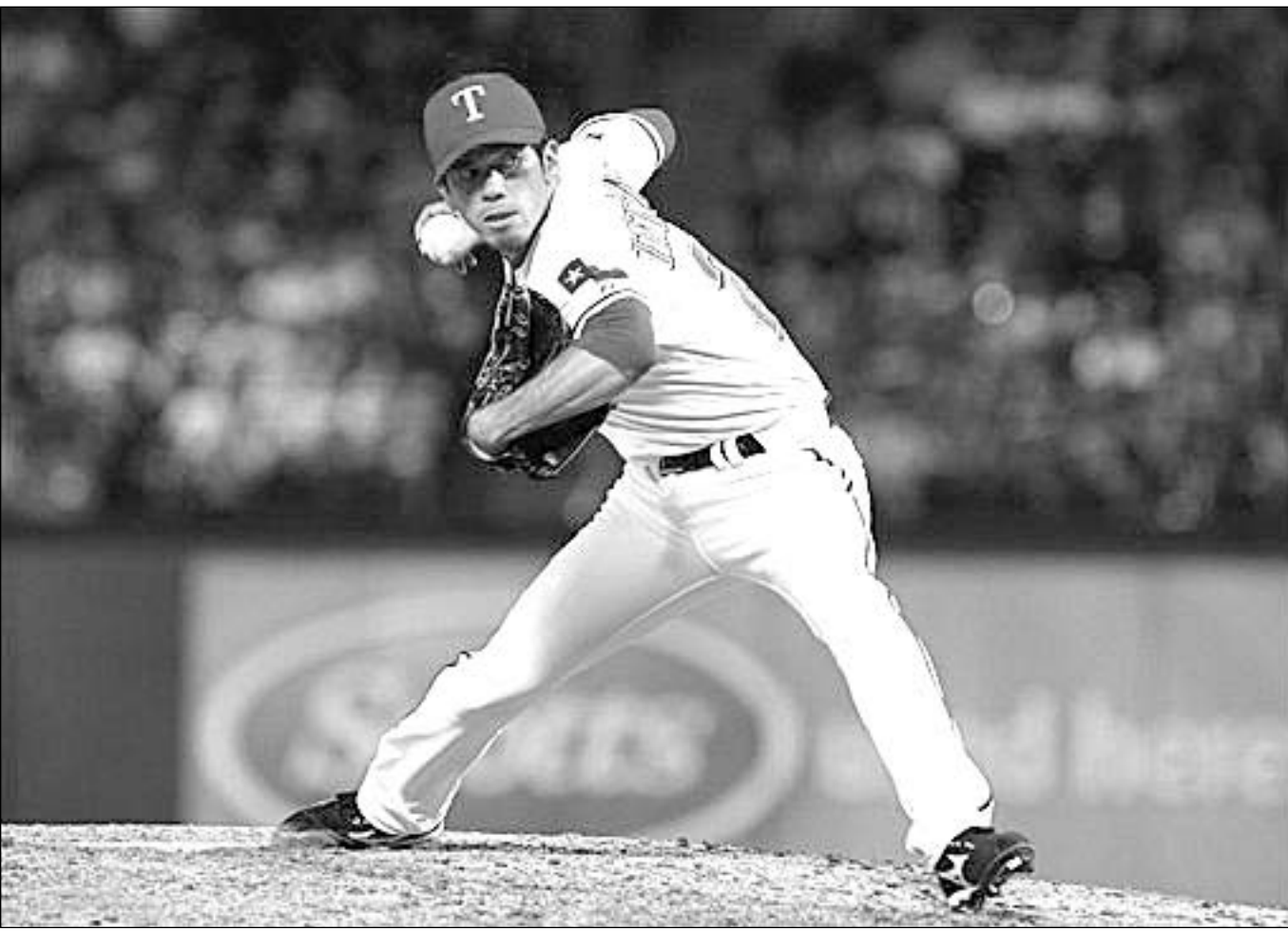
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Rangers' skid continues with 5-1 loss to Minnesota



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Rangers' relief pitcher Yoshinori Tateyama delivers a pitch during Friday's 5-1 loss to the Minnesota Twins. Texas has dropped a season-high five consecutive games.

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton appeared a bit uncomfortable as he tried to settle under a long fly ball while closing in on the left field wall.

Turns out, he was.

The Texas Rangers slugger felt lower back spasms as he broke on the drive from Minnesota's Brian Dozier, and he dropped the ball for a three-base error. The miscue didn't show up on the scoreboard the same way as two RBIs apiece from Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau in Minnesota's 5-1 win over Texas on Friday night.

Still, it was the biggest news of the night for the Rangers, bigger even than a season-high five-game losing streak marked by continuing failures from what's supposed to be baseball's best offense. For now, it's good news for Texas because the leading vote-getter for Tuesday's All-Star game is day-to-day.

"I've iced it three times already. It feels a little better than it did," Hamilton said. "It kind of scared me when it first happened because I didn't know what to expect from a spasm like that. I had some weakness in my legs. Usually when I have spasms, it's mid-back."

Twins starter Francisco Liriano (3-7) pitched around six walks — one shy of a career high — and allowed five hits and one run with six strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. Manager Ron Gardenhire stuck with him after back-to-back walks in the

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Astros drop ninth consecutive outing to Brew Crew

HOUSTON (AP) — Having struggled offensively for much of the past two weeks, Houston manager Brad Mills held a pre-game meeting Friday to challenge his team to get back in gear against the Milwaukee Brewers.

The meeting may have gotten the players' attention, but it wasn't able to help the team halt a losing streak that is now its longest in nearly three years.

Forced to be close to perfect from the mound by a stubbornly sedated offense, Astros starter J.A. Happ was anything but, getting rocked for a season-high three home runs including back-to-back blasts in the first inning as the Astros fell to the Brewers 7-1 on Friday night.

"I left some balls over the middle of the plate, and they hit some of them, and we lost pretty bad," said Happ, who tied a career high for home runs allowed.

Happ's game summary was missing one crucial detail; he wasn't able to get much help from his offense.

"I know we are battling," Happ said when the issue was raised. "We're doing what we can do."

The Astros, who have baseball's worst road record at 9-32, were eager to get home after a 0-7 road trip.

But it was more of the same at Minute Maid Park as they managed just five hits in the loss that extended their skid to a season-worst nine straight. The Astros hadn't lost that many games since Sept. 13-22, 2009.

Scott Moore homered to extend his hitting streak to seven games and contribute the Astros' lone run against Brewers right-hander Yovani Gallardo (7-6), who beat Houston for an eighth consecutive start.

The Astros, who left eight on base and were 0-for-4 with runners in scoring position, are averaging just 2.1 runs per game during their current slide, leaving little room for error for Happ — or any other pitcher for that matter.

"We had a little meeting today and that's kind of what the focus was a little bit," Mills said, referring to his team's lackluster offensive production of late. "The guys came out and squared some balls up, and we're going to continue to work on some things and try to stay aggressive the best we can."

On this night, Happ (6-9) erred early and, beginning in the sixth inning, often.

He put his team behind with one out in the first inning, giving up a solo homer to Norichika Aoki and, after getting ahead of the count 0-2 against Ryan Braun, another solo shot five pitches later as Milwaukee helped itself to a 2-0 lead.

Happ rebounded to keep the Brewers in check the next four innings, but fell on hard times again in the sixth.

He gave up the two-out double to Corey Hart, which he paid dearly for when Rickie Weeks, took him deep to the Astros bullpen for a

two-run homer and a 4-1 lead.

"I wanted to be the guy that got us over it tonight," Happ said. "It wasn't good, but we were right there, and then I threw some pitches over the heart of the plate, and it cost us."

The Brewers got Happ for three more runs in the seventh, highlighted by a one-out RBI triple by Carlos Gomez.

Reliever Enerio Del Rosario finished the inning, but not before allowing Aramis Ramirez an RBI double on a soft fly ball to right to add to Happ's line, which included all seven runs and nine hits, one walk and four strikeouts over 6 1-3 innings.

"We weren't going to win tonight with the two, but at least we were in the game," Happ said. "The sixth and seventh were the problem there."

Gallardo, meanwhile, was always in control. He struck out six, allowing just three hits besides the Moore homer.

The closest thing to a jam Gallardo faced came in the second inning after he walked Happ to load the bases with two outs. He ended the threat quickly by striking out Jordan Schafer.

Left fielder J.D. Martinez said Mills implored them to get back to playing how they did early in the season when they went 22-23.

They've gone 10-29 since then to drop to a MLB-worst 32-52.

"We just have to get back to having fun," Martinez said. "And that's hard when you are losing, you know?"

O.H. Ivie hunting permit applications being accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Area will be accepted by mail only beginning July 15 and running until Aug. 15.

Permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should

be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District at 267-6341.

A public drawing for the permits will be held at 1 p.m. At the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing.

Spray glue answer to Hamilton's bat flinging

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton may have found a solution to his penchant for flinging his bat from the stands while swinging: spray glue.

The Texas Rangers slugger was growing increasingly concerned over his tendency to send bats flying end-over-end toward spectators — and the occasional projectile that had on-deck hitter Adrian Beltre ducking for cover.

Months of searching led to a trip to the hardware store for a \$10 aerosol can of glue often used for upholstery and fabric inside cars. He hasn't thrown a bat since the discovery on the last home stand.

"No matter how hot it is, it stays sticky," Hamilton said of the glue that he sprays on the bat handle.

Hamilton's bat-tossing became something of a sideshow earlier this season.

It isn't known how many times he's done it, but he had multiple tosses in one game. At one point, home fans behind the Rangers' dugout — where most of the bats land — started bringing signs, including one with a target that said: "Josh hit it here."

"I don't want to take a chance on anyone getting hurt," said Hamilton, who left Friday night's 5-1 loss to Minnesota early with back spasms and is day to day.

"I was getting irritated with it. I've tried everything."

A Rangers clubhouse attendant found the spray and brought it to the ballpark in late June. Hamilton's name and No. 32 are on the dark red bottle that was sitting in the dugout near the batting helmets before Friday night's game against Minnesota.

With the All-Star game approaching, the discovery could not have come at a better time.

"At times, you can lose your focus because of it," said hitting coach Scott Coolbaugh, who has watched Hamilton struggle mentally with the bat-throwing problem.

"There were some at-bats where (Hamilton) was so worried about throwing the bat that he ended up striking out or not focusing on the ball. It can mess with your mind a little bit."

Because Hamilton injured his right middle finger during a high school baseball tournament, his grip is weak. The problem reaches its peak on off-speed pitches when Hamilton tried to extend the bat as far as possible.

"It's like 'phump,'" he said, describing the noise the bat makes as it leaves his hands. "It surprises me when it happens, just like it surprises everybody else."

Penn State inquiry nears end, findings expected soon

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State's internal investigation into the Jerry Sandusky child sexual abuse case is drawing to a close and the findings are expected within weeks, which would enable the university to confront the next difficult chapter in the scandal well ahead of the new academic year.

Following the former assistant football coach's arrest in November, university trustees appointed former FBI Director Louis Freeh to lead the sweeping investigation.

His central mission was to find out how and why Penn State failed to stop Sandusky — who was convicted

last month on 45 criminal counts for sexually abusing 10 boys, some on campus — and recommend changes to help prevent more abuse.

With football training camp opening in a month and classes starting Aug. 27, the latest timetable, if met, will assure that the university's own failings can be identified before another school year gets under way.

Freeh's inquiry helped uncover new evidence for the ongoing criminal investigation and will also be central to other inquiries. It is expected to shed more light on the relationship between athletics and the administration and the influence wielded by the

late coach Joe Paterno. A fractured Penn State community, meanwhile, is still seeking answers about the events that led to the ousters of Paterno and school President Graham Spanier.

The U.S. Department of Education is examining whether the school violated the Clery Act, which requires reporting of crimes on campus. And the NCAA, the governing body of college athletics, is conducting its own inquiry.

More than 400 people were interviewed as part of the Freeh investigation, including everyone from top administrators and trustees to retired secretaries and former staffers in the athletic department.

A spokesman for Freeh this week declined to comment on when the report would be finished, and the university on a website on the response to the scandal hasn't deviated from its late summer timeline.

But school president Rodney Erickson recently told the Centre Daily Times newspaper that he expects the Freeh report by mid- to late July.

Five people in leadership roles at the university told The Associated Press this week that they had either been told or received indications that findings could be released within weeks, if not sooner, and no later than the end of the month.

In brief

Chicano Gold Association to hold meeting, tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The group is also set to hold an individual format tournament July 15, beginning at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration will close at 9:30 a.m. the day of the tournament. For more information, contact Luis Porras at 517-0688.

YMCA to hold summer sports programs

Registrations are under way for the Big Spring YMCA's summer youth soccer and dodge ball leagues. Soccer is open to kids ages 3-15 at a cost of

\$50 per child. Registration is open now until July 14 at the YMCA. A coaches meeting will be held July 16, with games slated to begin July 24. Dodge Ball is open to kids in grades 1-12. Registration is being held now through July 14. A coaches meeting is set for Monday with games beginning July 16. The cost is \$25 per child. For the adults, summer co-ed slow pitch signups run through today. A coaches meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and games are set to begin July 22. Cost is \$100 per team and the minimum age to play is 16.

Country Club to host 2-person low ball tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a 2-person, low ball tournament July 21-22. A 1 p.m.

shotgun start is slated for both days. The entry fee will be \$80 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes hamburgers after play Saturday. Field will be pre-flighted. Handicaps required at entry. For more information or to enter teams, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

BSHS volleyball camp set for July 30

A volleyball skills camp will be held July 30-Aug. 2 at the junior high gym by Big Spring Athletics. The camp is open for girls in grades 3-8. Cost of the camp will be \$25 per child. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Campers in grades 3-6 will attend from 9-10:30 p.m. with grades 7 and 8 staying until 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the athletic office at 264-3662.

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seventh, and he responded with a strikeout that helped quell the final Texas threat. "We just wanted Liriano to get through it," Gardenhire said. "Those are big moments for him. We trust him. We don't want to extend our bullpen too much, and he got a big out there." Mauer drove in his two runs on a single that scored the only earned run in a three-run third and a sacrifice fly in the fourth. Morneau had an RBI single in the third and hit his 11th home run on a line drive into the right-field seats off Tanner Scheppers in the seventh. The best chance for

Texas came in the sixth when Adrian Beltre singled, Michael Young hit an RBI single. With no outs, Mike Napoli deepened his slump by hitting into a double play, and the threat ended with one of three strikeouts by Yorvit Torrealba. "I've been through that before," said Napoli, hitless in his past 21 at-bats with runners in scoring position. "It's part of the game. I'm just going to keep going." The absence of Hamilton showed in the seventh when Liriano walked Ian Kinsler and Elvis Andrus back-to-back, bringing up Hamilton's replacement, rookie Leonys Martin. Gardenhire stuck with Liriano even after Rangers manager Ron Washington went to pinch-hitter Brandon Snyder. After Liriano struck out Snyder, reliever Jared Burton got Beltre on a flyout. "I've been walking too many guys late in the game, but they have some good hitters, and I made some mistakes with those guys," Liriano said. "So I was just trying to keep my ball down, just try to get them out. If they don't swing, then just go on

to the next batter and make my pitches." The Rangers still have the best offense in baseball — statistically — but they've hit their second significant lull in the last month. Texas has scored two runs or fewer in four of the past five games after a similar drought in early June. "We hit a funk," Washington said. "And the only way we can come out of it, we have to keep grinding and play our way through it." The Twins sent up eight batters in the third, but only because Napoli couldn't handle Josh Willingham's easy two-out popup that landed untouched just inside the foul line behind first base. Mauer scored the second run of the inning on the two-base error, and Morneau added another unearned run with a single that scored Willingham. Rangers rookie left-hander Martin Perez (1-1) was solid in his second career start, allowing six hits and four runs — two earned — in six innings with three walks and three strikeouts. "He certainly showed some heart," Washington said.

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Kids with Purpose

First United Methodist Church kids are out on a mission to help the community this summer



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Kids with Purpose, a school-age summer program, has 24 local kids making their mark on the Big Spring community. Since the program started in June, the children have helped out members of First United Methodist Church, residents in local nursing homes and residents at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The kids have also had the opportunity to hear from people in the community who are lending a helping hand in different ways as well, including Melanie Gambrell, who is pictured at left.

Gambrell offers assistance to the Howard County Volunteer firefighters and helps rescue animals in the community. Even with their long list of good deeds already accomplished, there is still more to be done before the summer ends. Kids will be making decorations for Vacation Bible School, creating more packages and hear from another speaker or two before the program is over.



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Anderson and Fuston

Whitney Anderson of Gail and Kye Fuston of Turkey, Texas, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Keyya Anderson of Gail. She is a 2006 graduate of Borden County ISD and a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed as an account executive for Integracare Hospice.

The prospective groom is the son of Leck and Lisa Fuston-Leck from Turkey, Texas, and Lisa Fuston from Creede, Colo.

He is a 2006 graduate of Valley High School and a 2008 graduate of Clarendon College. He is a camp manager at the Bell Ranch.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows in Lubbock Sept. 22, 2012.



Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nichols

Kallie Rose Dixon, of Plainview, and Jacob William Nichols of Big Spring exchanged wedding vows June 16, 2012, in a 6:16 p.m. ceremony at The Historic Watson Building in Lubbock, with the reception following at the same location.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Marcia Dixon of Plainview and the granddaughter of LeRoy Martin of Dripping Springs, Texas, and Daryl Dixon of Plainview.

The groom is the son of Darrell and Sheri Nichols of Big Spring, and the grandson of Dorthy Bailey and Patty Sides, both of Big Spring.

The bridal party consisted of Miss Nicole Egan of Houston, Miss DeeDee Williams of Georgewest, Texas, and Miss Kristen Hooper of San Antonio. Serving as matron of honor was Mrs. Alanna Fortune, sister of the bride, of Plainview.

Groomsmen included Mr. Clayton Jordan of San Saba, Texas, Mr. Grayson Wegner of Big Spring and Mr. Byron Canine of Houston. Serving as best man was brother of the groom Mr. Justin Nichols of Midland.

Ushers included Mr. Cash Fortune of Plainview and Mr. Charlie Dineen of Houston.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Plainview High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University where she received a bachelors degree and a 2011 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University where she received her masters. She is employed as a dietitian for Covenant Hospital.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University where he received his bachelors. He is studying at Texas Tech in the health sciences center school of medicine.

The couple honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Reader's Corner

Old Flag

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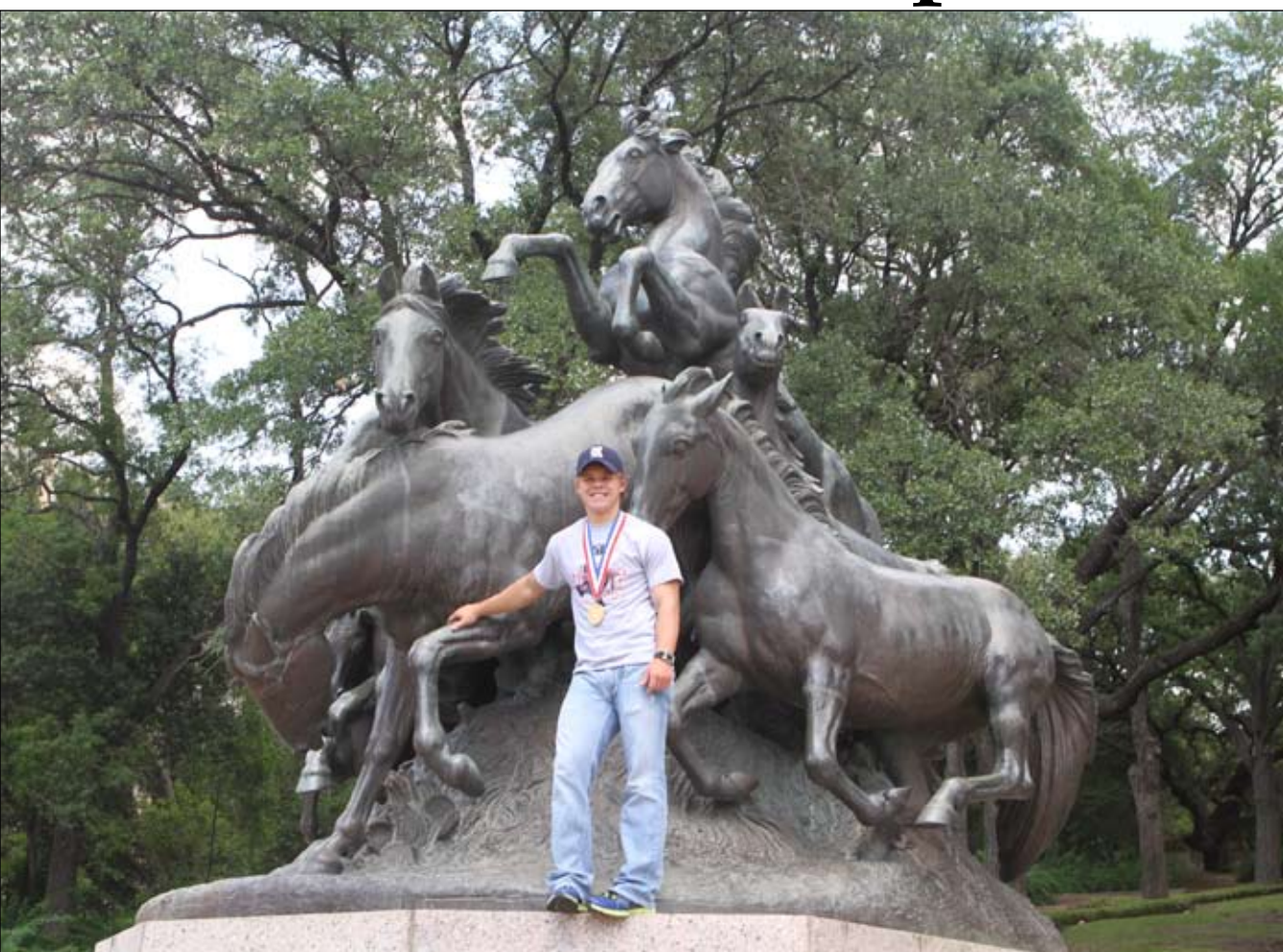
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Ware experiences successful summer in UIL competition



ACKERLY — It's been a successful summer for Hayden Ware. Ware, the son of Kyle and Kimberly Ware of Ackerly and Jill and Eric Torres of Greenwood, earned Sands High School a state championship in University Interscholastic League academics by placing first in Class 1A number sense competition earlier this year in Austin. It was Ware's second straight trip to the state academics contest; he finished ninth in number sense in 2011. The number sense competition involves a 10-minute mental math test covering all high school mathematical disciplines. Ware's first place finish paced Sands to a fourth in team number sense competition at the state meet. Ware, who graduated as valedictorian of his class this May, will attend Rice University in Houston this fall and major in pre-medicine.

Local TRTA officers plan defense of education retirees pension plan

Officers of Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association, affiliated with Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), met to plan a year of activities, which include the defense of the defined benefit pension plan administered by Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

The officers, led by President Bonnie Wheat, outlined programs and membership drive plans, which they hope will create interest among all present and future education retirees.

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Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association, which serves all education retirees, is devoted to increasing membership to have a stronger voice with the Texas Legislature, which must approve all benefit improvements and actions to sustain the current defined benefit retirement program.

For more information about TRTA, the state-wide organization working exclusively for nearly 250,000 retirees and beneficiaries, and for financial stability and security for more than 800,000 active education employees, contact a BSA/RTA officer (517-4472) or attend the local unit's luncheon meetings on the third Monday of the month August through May at Howard College's Cactus Room 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20.

Reader's Corner

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The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 ♠ 1 NT
Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Dble
Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

In general, it is not wise to double for penalties unless you think you can defeat the opponents at least two tricks. Aside from the fact that you might not get one of the tricks you are counting on, or that your double might help declarer find the winning line of play, there is the simple matter of the scoring itself.

For example, let's say you double an opponent in four hearts, not vulnerable, expecting to set the contract one trick. If you're right, you gain 50 points, scoring 100 points instead of the 50 you'd have scored by passing.

But if you are wrong and he makes four hearts doubled, you lose an extra 170 points because of your

double. So, in trying to gain 50 points, you might lose 170, which means you are giving odds of about 3.5-to-1 that the contract will fail. Consider this deal from a duplicate game where West made a very close double of two spades. This was an especially risky double because, if West's hopes failed to materialize, he would be doubling the opponents into game.

West led a diamond, and East took dummy's king with the ace. East very correctly returned a trump, won by West with the jack. Back came another diamond, won by East with the jack. At this point, it was no longer possible to defeat the contract. With a diamond return, the defenders would finish with three trump tricks and two diamonds. With any other return, declarer would also finish with eight tricks, eventually discarding his third diamond on dummy's ace of hearts. So South made two spades doubled for a score of 670 points.

However, West could have defeated the contract and scored 200 points had he cashed his ace of trumps after winning East's trump return with the jack at trick two. He would then lead the deuce of diamonds to East's jack at trick four. East would next cash the queen of diamonds and continue with a diamond, promoting West's queen of spades as the setting trick.

Close doubles require tight defense.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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8	9	1	5	4	7	2	6	3
4	6	8	7	1	9	5	3	2
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1	5	7	3	2	4	6	9	8

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Cooking up a good donation



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Employees of Al's and Son Bar-B-Q present Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan with checks totaling nearly \$3,000 Tuesday morning. The cash was raised by the restaurant employees and will be used by the firefighters to purchase much-needed equipment.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.

Global investors are looking for signals from the Federal Reserve that additional liquidity measures will soon be implemented. Specifically, is there another round of quantitative easing (QE) coming in the near term? The goal, of course, would be to push longer-term interest rates down even farther to encourage borrowing and lending by consumers and businesses. Keep in mind that the yield on the 10-year Treasury note is currently trading at 1.62 percent, very near the all-time low.

Last week, the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) held a two-day monetary policy meeting. Market participants hoped the post-meeting press release would at least hint that the Fed was ready to embark on another round of quantitative easing (QE). But no such luck. There were no indications the Fed was ready to step into more QE any time soon. As expected, the Fed did announce an extension of its "Operation Twist" program. This exercise involves selling short-term Treasury paper. As with all forms of QE, the intent is to keep long-term interest rates low or drive them even lower. Low rates encourage consumers and businesses to borrow. One of the main targeted sectors is the residential housing market.

What sticks out in the Fed's press release from last week is the seemingly more pessimistic tone the committee has taken on the economy since the previous monetary policy meeting in April. At the earlier meeting, the committee commented that "labor market conditions have improved in recent months" and "household spending and business fixed investment have continued to advance." Contrast that with the June 20 release which stated the "growth in employment has slowed in recent months" and "household spending appears to be rising at a somewhat slower pace than earlier in the year." In addition, the Fed reduced its gross domestic product (GDP) growth estimate for this year from 2.4 percent-2.9 percent down to 1.9 percent-2.4 percent. Granted, the Fed often seems to have a more positive outlook than conditions warrant and seems more reactive than proactive in making adjustment to their published "central tendency" estimates.

Our goal is to proactively analyze the economic data and then attempt to project where the economy, interest rates and the stock market might go over the next nine to 12 months. As stated in last week's press release, we know the "committee is prepared to take further action as appropriate to promote a stronger economic recovery." But, we are more optimistic than the FOMC seems to be. Our outlook calls for economic growth to be near 2.5 percent this year with modest inflation. We continue to believe the labor market will slowly improve as we move through the balance of the year. Earnings growth should be in the 6 percent to 7 percent range. The American economy has clearly hit a bump in the road in recent months but we think the probability of slipping back into recession is low.

Based on our work and despite the less than enthusiastic assessment by the Fed, we encourage investors to take advantage of the recent market pullback to position portfolios for the second leg up in this cyclical bull market.

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Pet Talk/Equine

Pigeon fever makes way to Texas

There has been a surge in reported cases of Pigeon Fever in Texas during the past year.

With summer and fly season in full swing, now is the perfect time for horse owners to become aware and educated about Pigeon Fever.

There is no vaccine for the disease, so prevention and recognition of its symptoms are of the utmost importance.

The disease is named after the symptomatic intramuscular abscesses and swelling of the chest and pectoral regions of infected horses, causing a "pigeon like" appearance.

The infection is confirmed with a bacterial culture in reported cases.

Pigeon Fever, also known as Dryland Distemper, is common in drier regions like the western United States.

The bacterium that causes Pigeon Fever, *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*, lives and multiplies in dry soil and manure. While Pigeon Fever is not new to Texas, the past year has seen a rapid increase in reported cases, most likely as a result of the severe drought.

Dr. Keith Chaffin, professor at the CVM, commented on the disease and the increase in incidence.

"We now we see about three or four cases a day in the clinic," Chaffin said. "And many more veterinarians are reporting cases across the state."

Horses contract the disease through an open wound or fly bite, with bacteria entering through these abrasions or wounds.

Chaffin recommends a good fly control program for your horses (sprays, sheets and repellents), basic sanitation, and recognizing the symptoms quickly for prompt treatment.

While most of the cases present with external swelling, some cases can result in internal abscesses that could develop pneumonia, colic, weight loss, fever, lethargy, blood in the urine, and other

systemic symptoms.

"Most cases of Pigeon Fever involve external abscesses in the pectoral region and under the belly, back to the mammary or sheath area," Chaffin said. "About less than ten per cent of cases reported involve internal abscesses, which are most common in the abdomen or thorax. The internal cases are the most dangerous, some can be fatal."

Treating external Pigeon Fever typically consists of surgically opening the abscesses to allow drainage.

"Timing and ultrasound are so critical to managing this disease," Chaffin said. "Ultrasound allows the veterinarian to determine if the swelling has reached mature abscess stage. Also, ultrasound allows the veterinarian to see what critical structures are nearby, which helps prevent complications. I don't know how you would ever treat this disease without ultrasonographic imaging. Because a recently drained abscess is potentially contagious it is important to lavage the abscess cavity with antiseptic solutions and I often prefer to place antimicrobials locally into the abscess cavity."

Also, it is important to completely disinfect any of the pus that drains from the abscesses.

This will help minimize spread of the disease, via flies, to other horses.

Once the abscesses have been drained, treated, and healed, the horses are generally no longer contagious.

If you recognize any of the symptoms of Pigeon Fever, you should contact your veterinarian immediately to begin treatment.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk>. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to cvmtoday@cvm.tamu.edu.

Association holds state field day/meeting

Special to the Herald

WHR Shorthorns, Bill and Becky Rasor, Van Alstyne, hosted the state field day and 2012 annual meeting of the Texas Shorthorn Association in June. Top quality cattle were on display and the group heard a presentation by Trans Ova Genetics.

Bill Jenkins, Big Spring, vice-president of the Texas Shorthorn Association, conducted the annual meeting in the absence of W.B. Maples, president. Reports were heard from Bill Jenkins on the 2012 state sale; Eric DeBorde, adult advisor of the Texas Junior Shorthorn Association; and Jeanene Xanthus, president of the Texas Shorthorn Lassies.

Brittany Krueger, Wills Point, received the Texas Shorthorn Lassie Scholarship. Shelly Spearman, vice president/queen chairman, announced that Ciara Acton, Katy, would be the 2012-13 Texas Shorthorn Lassie Queen. The pioneer Shorthorn Breeder of the Year award was presented to MJ Shorthorns, Mary, J.O. And James Bass, Olton.

The progressive Shorthorn Breeder of the Year award went to Diamond C Shorthorns, the Raymond L. Carnes Family, Tyler.

Officers for 2012-13 were elected and include W.B. Maples, Copperas Cove, president; Bill Jenkins, Big Spring, vice president; Linda Scott, Jewett, secretary/treasurer and Mary Bass, Olton, publicity officer. Members elected to a 3-year term as a director include Bill Rasor, Van Alstyne; Cliff Wammack, Waxahachie; Raymond Carnes, Tyler; and Charles Herbst, Boerne James Yates, Dayton was appointed to a one-year term.

Other directors include Dr. John Rusell, Houston; Bob Durham, Abernathy; Richard Scott, Jewett; Stanley Springer, Rockwall; Paula Archer, Pittsburg; George Ahlschwede, San Angelo; and Dr. William Simpson, England.

Information about the Texas Shorthorn Association can be obtained at 903-626-4365 or txshorthorns@earthlink.net.

Shorthorn futurity heifers return to show

Special to the Herald

Six of the 17 heifers that sold in the Texas Junior Shorthorn Association's Futurity Heifer sale in April returned for the June show in Denison. The champion shorthorn heifer was MS Proud Denver 129*x, exhibited by Kade Smith, Olton, Texas. She had been consigned by Maples Shorthorns, Copperas Cove. The Reserve Champion was MJS Coleen DP Eileen*x, shown by Saleton Morgan, Godley, Texas. She had been consigned by MJ Shorthorns, Olton.

The Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer was MLA Lizzie June as shown by Ethan Crow, Lawton, Okla. She had been consigned by Milton Anderson, Big Spring. The Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer was BDJ Coby's Ashley 150 ar, exhibited by Mikayla Yates, Dayton, Texas. She had been consigned by Bill and Dolores Jenkins, Big Spring.

Business Briefs

Herman's Restaurant reopens Monday

Area residents who were saddened when Herman's Restaurant closed its door earlier this year can take heart — the long-time eatery will reopen its doors Monday.

Evelyn and Charles Miller, who purchased the restaurant from former owner Homer Wilkerson, announced the reopening Friday.

"We've had so many people come up to us and say, 'You know, it's just not the same with out Herman's,'" said Evelyn Miller, the daughter of Herman's founder Herman Wilkerson and Homer's sister. "It's unbelievable how excited everyone is about us coming back. It's all been really humbling, and we're very excited about people coming in again."

Evelyn promises a familiar, yet slightly different, experience for diners.

"It's going to basically be the same as before," she said. "But we've made a few changes to the menu and we renovated the interior of the restaurant, adding new wallpaper, table tops and some other things."

The restaurant's hours will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Charles Miller will serve as restaurant manager, his wife said.



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Just Peachy expanding hours

Officials with Just Peachy Cafe, 505 Scurry, are expanding the business' hours of operation.

The cafe will now serve dinner from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month.

Just Peachy recently went under new management and with new management is coming a trial run of evening hours. Every first and third Friday of the month the cafe will be open from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Officials said the cafe will continue to offer standard menu items such as sandwiches and salads, but will add a special dinner entree each evening. For more information, contact the cafe at 263-7000.

Public Records

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Daniel Antrin, 120 N. 22nd, Lamesa
Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring
Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring
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Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring
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County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Heather Dawn McNew, theft of property - more than \$500 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs and 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jorge Luis Gomez, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Katherine Dawn Fios, prohibited weapons - switchblade/knuckles, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, five days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Daniel Montez Viera, criminal mischief to impair/interrupt public service, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 10 days in jail.

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Property: Lot 1, Block 5, College Park Estates
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Date: June 20, 2012
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Date: May 21, 2012

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Grantee: Rodger Lee Lloyd and Betty Lloyd
Property: An 11.77-acre tract out of Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Date: May 21, 2012

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Property: Lot 14, Block 17, Kentwood Unit No. 2
Date: June 27, 2012

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A wise man once said, "Nine times out of 10, it's not personal." Even though you may feel slighted, remember to give others the benefit of the doubt before you take offense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not that you don't like to be around people; it's just that you honestly don't need anyone now. You feel deliriously satisfied in solitude, able to amuse yourself with very little.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your belief is the magic ingredient that makes things happen. The outcome you desire can only occur if you also have a great deal of faith that it will occur or that it is at least highly likely to occur.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Indulge yourself; you've earned it. Ironically, someone will take notice of the diligence and drive that shine through your work while you're off having fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Not knowing the answer makes people uncomfortable, but it's better than living with the wrong answer and assuming it's the only way. Most of humanity does the latter. You'll brave discomfort and stay open-minded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People change because they like themselves, not because they don't. You use this principle to be who you want to be. Kindness toward yourself and others will be the foundation for growth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Getting dressed in the morning is like preparing for a role in a play. You assemble the character you'll play with each item of clothing, all the while realizing that the one animating this guise is the real you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When a person makes a minor mistake, you are usually the first to diffuse the attention and minimize the damage. Making it easy for people to forgive themselves is one of your many talents.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let someone invest time, energy and attention in you even if you don't need all of the fuss. This person will feel more attached to you because of the investment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your need for personal growth can be met, but there's something standing in the way right now. A clearing must occur in order for you to move forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one likes complainers, but there is no reason you should back down from airing a legitimate grievance. Standing up not just for yourself but also for others will bring rewards.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People don't always do what makes sense. That's human nature. You will merrily stroll down the sensible path as long as you see yourself as the kind of person who should receive the reward at the end of that path.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (July 7). You are spiritually liberated and personally committed to making the world a better place. You'll meet special friends this month. In August, you won't travel far, but you'll travel deep. October is your chance to connect with people you admire and work toward a mutual benefit. November brings financial luck. Aquarius and Gemini

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Legals

Notice is hereby given that Laredo Petroleum, Inc., Operator 486610, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle Production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in Section 5, Block 34, T2S, T&P RR Co. Survey in Glasscock County, Texas and the S/2 of Section 43, Block 34, T1S, T&P RR Co. Survey in Howard County, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Daniel Temple of Laredo Petroleum, Inc., in Midland, Texas at 508 W. Wall, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701, (432)684-9955 by July 22, 2012. #7424 July 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2012

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Notice of Application for Commercial Fluid Injection Well Permit
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FREDDIE WAYNE HODNETT, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2012, in Cause No. P-14085, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: SANDRA GAIL HODNETT.
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~ Dear Margo ~

Dear Margo: Like many women, I don't exactly see eye to eye with my husband's family. He is from a large family where everyone (except him) still lives in the same zip code. Each "branch" of the family has at least four kids, even when there isn't the financial wherewithal to support them. My husband left at 18 and vowed not to live there.



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We will be returning to the "nest" for his youngest brother's wedding, and I know (from previous experience) that I will be hounded about why we have only one child,

because only children are spoiled and we are harming our son by not providing a sibling. The comments range from passive-aggressive snark to direct attacks. It is emotionally exhausting. I resent knowing I'm going to have to explain and justify our decision, because it's personal and, quite frankly, none of their business. I'm hoping you can give me one or two sentences with which to respond to the judgmental busybodies. -- Already Dreading the Trip

Dear Al: What you are calling "passing aggressive" is to me just "aggressive." Here are your sentences: "I am surprised you would ask such a personal question. Why don't we talk about your sex life, instead?"

Should any of these clods persist, simply stare at them, silently. - Margo, fittingly "Breaking Up" with a Parent

Dear Margo: I left for college at 17 and had a falling out with my folks, who, in retaliation, withdrew my school funding to get me to return home "where I belonged." Fortunately, my best friend's family welcomed me with open arms and got me back on my feet.

Fast-forward 20 years. I am done with my BA and am working on the law degree I always wanted. My frustration is that both parents were mentally and physically abusive during my years at home. (One threat was to send me to "the home for wayward

teens" if the dishes weren't done to Mom's satisfaction.) My dad and I have been able to talk about my formative years and put the pain behind us. The problem is my mother, who is still trying to raise the 17-year-old who is no longer and is refusing to deal with the 40-something I am. Phone calls with my mother become a barrage of "Why aren't you married?" and "God wants you to have children!" and "Why can't you be more like your perfect brother?" (This brother, by the way, can't hold a job but has five children.)

I recently moved and did not supply my new address or phone number; neither do I answer emails from her, because I wish to have nothing to do

with that woman for the rest of my life. I love my dad, but they only have one email address between them. They are so enmeshed that there's no distinction between where one ends and the other begins. Any letters, phone calls or emails will be read by both and answered by Mom. I know my dad would be hurt if I called to say, "Hey, I like talking to you, but I can't stand Mom and won't email or call if she's around." What is the best way to break up with a parent? -- In a Bind

Dear In: I salute your choice and suggest you phone your father, risk his being hurt and tell him you have, with much thought, chosen to be estranged from your mother. Tell him you'd

love to be in touch with him if he understands the boundaries -- and that the ones you've set do not include your mom. Then the ball's in his court. My guess is that your father won't be able to break the pattern of decades and will remain loyal to your crazy mother, which is perhaps as it should be. -- Margo, assuredly

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for 24 years to my high school sweetheart, and we have two sons. For most of this time, I have put up with my wife not allowing any mention of my family or involvement whatsoever in any activities. I don't know why this is so, and she won't tell me. Although I can see my family on my own, I am not allowed to invite them to our home for a holiday, and my parents are permitted to see our kids only on rare occasion. Of course, when it's about her family, she expects me to jump.



sisters have done absolutely nothing to deserve such poor treatment. But anytime I bring up the issue, my wife shuts down all communication for about a month.

My dad is remarried, and his new wife has two children my age, and I like them and want my wife to get to know them. They are good, wholesome people. But I'm not even permitted to

mention their names. I once decided to simply bring them over to the house, but my wife's behavior was so rude and embarrassing that I won't do that again. And then she didn't speak to me for a month.

I want to spend time with my family, and I'd like my kids to know their grandparents, aunts and uncles. My oldest son recently graduated high school, and my wife wouldn't allow him to have a graduation party because I insisted my family be invited. Please help. -- Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck: Unless your family did something unforgivable to your wife, there is no excuse for her controlling behavior. Since she refuses to explain her grudge, it's impossible to determine whether it has merit, and you are apparently disinclined to tolerate the consequences

of putting your foot down. Ask your wife to come with you for counseling, and if (when) she refuses, please get some for yourself. Feel free to spend as much time with your family as you like, and take the kids along whenever possible. They can develop a relationship with their grandparents independent of their mother. If she objects, she should explain why.

Dear Annie: My mother is 89 and in failing health. My sister has taken on all responsibility for her, and I am very grateful. One of our siblings does not acknowledge our mother at all and won't allow his grown children or great-grandchildren any contact. For that reason, my mother does not want him named in her obituary or at her funeral service.

Can we eliminate a sibling from all the arrangements and not expect any legal

repercussions? He's very vindictive. -- Concerned in Vermont

Dear Vermont: There is no legal requirement that a death notice or funeral service must be worded in a specific way or include specific people. But if your mother has a will that excludes your brother, please be sure she speaks to a lawyer. How sad for everyone.

Dear Annie: "Name-Dropped" was upset that her daughter chose to substitute her maiden name for her middle name. In Louisiana, it is common for the maiden name to be taken as a middle name when a woman marries. It is a loving way of honoring your parents by keeping their last name as a part of your married name. It also makes it easier for people to know who your family is. -- Cathie in Louisiana

Dear Cathie: It used to be "de rigueur" for

married women to make their maiden names their middle names. But we believe "Name-Dropped" was upset because the middle name was Mom's, and it was a family tradition to pass it on. Now the daughter has removed Mom from the equation, and that's what hurts.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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| 14 Neighborhood | 65 Soft throw | 22 Consumed | 44 ___ by (conforms to) |
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| 16 Maytag rival | 1 Hiker's trail | 26 Chicago airport | 46 Actor's representative |
| 17 All-even sports scores | 2 Opera solo | 27 Become edible | 47 On edge |
| 18 Female voice range | 3 Swerve | 28 Hill-building bugs | 48 Rapid |
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| 23 Throw in | 6 Soup alternative | 31 ___ code (telegrapher's tapping) | 51 Birch or banyan |
| 24 Entirely | 7 Prefix meaning "against" | 32 Greeted the villain | 52 Clapsed |
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| 29 ___ out (distribute) | 9 Oar's cousin | | 54 Cry of dread |
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Health News

New diagnostic tool for peripheral artery disease

By Christopher Haddad, MD
Board Certified in Cardiology and Internal Medicine

Peripheral artery disease (PAD) affects millions of Americans ages 50 and older. Up to one in three people who smoke or have diabetes will have PAD. It affects the arms and legs and may cause discomfort such as cramps, aches, weakness, burning or sharp charley-horse type pain.



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What is PAD?

PAD is the result of fatty cholesterol plaque buildup in the arteries. This narrows or blocks blood flow, starving the muscles and tissues of vital nutrients and oxygen, causing discomfort. This may occur at rest, but is often worse with walking or exercising, and is referred to as claudication.

Most people with PAD can be successfully treated with an improved diet, lifestyle modification and medications. Unfortunately, many people suffering with leg pain haven't been tested.

PAD may be the first sign that other arteries throughout the body also have fatty cholesterol plaque buildup, resulting in narrowed or blocked arteries to vital organs, leading up to a five-times greater chance of death from heart attack or a stroke. Severe PAD may result in pain at rest, cool feet, bluish toes, wounds that don't heal, infections or even amputation. If symptoms limit activities or are severe, the arteries can be opened without sur-

gery through a catheterization procedure known as peripheral angioplasty.

New measurement

Scenic Mountain Medical Center now offers PADnet+, which measures the pressure and volume of blood in the arteries with blood pressure cuffs recording the ankle brachial index, toe brachial index and pulse volume. This non-invasive exam takes 15 minutes to complete. An interventional cardiologist skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of PAD, then reviews each test and communicates the results to your physician.

Remember that this information is not intended to replace the advice of your doctor, but rather to increase awareness and help equip patients with information and facilitate conversations with your physician that will benefit your health.

Learn More

Scenic Mountain Medical Center welcomed Rudy Haddad, M.D., and Christopher Haddad, M.D., to the medical staff in August 2011. Both completed their residencies at the world-renowned Mayo Clinic and are board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. Christopher Haddad, MD will be the featured speaker at the July Healthy Woman program, scheduled for Monday, July 16th at 5:30 pm. Seating for this event is limited, so while participation is free, reservations are required. To RSVP, log on to [HYPERLINK "http://www.smmccares.com"](http://www.smmccares.com) www.smmccares.com and click on the Healthy Woman button, or call Healthy Woman coordinator, Kim Howell, at 268-4842.



► Upcoming Meetings

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be meeting in the Howard College Cactus Room at noon Monday. The meeting will be short, but will be held in order to take care of a few housekeeping items that need to be taken care of before the next month's meeting. A photo will also be taken in recognition of the Conley Grant.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be holding the July monthly meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Wednesday. The meeting will take place at noon on the fourth floor in the Senior Circle room.

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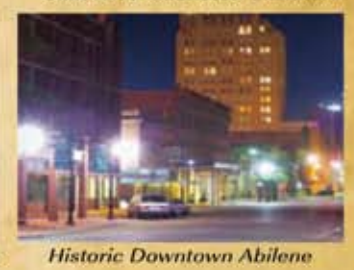
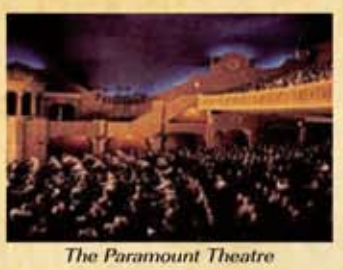
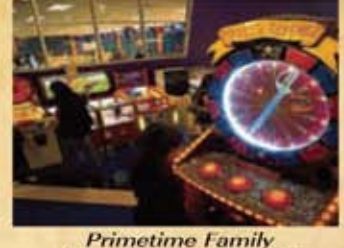
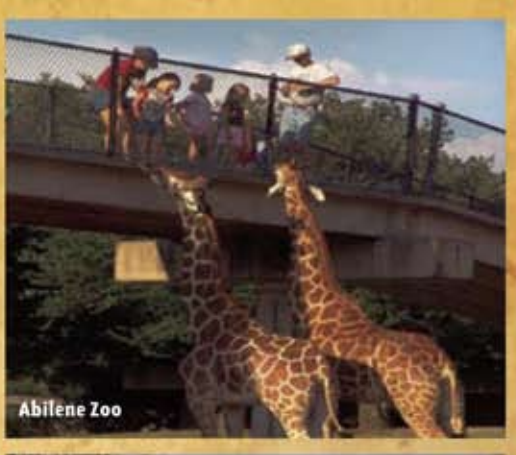
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