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Appraisal district draws heat



"I think a majority of the people here at least got some things off their chest. I'm sure they're not completely satisfied, but they had the opportunity to say their piece."

Donnie Baker, appraisal board chairman

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A group of area residents are hot under the collar and it has nothing to do with summertime temperatures.

About 15 people dissatisfied with their property tax

bills aired their grievances at Wednesday's meeting of the Howard County Appraisal District board of directors.

The group voiced a variety of complaints, ranging from their belief their valuations were too high to their confusion over how property as-

sessments are reached.

"The process just seems way too arbitrary to me," Debbie Perkins said. "My husband and I have lived in Highland South for the past 17 years, and we have made zero

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Together again

Martin County to celebrate settler's reunion

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

STANTON — Big Dreams are coming out in this small town.

The 79th Annual Old Settlers Reunion take place Saturday, giving current and former residents an opportunity to catch up with old friends.

"We are celebrating a time of growth and prosperity, as well as remembering our predecessors that made it possible," Marsha Todd, event organizer, said in a press release.

Events for the day will start at 9:15 a.m. with a bicycle, golf cart and ATV decorating contest and continue until the closing program at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Center.

"This is a tradition people tend to look forward to. It is the big celebration of the

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Youngsters participate in a previous Martin County Old Settlers Reunion in Stanton. This year's reunion — the 79th — will be held Saturday.

HERALD file photo

Shoup given 4 years

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man found guilty of intoxication assault in 118th District Court was sentenced to four years in state prison Wednesday.

Wesley James Shoup, 44, of 800 W. Marcy No. 22 or 4016 Vicky, Shoup was indicted April 12, 2012, by a Howard County grand jury on a third-degree felony charge of intoxication assault.

Shoup was found guilty of the lone count Tuesday in 118th District Court by a jury consisting of six men and six women, pushing the trial into punishment phase Wednesday. The same jury sentenced Shoup to four years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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Texas A&M Club set for shootout

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It'll be all things Aggie at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday.

Supporters of the maroon and white will be much in evidence when the Howard County A&M Club hosts its 13th Annual WestTexAgs Shootout at the country club.

The shootout is a day-long series of events the club stages to help raise scholarship money for area public school students attending Texas A&M University in College Station.

The club currently provides 10 scholarships and is aiming to raise enough money this weekend to fund eight more,

said club member Diana Newton.

Club members are quick to stress, however, that the event isn't just for Aggies and the people who love them.

Two major events, both held at the country club, will highlight this year's shootout:

- 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

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Courtesy photo
Logan Gaskins holds one of the many items to be auctioned when the Howard County A&M Club holds its annual Westexags Shootout Saturday at Big Spring Country Club.

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Obituaries

Rheba Cauble



Rheba Cauble, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born near St. Varain, N.M., on March 9, 1920, in a dugout. Her parents were Mary and Caroline Grissam. They moved to Elbow, where they owned the filling station and a grocery store. She first attended Elbow Elementary and graduated from Forsan High School in 1938. She played basketball and softball.

She married J.P. "Buster" Cauble Jr. on Aug. 11, 1940, in Big Spring. They spent 45 years on the Tom Good Ranch raising chickens, turkeys and milking cows. She was a seamstress and made most of their clothes. She would also cook for the cowboys. She had a very good sense of humor and would always make us laugh.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.P. "Buster" Cauble, who passed away June 26, 2003. They were together for 61 years. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Charlene McKinnon; and two brothers, Thurlo Grissam and Dr. Garner Grissam, DVM.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeannine Johnson; one granddaughter, Michelle Johnson; three great-grandchildren, Britney Friddle, Steven Johnson and Shelbie Hudgins; two great-great-grandchildren, Draven Johnson and Abigail Friddle; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

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

Paid obituary

George C. 'Buddy' Clinton Sr.

George C. "Buddy" Clinton Sr., 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Sonora. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arnold Dennis Greenfield

Arnold Dennis Greenfield, 77, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 12, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Martin County Hospital will host an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at its new location at 1600 E. Interstate 20 in Stanton. Call 432-607-3249 for more information.

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

• 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 appliances. 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.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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

Police blotter

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

• BILLY VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ, 49, of 1304 Lamar, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

• DELWIN LEWIS, 28, of 804 W. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

• SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, of 3305 Cornell, was arrested Wednesday on eight warrants from other agencies.

• JOE LOUIS SANCHEZ, 52, of 2409 S. Scurry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• WESLEY JAMES SHOUP, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

• DELWIN LEWIS, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Bernalillo County warrant for failure to appear — breaking and entering.

• BILLY VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ, 49, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on an Austin parole warrant for violation of parole.

• SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to control speed, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to appear.

• JOE LOUIS SANCHEZ, 52, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of E. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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| Sat 7/14 | Sun 7/15 | Mon 7/16 | Tue 7/17 | Wed 7/18 |
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| 97/73 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 96/73 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/74 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s. | 95/75 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s. | 96/74 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. |
| Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM | Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM | Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM | Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM | Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM |



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Abilene | 93 | 71 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 93 | 74 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 96 | 67 | pt sunny | Livingston | 86 | 69 | t-storm |
| Austin | 90 | 71 | t-storm | Longview | 88 | 71 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 85 | 72 | t-storm | Lubbock | 95 | 68 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville | 93 | 76 | t-storm | Lufkin | 86 | 71 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 94 | 71 | t-storm | Midland | 95 | 73 | sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 89 | 77 | t-storm | Raymondville | 94 | 75 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 90 | 72 | t-storm | Rosenberg | 85 | 72 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 93 | 75 | t-storm | San Antonio | 91 | 74 | t-storm |
| Del Rio | 95 | 77 | t-storm | San Marcos | 90 | 72 | t-storm |
| El Paso | 97 | 73 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 91 | 72 | t-storm |
| Fort Stockton | 91 | 70 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 94 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Gainesville | 93 | 73 | pt sunny | Tyler | 87 | 72 | t-storm |
| Greenville | 91 | 71 | t-storm | Weatherford | 93 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 85 | 73 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 96 | 72 | pt sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Atlanta | 88 | 70 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 88 | 70 | t-storm |
| Boston | 92 | 70 | cloudy | New York | 85 | 77 | cloudy |
| Chicago | 85 | 73 | t-storm | Phoenix | 97 | 83 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 93 | 75 | t-storm | San Francisco | 62 | 54 | mst sunny |
| Denver | 88 | 64 | t-storm | Seattle | 81 | 62 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 85 | 73 | t-storm | St. Louis | 96 | 76 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 63 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 92 | 78 | t-storm |
| Miami | 87 | 79 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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► Odds & Ends

South Carolina funeral home to offer Starbucks coffee

EASLEY, S.C. (AP) — A funeral home in northwestern South Carolina will be offering what it calls the Starbucks experience to those needing comfort, or just a cup of coffee.

Robinson Funeral Home in Easley is building a coffee shop attached to the funeral home.

The Coffee Corner will feature Starbucks coffee and food and also will be open to those who don't need services from the funeral home. Chris Robinson says the Coffee Corner will include a fireplace, TV and Wi-Fi.

Starbucks employees will train employees at the funeral home later this month before the shop opens.

Robinson says there's nothing like food or coffee to help comfort those who've experienced a loss.

AT&T drops lawsuit; Mass. man says he has issues

IPSWICH, Mass. (AP) — AT&T has dropped its lawsuit against a Massachusetts businessman over a \$1 million phone bill he says resulted from a hacker's fraud.

Ipswich resident Michael Smith is owner of the small manufacturing company Todd Tool & Abrasive Systems. He said Tuesday he's not dropping a counterclaim for the costs to defend himself in the legal battle his lawyers call unfair.

The telecommunications company says it has dismissed all claims and is "sympathetic" to Smith's situation and remains "open to resolving his concerns."

Smith says someone hacked into his company's phone system in 2009 and made nearly \$900,000 in calls to Somalia. AT&T Inc. sued Smith for \$1.15 million for the calls plus interest. His lawyers say the company failed to notify him about the

suspicious calls before billing him.

Thief steals 67 bags of ice from Maine store

LIVERMORE FALLS, Maine (AP) — The thief may have been too hot, or may have been throwing a huge party.

Police in Livermore Falls says they are investigating the theft of 67 bags of ice from an ice chest outside a Lewiston supermarket.

Chief Ernest Steward Jr. tells the Sun Journal that in addition to the stolen ice, the thief or thieves caused about \$250 in damage breaking into the ice chest outside the Food City store.

The stolen ice was valued at \$75.

The vandalism was reported Tuesday afternoon and is believed to have occurred either late Monday or early Tuesday.

APPRAISAL

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improvements on our home, yet our tax bills are basically the same as some of our neighbors, who have bigger homes."

Perkins said the situation has soured her on remaining in Big Spring.

"I'm here because I love Big Spring, but if this keeps up, we'll be leaving," she said. "Something is definitely wrong."

Total property valuations for Howard Coun-

ty will rise this year, but final numbers won't be available until later this month. Chief Appraiser Ronnie Babcock said during the meeting that basically all residential properties in the county received higher assessments this year, while some commercial properties are not subject to an increase.

Perkins' major request of the board was to see figures showing how valuations are assessed locally, and was assured by Babcock such information would be provided.

Steve Chrane called

the way assessments are reached "ridiculous."

"In some cases, I've seen assessments darned near doubled in the past few years," Chrane said. "Some of this stuff is just utterly ridiculous ... I've been told by some people when they protest their assessments, the (review board) doesn't even listen to them."

Chrane had a long litany of complaints, ranging from what he called a lack of accountability on the part of appraisal district employees to his belief Howard County residents are grossly

over-taxed compared to people in surrounding counties.

But another of his assertions — that the Alon Refinery also was being unreasonably taxed — brought a quick rejoinder from Board Chairman Donnie Baker.

"As far as the refinery goes, you don't have a clue what you're talking about, Hoss, I'll tell you that," Baker said.

Alon and the appraisal district have had several legal battles in recent years concerning the refinery's tax bill.

Babcock told the group state law requires the

district to assess property at 100 percent of its market value. That value, he said, is driven by what similar properties are being sold for.

"Purchases decide what the market value is," he said.

"We're all Big Spring and Howard County folks," Baker added. "Nothing would please us more than to tell Ronnie and his appraisers, 'You know, just cut everybody's appraisal in half' ... but the state won't let us do that."

Afterwards, Baker said the meeting was, by and large, positive.

"I think a majority of the people here at least got some things off their chest," he said. "I'm sure they're not completely satisfied, but they had the opportunity to say their peace."

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REUNION

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year where lots of people come back and visit," Kristi Peterson, publicity chairman, said. "Lots of reunions will be happening throughout the day and it will be a good time for people to see the things that have changed and visit with friends."

A downtown parade will be at

10 a.m. with reunion registration beginning right after and continuing until 4 p.m. Todd is encouraging Martin County residents to join in the parade. To be able to get between 10 and 20 parade entries would make for a success, according to Todd.

"We would like to see lots of involvement in the parade this year," Peterson said. "The more we have involved, the better it is."

For those wanting to remember the day's happenings, there will be a local photographer on hand. There will be an opportunity in the community center for families and class reunions that want to have photos made.

Tours at the Martin County Museum will be available. A reception will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in honor of Jose and Guadalupe Villa, the 2012 family of the year.

The evening meal will be \$10 per plate and be catered by Lester and Kim Baker. Tickets can be purchased starting at 3 p.m. in the community center. After the program, there will be a dance — sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce — outside the community center around 7 p.m.

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SHOUP

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facility. No fine was assessed.

According to court records, Shoup was traveling in his 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck westbound on Hughes Road between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. with local resident Matthew Fowler when he failed to stop at a stop sign. His pickup hit a tractor trailer, causing

it to roll twice.

Shoup is believed to have been in the area — located south of Big Spring — in hopes of seeing a massive wildfire that was burning in the area.

Fowler was seriously injured in the traffic accident, suffering permanent neurological damage, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who represented the state in the case.

"It's unclear exactly why Matthew Fowler got into the pickup with Shoup, but what is clear is he was not intoxicated," Wilkerson said. "Shoup, however, had been drinking since that afternoon. Because he was intoxicated he became disoriented and went through the stop sign, striking the tractor trailer."

"Intoxication assault is the same thing as intoxication manslaughter

ter, it simply doesn't result in death. Intoxication assault comes from a charge of driving while intoxicated which results in the serious bodily injury of another person."

Wilkerson said Fowler suffered neurological damage and permanent cognitive loss as a result of the crash and was hospitalized between three to six months at different facilities following the crash.

The jury delivered the sentence after more than two hours of deliberation, according to court officials.

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A&M

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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 sports memorabilia and vacation trips will be auctioned. Past memorabilia items have included autographed jerseys, footballs and portraits, while vacation packages up for auction have included trips to resorts such as Cabo San Lucas

and Cancun, Mexico.

For more information, call 432-263-7969 or visit the A&M club's website at www.westexags.com

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

It seems appropriate to share the following prayer from Coahoma's Freedom Celebration: *Heavenly Father, We give attention today to the blessings we enjoy as American. We thank You and honor You for the faith, courage and sacrifice that have gone into the founding of this nation and the preservation of our national freedom. We acknowledge with humble hearts that America will only be great if America is morally good. Convict our hearts of the need to properly use freedom as a means of showing and shining faith and of protecting our fellow man from those intent on terrorism and destruction. Use today as a reminder that we need to love You and one another. Bless our efforts to honor those who have enabled us to be free. In the name of Jesus I prayer. Amen*

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OUR VIEWS

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The Dora Roberts Community Center will be the venue for the gathering of representatives from throughout the Texas Plains Trail.

Networking, education and a chance for Big Springers to show off their pride in the community is what can be expected at the upcoming conference.

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Of course, with all these people coming to the grand ol' land of Big Spring, there has to be a tour so they can truly see what it is Big Spring has to offer.

Those attending the conference will have an opportunity to tour historical parts of town as well as meet with some of the commissioners, council members and other community representatives.

Big Spring is a grand place to live and part of the focus for the two-day conference is to show others what it is all about.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have a valuable relationship
with You, Lord.

Amen

No love for Mitt Romney, why?

They live among us, but they are not really part of us. They pretend to be like us only in order to gain our votes.

They are the Others, those

who insinuate themselves into American life, but who are not "real" Americans at all.

For years, his opponents have tried to portray Barack Obama as an Other.

Rabid racists on the right, joined by just plain cuckoos — hey, Donald Trump, money not only can't buy love, it can't buy brains, either — believe or pretend to believe that Obama was not born in America.

But as the birthers have fizzled, they have been replaced by more mainstream and more socially acceptable attacks on Obama's "otherness" — Mitt Romney's claim that Obama is a European-style socialist, for instance.

"He takes his inspiration from Europe and the European socialists in Europe," Romney says of Obama. "I believe in America."

By implication, Obama does not believe in America.

Which is why Romney says we are now engaged in a battle for "the soul of America" in which voters must choose between "a European-style welfare state" or "a free land."

But the Democrats have reacted cleverly. Hold on, they say, the real Other in the race is Mitt Romney. He is the guy, they say, who does not act like a real American.

Because how many real Americans keeps millions of dollars in foreign banks?

"Hey, how many of you all have a Swiss bank account?" Joe Biden asked voters gathered in Exeter, N.H., in April.

No hands went up in the crowd.

Swiss banks accounts? Who has Swiss banks accounts? Oth-

ers, that's who.

Biden described Romney using classic terms of "otherness." Romney, Biden said, was "out of touch" and "out of step" with basic American values.

The attack is now part of Biden's stump speech.

"Did you ever think you'd be choosing between two people running for president, one of whom has a Swiss bank account?" Biden asks crowds.

Nobody is saying (as of yet) that Romney did anything illegal by keeping millions of dollars in Swiss and other foreign banks. It just seems ... odd.

Democratic officeholders, in what is obviously a coordinated attack, have picked up the theme. Martin O'Malley, the Democratic governor of Maryland, who may be eyeing his own presidential run someday, said on ABC's "This Week" Sunday that Romney is betting "against America."

"He bet against America when he put his money in Swiss bank accounts and tax havens and shelters and also set up a secret company, the shell company in Bermuda," O'Malley said.

"What went the way of Europe were the — the Swiss bank accounts and the American dollars that Mitt Romney stuffed in that offshore Swiss bank account, jobs that he facilitated companies in moving offshore, out of places like Ohio, out of Pennsylvania and Maryland."

Which is the other prong of the attack: Romney's record as a businessman is his main qualification for the presidency.

But is that record marked by creating jobs in the United States or by shipping jobs overseas?

"Give Mitt Romney credit: He is a job creator," Joe Biden says. "In Singapore and China and India."

And the Obama campaign now refers to Romney the "outsourcer-in-chief."

The Romney campaign appears to have been caught somewhat flat-footed by all this, and Romney's supporters are not helping.

Pennsylvania and their high-profile pedophile scandals

In one of those strange coincidences that make life read like a cheap novel, Jerry Sandusky and Monsignor William Lynn were convicted at almost the same moment by two Pennsylvania juries of charges growing out of sex scandals involving the molestation of underage youngsters.

Not that the two cases are mirror images of each other.

Sandusky is a former football coach at Penn State University. Lynn is a former aide to the late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua and was secretary of the clergy in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Sandusky was found guilty of molesting young boys dozens of times over the past 20 years. Lynn was found guilty of covering up sexual abuses committed by priests under his supervision.

Sandusky in all likelihood will spend the rest of his life in prison. Lynn faces a sentence of three and a half to seven years.

But these cases are parallel examples of two grand, exalted institutions fleeing their moral responsibilities in hopes of avoiding an embarrassing scandal. As the institutions covered up the sex abuses in their ranks, the lives of dozens of young innocents were sacrificed with hardly a thought.

What is it about the sexual molestation of children that institutions like the Catholic Church

and Penn State don't understand? I'll lay it out for them:

It is not acceptable to allow adults to sexually molest children. If you find out it's going on, you stop it.

There. Does that sound controversial to you? Complex?

I suppose by now we should have become accustomed to the Catholic hierarchy's hypocrisy, but enabling pedophile priests to prey on helpless children — while cracking down on nuns who err on the side of compassion for the poor — is beyond contempt.

I applaud the conviction of Msgr. Lynn. It's a long overdue sign that the Church's habit of protecting pedophiles is as bankrupt legally as it is morally.

The Penn State case is still hard to digest, because of where it happened and whom it involved.

For decades Penn State football coach Joe Paterno was a virtual icon of probity in his profession. In a business whose moral climate can sometimes resemble a sewer, he did things the right way. He didn't cheat, he held his players to a high standard of behavior, and he saw to it that they went to class and graduated. He accepted a pay lower than the market would have granted him and donated considerable sums of money to the school's library system, all the while becoming the winningest college coach in the sport's history.

All of this earned him a god-like status in Pennsylvania. They raised statues to him. They named their babies after him. "Joe Pa" became an indestructible symbol of integrity.

My simple — and admittedly simplistic — theory of who wins the presidency is that most voters almost always vote for the more likable presidential candidate.

How likable is Mitt Romney?

Just ask House Speaker and fellow Republican John Boehner.

"Can you make me love Mitt Romney?" Boehner said recently. "The American people probably aren't going to fall in love with Mitt Romney."

But why not? Is it his foreign bank accounts? Creating jobs overseas? Imprisoning his dog on the roof of the family car? Attacking a gay student in high school with a pair of scissors? Or those four car elevators he wants for his California beach house?

Boehner did not say. But it is not Romney's wealth that keeps him from being loved. Americans loved John Kennedy, after all.

It is something else. It is some quality Romney has or some quality Romney lacks that, as Boehner says, makes him unlovable, makes him seem not like a president, but like an Other.

In any case, Boehner says it will not matter.

"I'll tell you this: 95 percent of the people that show up to vote in November are going to show up in that voting booth, and they are going to vote for or against Barack Obama," Boehner says.

This is the Republicans' great hope, their great strategy: Forget about Romney. Romney is a cipher, a placeholder.

He has but one real quality: He is not Barack Obama.

Romney is the Other guy. And if that is enough, he will also be president.

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News in brief

Expert testimony to continue at voter ID trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — More expert testimony is on tap in a trial to determine whether Texas' controversial voter ID law violates the federal Voting Rights Act.

A weeklong trial about the 2011 Texas law to require voters to present a valid, government-issued photo ID resumes Thursday with witnesses expected to include experts backing the Justice Department view. That view is that the Texas law could disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of voters.

The Justice Department blocked Texas' new law in March, citing the Voting Rights Act. Texas, in turn, sued the Justice Department. That brought the case to a federal court in Washington, where a three-judge panel is to decide the fate of the law.

Testimony and arguments are set to continue through Friday.

Jury issues to be discussed at Fort Hood hearing

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Military prosecutors and defense attorneys are to discuss jury issues at a Thursday hearing for the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage.

The judge is to decide on a jury questionnaire that will be sent to the military jury pool before Maj. Nidal Hasan's murder trial starts Aug. 20. Prosecutors and defense attorneys have said they still disagree on which questions should be on the form.

Hasan's attorneys have said they want the form sent out soon so potential jurors can return it about a month before the trial begins.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the shootings on the Texas Army post.

Texas police captain charged with indecency

JACINTO CITY, Texas (AP) — A Houston-area police officer has been accused of propositioning a 13-year-old girl whose family sought his help.

Jacinto City police Capt. Thomas Harmon DeMont has been charged with indecency with a child.

The 49-year-old DeMont was arrested Wednesday, with bond set at \$50,000. Fort Bend County Jail records Thursday indicated DeMont is no longer in custody.

A woman in April allegedly asked DeMont for help because her daughter had trouble in school. A criminal complaint says DeMont met the girl at the home of one of her relatives, allegedly exposed himself and asked her to perform a sex act.

The teen fled and said DeMont threatened to kill her family if she complained.

No publicly listed phone number could immediately be located for DeMont, who's on administrative leave with pay.

14-year-old gets 20-year term for killing teacher

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — A 15-year-old boy has been sentenced to 20 years behind bars after admitting to killing a Southeast Texas teacher with a gunshot to the head while at her home.

The boy was sentenced Wednesday in the Feb. 20, 2011, shooting of 46-year-old Staci Lisenby in the kitchen of her home in Orangefield. Lisenby was a teacher at Orangefield Junior High School in the community of about 700 residents near the Louisiana border about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

Under the sentence, the boy will serve in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department detention center until he turns 18, when he would be moved to a state prison to serve the remaining years of the sentence.

Man suspected of gas main bombing indicted

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a man accused of trying to blow up a natural gas pipeline in suburban Dallas.

The grand jury in Sherman indicted Anson Chi on a weapons charge after a homemade bomb exploded on natural gas regulator in Plano June 18. If convicted, he could receive a 10-year prison sentence.

Chi remains in federal custody without bond pending trial on the count of possession of an unregistered firearm or explosive device.

An FBI agent has testified that a search found significant amounts of chemicals and lab equipment, along with writing bomb instructions, in the Plano home Chi shared with his parents.

Federal prosecutors say Chi had made the bomb, but it exploded prematurely. The blast caused little damage but critically injured Chi.

Highland Park police seek what prompted stabbings

HIGHLAND PARK, Texas (AP) — Police in a wealthy Dallas enclave are trying to determine why a man apparently stabbed his wife before taking his own life.

Highland Park police say toxicology results are pending on John Rodman Steele.

Police say Dina Steele was wounded early Wednesday trying to protect herself. She called 911 to report she awoke to find her husband stabbing her and himself.

Police say the couple's 16-year-old son tried to help his mother. The teen and his 12-year-old sister weren't injured. Both also called 911 to summon help.

Dina Steele was taken to Baylor University Medical Center with wounds not believed to be life-threatening. A hospital spokeswoman said Thursday there was no listing for a patient by that name.

Police say her husband was declared dead at the hospital Wednesday.

North Texas deputies seek suspect in dog's torture

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — Private donors have contributed \$35,000 for a reward for information leading to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of a suspect in the torture of a dog found wandering a remote county road with its muzzle taped shut on her severely swollen tongue.

The Texas Humane Alliance is adding \$25,000 to a \$10,000 reward already offered in the torturing of a 3- to 4-year-old female pug mix caregivers have named Hope. The dog was rescued Tuesday by Parker County Animal Control workers and volunteers about 10 miles southeast of Weatherford, about 25 miles west of Fort Worth.

A county animal control officer said the dog was overheated and dehydrated when found and needed 100 stitches to close five deep lacerations. The dog is recovering at a Weatherford clinic.

San Antonio downpours trigger high-water rescue

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A morning downpour caused some flash-flooding and led to at least one high-water rescue in San Antonio, but it helped to replenish the aquifer that provides the area's drinking water.

National Weather Service forecaster Pat McDonald told the San Antonio Express-News (<http://bit.ly/MjsYBM>) that almost three inches of rain had fallen by midafternoon Wednesday at San Antonio International Airport.

The flash flooding closed part of Interstate 35 during the Wednesday morning commute in downtown San Antonio. It led to a risky rescue of a man who had been sleeping on the San Antonio River bank when the river rose suddenly and left him clinging to a bridge support until his rescue.

The water level in the Edwards Aquifer in San Antonio rose by a foot Wednesday.

Perry stumps for Romney in Nevada Friday

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry plans to campaign for fellow Republican Mitt Romney in rural northeast Nevada on Friday.

Perry was one of Romney's early challengers for the GOP presidential nomination but now backs the former Massachusetts governor in his bid to defeat President Obama.

A favorite among conservatives, Perry says he'll join Nevada Congressman Mark Amodei at the grand opening of Romney's field campaign office in Elko Friday evening.

The Elko office also will be used to build support other Nevada Republicans in the area. The event begins at 5 p.m. at 2140 Idaho St.

Nevada Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval is among those who originally endorsed Perry for the run for the White House.

Woman on Texas death row loses federal appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman on Texas death row lost a federal court appeal Wednesday, moving her closer to execution for the fatal stabbing and bludgeoning of a 71-year-old neighbor during a robbery 15 years ago.

The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused an appeal from Kimberly McCarthy, 51, a former nursing home therapist from Dallas County who is one of 10 women awaiting execution in Texas.

McCarthy was sentenced to die for the July 1997 killing of retired college professor Dorothy Booth

at Booth's home in Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas.

Evidence in the case revealed that McCarthy showed up at Booth's door pretending to borrow sugar and then attacked the woman with a metal candle holder and stabbed her at least five times with a knife. Booth's finger was cut off while she was still alive to remove her wedding ring, authorities said.

The ring was pawned for \$200, and McCarthy drove Booth's Mercedes-Benz to a crack house to buy cocaine and used the woman's credit card at least four times, according to evidence in the case.

McCarthy was tried twice for the slaying, most recently in 2002. Her first conviction in 1998 was thrown out three years later by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which ruled police violated her constitutional rights by using a statement she made to them after asking for a lawyer.

In the appeal rejected Wednesday, McCarthy's attorneys contended her trial lawyers were deficient for not introducing into evidence at her punishment trial a statement she made to police acknowledging she was at the crime scene but blaming the killing on two men with her.

Bankrupt Texas junior college plans fall classes

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — Despite being mired in bankruptcy, the state's oldest junior college has announced it plans fall classes and what it calls "a revitalized academic program."

According to a Wednesday statement, Lon Morris College officials say they will offer "a complete core curriculum" with on-campus and online classes. Restructuring officer Dawn Ragan says tuition has been cut by a third while still offering financial aid and scholarships for some programs.

Officials with the 158-year-old United Methodist junior college filed a Chapter 11 petition for bankruptcy protection July 3, and the college furloughed most faculty and staff in May as the president resigned.

Jacksonville is about 120 miles southeast of Dallas.

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By Steve Becker

Great Trees From Acorns Grow

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♣ 8 7 2

WEST EAST
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♣ K 10 4 3 ♣ J 9 6

SOUTH
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The bidding:
South West North East
2♣* Pass 2♦** Pass
2♠ Pass 3♦ Pass
6♣

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Opening lead jack of hearts.
If you lose a trick that you don't have to lose, but get two back in exchange, you obviously show a profit. Seldom does such an opportunity arise, and even when it does it is often overlooked. The reason for this is that most players have a natural aversion to losing a trick they can win.
Consider this deal where South

was in six spades and West led a heart. Declarer won, drew trumps and eventually played the ace and a low club, hoping the five would force out the king. When it didn't, he went down one.

South should have made the slam, however. Basically, his method of play could succeed only if either defender had been dealt the singleton or doubleton king of clubs — roughly a 10 percent chance.

Instead, declarer should have played the ace of diamonds at trick two followed by the deuce of spades at trick three! In the actual case, this would have landed the contract. West takes his ten of spades, but South later leads a low trump to dummy's nine and discards the Q-5 of clubs on the K-Q of diamonds.

Declarer should reason that there is a 50 percent chance of finding West with the ten of spades, and that if West has that card, the slam is highly likely to be made. South certainly should be willing to sacrifice a trump trick in order to try to utilize dummy's K-Q of diamonds.

It is true that he might go down an extra trick if East has the ten of spades, but that is of little import when compared with what he can gain if West has the ten.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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News in brief

Penn State's Sandusky scandal report to be released

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The results of Penn State's internal investigation into the Jerry Sandusky scandal are due to be released in the form of a report that could answer many of the troubling questions swirling around one of the darkest scandals in sports history.

A team led by former federal judge and FBI director Louis Freeh interviewed hundreds of people to learn how the university responded to warning signs that its once revered former defensive coordinator — a man who helped Hall of Fame football coach Joe Paterno win two national titles while touting "success with honor" — was a serial child molester.

Sandusky was convicted on 45 criminal counts last month at a trial that included gut-wrenching testimony from eight young men who said he abused them as boys.

By contrast, the Freeh report, scheduled for online release at 9 a.m. Thursday, will focus on Penn State and what it did — or didn't do — to protect children. It remains unclear how top university officials handled reports dating back at least 14 years that Sandusky was behaving inappropriately with boys he met through his charity, bringing them on campus and forcing them into sex acts.

The report also could add to what is known about the role of Paterno, who died from lung cancer in January at age 85, two months after being fired as coach following Sandusky's arrest.

Biden to rebut Romney's address during speech at NAACP convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden is offering a rebuttal of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney before the nation's largest civil rights organization, defending President Barack Obama's record before black voters.

Biden is addressing the NAACP convention in Houston on Thursday, a day after Romney said he'd do more for African-Americans than Obama, the nation's first black president. Romney was booed when he said he'd

repeal Obama's sweeping health care reform law but otherwise got a polite reception as he reached out to a traditionally Democratic voting bloc.

Obama's campaign countered that Romney's policies would hurt working families in the black community, an argument Biden was expected to make before the NAACP delegates. Democrats said Romney had opposed the rescue of the U.S. auto industry, the health care law and the economic stimulus, which they said helped black voters.

"While Mitt Romney tried to paint a picture of a president who failed the African-American community, we know that the reality is that President Barack Obama has delivered time and time again," said Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.

Obama is not speaking to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this year. He spoke to the organization during the 2008 campaign and in 2009, while first lady Michelle Obama spoke to the group in 2010. The president is scheduled to address the National Urban League in New Orleans on July 25.

Conservative favorite Dick Cheney lends some star power to Romney

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Former Vice President Dick Cheney is using his popularity with Republican conservatives to give a boost to Mitt Romney, hosting a fundraiser for the party's likely nominee at a mountain valley resort as well as a private dinner at his Wyoming home.

Romney has avoided appearing in public with Cheney or with former President George W. Bush — both are seen as divisive figures by many of the swing voters he needs to win over if he's going to defeat President Barack Obama. The Cheney-sponsored events Thursday evening at this resort town near Yellowstone National Park represent a welcome endorsement for Romney, who is eager to win over more of the party's base.

Romney doesn't have a close relationship with the former vice president, a veteran of five Republican presidential administrations and a huge draw for GOP donors. While Romney speaks regularly with for-

mer President George H.W. Bush, he seldom refers by name to the most recent Bush to occupy the White House. On occasion he goes out of his way not to say Bush's name out loud and simply calls him "the predecessor" to Obama.

Cheney has generally shied away from politicking and he remains controversial, in part because of his hawkish foreign policy stances, including his support for interrogation techniques like waterboarding.

Still, Romney has embraced Cheney in the past. Last year, he told an Arizona town hall that Cheney's "wisdom and judgment" would provide a model for choosing his own vice president.

In Cambodia, Clinton presses Beijing on rules for resource-rich South China Sea

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The Obama administration pressed Beijing on Thursday to accept a code of conduct for resolving territorial disputes in the resource-rich South China Sea, a difficult U.S. mediation effort that has faced resistance from the communist government. It has endeared the U.S., however, to once-hostile countries in Southeast Asia.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' annual conference.

Sitting across from each other at a long table in a grand hall with chandeliers, Clinton stressed the different ways Washington and Beijing are cooperating. Yang spoke of building an even closer U.S.-Chinese relationship. Neither side spoke about the South China Sea while reporters were allowed in the room.

Several Asian governments have expressed worry about China's expansive maritime claims. Tensions have threatened to boil over in recent months, with a standoff between Chinese and Philippine ships and sharp disagreements between China and Vietnam.

China claims virtually the entire area and has created an entirely new city to administer it, sparking deep concern from rival claimants. The sea hosts about a third of the world's cargo traffic, has rich fishing grounds and is believed to store vast oil and gas reserves.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.'s 'mood disorder' likely raising more questions about hushed absence

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.'s disclosure that he is suffering from a "mood disorder" still leaves many questions about his secretive medical leave and whether the Illinois congressman has satisfied mounting calls to be more open about his month-long absence.

Just hours after Democratic leaders in Congress ratcheted up pressure on Jackson to reveal more information, his office released a brief statement from his doctor on Wednesday saying the Chicago Democrat was receiving "intensive medical treatment at a residential treatment facility for a mood disorder."

But it offered no details about Jackson's whereabouts or even the name of the doctor, citing federal privacy laws.

Several experts said that based on the doctor's use of the term "mood disorder," they believed Jackson might be suffering from depression. But the statement did not elaborate on his condition and rejected claims that the 47-year-old congressman was being treated for "alcohol or substance abuse."

"He is responding positively to treatment and is expected to make a full recovery," the statement said. His spokesman declined to elaborate.

Banks place more U.S. homes on foreclosure path in June

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Banks are increasingly placing homes with unpaid mortgages on a countdown that could deliver a swell of new foreclosed properties onto the market by early next year, potentially weighing further on home values.

June provided the latest evidence of this trend, as the number of U.S. homes entering the foreclosure process for the first time increased on an

annual basis for the second month in a row, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

California in particular saw a big spike in foreclosure starts, or homes placed on the foreclosure path for the first time. They increased 18 percent versus June last year, the firm said.

The increase in foreclosure starts comes as banks make up for time lost last year as the mortgage-lending industry grappled with allegations that it had processed foreclosures without verifying documents.

The nation's biggest mortgage lenders reached a \$25 billion settlement in February with state officials. And that's cleared the way for banks to address their backlog of unpaid mortgages.

Supporters of SS United States launch emergency drive

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Caretakers for the SS United States, the legendary ocean liner moored on the Delaware River since 1996, are renewing and expanding their emergency distress call for the beleaguered piece of American maritime history.

In an eleventh-hour reprieve that spared the ship a date with the scrapyard, a local philanthropist's \$5.8 million gift allowed the SS United States Conservancy to buy it and keep it afloat until November 2012. With that date looming, the nonprofit conservancy launched a "Save the United States" fundraising rally Wednesday to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the ship's maiden voyage on July 3, 1952.

The conservancy has raised about \$6 million so far but needs \$25 million to restore the exterior and part of the interior to house a museum, said Susan Gibbs, conservancy executive director and the granddaughter of William Francis Gibbs, the ship's Philadelphia-born designer. The goal is to spark interest, raise public awareness and literally get investors on board.

"The SS United States is America's flagship. It symbolizes the very best that this nation has produced," she said. "It is going to once again be an amazing icon for the nation to appreciate and enjoy."

The fundraising campaign includes a new interactive website, www.savetheunitedstates.org, which allows donors to "purchase" a piece of the ship for \$1 per square inch for themselves or in honor of someone else. They can choose the section they want to sponsor by scrolling and zooming around a virtual model on the website, "meet" other donors throughout the ship, personalize and upload images and memories of the ship, and share it through social media sites.

Child deaths in Cambodia highlight potent form of disease raging in Asia

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Tran Minh Giang has spent more than a third of his young life in a Vietnamese hospital, and it could be many months more before he can go home. All for a disease that in Asia is as common as chicken pox, and usually about as severe.

The 20-month-old boy was sickened by a particularly menacing form of hand, foot and mouth disease that has killed hundreds of young children across the region. They sometimes suffer high fever, brain swelling, paralysis and respiratory shutdown, even though they may have been infected by people with few or no symptoms.

When the strain hit Cambodia recently, doctors there had no idea what it was, and even now experts don't fully understand why it can be so devastating. Seven months after becoming sick, Giang still breathes using a ventilator connected to a hole in his tiny throat.

"It may take time, maybe years, before he can recover. When he sleeps, his lungs don't work," his father, Tran Nam Trung, said Thursday while fanning the baby. "When he first got a high fever, I didn't think that he would be in a situation like this."

The enterovirus 71 strain, or EV-71, raised fears earlier this week when it was detected in some lab samples taken after 52 of 59 Cambodian children died suddenly from a mystery illness that sparked international alarm. Health officials are still investigating but say the virus is likely to blame for a significant number of cases.

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Arabian Fables (I)

How the Arabs soften up world opinion with fanciful myths.

Josef Goebbels, the infamous propaganda minister of the Nazis, had it right. Just tell people big lies often enough and they will believe them. The Arabs have learned that lesson well. They have swayed world opinion by endlessly repeating myths and lies that have no basis in fact.

What are the facts?

The "Palestinians." That is the fundamental myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There was the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army (at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin hatching plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews); there was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra (all Jews, of course); there was *The Palestine Post*, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they are no distinct nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond. There is no more difference between the "Palestinians" and the other Arabs of those countries than there is between, say, the citizens of Minnesota and of Wisconsin.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth. The "West Bank." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in possession of the territories of Judea and Samaria and part of the city of Jerusalem. The

Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that they occupied, destroyed all Jewish institutions and houses of worship, used Jewish cemetery headstones to build military latrines, and renamed as "West Bank" what had been Judea and Samaria since time immemorial.

The attempt, quite successful, was to persuade an uninformed world that these territories were ancestral parts of the Jordanian Arab Kingdom (itself a very recent creation of British power diplomacy). Even after the total rout of the Arabs in the 1967 Six-Day War, in which the Jordanians were driven out of Judea/Samaria and of Jerusalem, they and the world continued to call this territory the "West Bank", a geographical concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

The concept of the "West Bank" is a myth.

The "Occupied Territories."

After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the same cabal of Arabs that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria (now renamed "West Bank"), which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 19 years; of the Gaza strip, which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country; and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants?

The concept of "occupied territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria and Gaza is a myth created by Arab propaganda.

Unable so far to destroy Israel on the battlefield — though they are feverishly preparing for their next assault — the Arabs are now trying to overcome and destroy Israel by their acknowledged "policy of stages". That policy is to get as much land as possible carved out of Israel "by peaceful and diplomatic" means, so as to make Israel indefensible and softened up for the final assault. The web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What a shame that the world has accepted most of it!

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Youth football league to open registration

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Football is an institution in West Texas, so it's only natural for the players of the renowned sport to learn it at an early age.

The Crossroads Youth Football Association, which is open to kids ages 5-12, is slated to begin another season Sept. 8.

Registration will open Monday and run until Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Big Spring Mall. Times will be Monday-Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The first practices will begin the Monday following the last day of registration and games will be held each Saturday. Nearly all games will be held in Big Spring at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

The flag football division is for children ages 5-7, with the cost set at \$75 per player. Division 1 is open to kids ages 8-9 and Division 2 will comprised of athletes ages 10-12. Division 1 and 2 enrollment will cost \$160 per player.

According to Jeff Vidal, president of the league,

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Flag football players are in the middle of a heated play on the gridiron during a Crossroads Youth Football Association game last year. Registrations are set to begin for this year Monday at the Big Spring Mall.

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Trade talk should heat up in MLB 2nd half

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AP Baseball Writer

There was a public outcry when R.A. Dickey did not start the All-Star game, a journeyman for the Chicago White Sox threw a perfect game and the Pittsburgh Pirates of all teams were in first place as the first half of the baseball season drew to a close.

What's next, postseason baseball in the nation's capital? It sure looks that way.

An eventful and unexpected first half that included Dickey knuckling his way to stardom with the Mets, Phil Humber's out-of-nowhere perfect for the White Sox and the Yankees muzzling former slugger Reggie Jackson after some disparaging comments about Alex Rodriguez is only expected to get more intriguing as the season rounds second and heads for third.

The non-waiver trade deadline is looming at the end of the month, and the Baltimore Orioles and White Sox got ahead of the curve by acquiring Jim Thome and Kevin Youkilis, re-

spectively, to bolster their offenses. Milwaukee's Zack Greinke, Philadelphia's Cole Hamels and Arizona's Justin Upton could be headed elsewhere as the contenders and pretenders separate themselves.

"There's several teams involved in rights right now," said Detroit manager Jim Leyland, whose Tigers joined the Phillies and Red Sox on the list of big-spending underachievers in the first half of the season. "There's probably going to be a lot of teams that would like to go out and get somebody. But the more teams that want to get something, the tougher it is to get it."

And there's even more motivation for deals to be made in the first year of baseball's expanded postseason. The Fall Classic will be a little wilder this time around. A new format kicks in this year that adds an extra wild card team to each league. That means 10 teams will have a chance to get in and go for it all.

The Orioles, who trail the Yankees by seven games in the AL

East, haven't been to the postseason since 1997, the Pirates haven't been there since 1992 and the nation's capital hasn't hosted a playoff baseball game since 1933, when Mel Ott homered in Game 5 of the World Series to help the New York Giants beat the Senators for the championship.

That was long before Natlitude, long before "that's a clown question, bro" and certainly way before the All-Star game decided home-field advantage in the World Series. It's a new day, and if Bryce Harper and the Nationals or Andrew McCutchen and the Pirates somehow Buc the odds and make it to the Series, they'll be hosting the party after the National League beat the AL 8-0.

With so much on the line from here on out, the game in Kansas City could be one of the last nights of baseball without any juice for quite a while.

"We're playing for a lot more here," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "We're playing for a city, the goal being to re-bond the city with its ballclub."

LeBron takes three trophies at ESPYs

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James collected the biggest trophy of his career when the Miami Heat won the NBA championship. That title run netted him some more hardware at the ESPY Awards.

James won a leading three individual trophies, including male athlete of the year, and shared in another at the 20th annual show celebrating the year's best athletes and moments in sports.

He wasn't on hand to accept because he was in Las Vegas with the rest of the U.S. national team preparing for the upcoming London Olympics.

James outpolled tennis player Novak Djokovic, Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander and Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in fan voting for male athlete honors. He also won in the championship performance categories, while sharing in the best team award, with Juwan Howard and Mike Miller accepting for the Heat.

"He's had a magnify-

ing glass on him since he was 17 years old and I think he's handled himself really, really well," Miller said of James backstage. "Unbelievable teammate, unbelievable father, so those are the most important things. He's just a likeable guy. He's a great basketball player to boot."

Baylor basketball star Brittney Griner won two trophies, including female athlete of the year in which she beat out French Open champion Maria Sharapova, skier Lindsay Vonn and soccer player Abby Wambach.

Quarterback Robert Griffin III, who like Griner starred at Baylor, won male college athlete honors. Griner took female college athlete honors for leading the Lady Bears to a 40-0 record and the NCAA championship.

"Just excited. I wouldn't be here without Title IX," Griner said backstage. "Everything is just coming together, and it feels good to be here."

Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton won as best MLB player.

Nash surprised to be with L.A.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Steve Nash knew the scene was a bit surreal when he stood in the Los Angeles Lakers' training complex, grinning and holding up a gold No. 10 jersey with his name on the back.

"Being here right now is something I never foresaw," Nash said Wednesday. "That (jersey) was a major hurdle for me just to get over visually as a player."

The two-time MVP will get used to it. After spending the past 16 years trying to beat L.A. in Phoenix and Dallas, Nash is switching teams to chase NBA titles alongside Kobe Bryant.

The Lakers formally welcomed Nash on Wednesday, a week after reaching a deal to get the superstar point guard from the Suns. After several days to get used to these developments, the 38-year-old Nash is eager to open another chapter in his remarkable career — a chapter that will extend to at least 2015 under his new three-year, \$27 million contract.

"It's a franchise that I think everybody would dream of playing for," Nash said, evincing his usual sartorial style in a dark-blue pinstriped suit with an open shirt collar and a red pocket square. "It's an exciting project, to say the least."

From Darvish to Dickey, pitchers vary in style

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan had a blazing fastball, the first ever clocked at 100 mph, during 27 seasons that included 5,714 strikeouts and seven no-hitters. Mariano Rivera has used a devastating, bat-cracking cutter for a record 608 saves to be part of five World Series championships with the New York Yankees.

R.A. Dickey? He mastered one pitch, the knuckleball, and at age 37 became an All-Star for the first time.

Then Yu Darvish came to America this year with an array of different pitches, at least seven and maybe more depending on how you might classify his repertoire. The Japanese ace won 10 games for the Texas Rangers before the All-Star break.

"Everything from the velocity to the way he spins the ball is impressive. ... He can do a lot of different things with the baseball," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "When he needs to make a pitch, he has a lot of different things he can do."

There are fastballs, sliders, curves, slurve, palm-balls, splitters, forkballs and even the infamous gyroball. The curve has nicknames like hammer, deuce or Uncle Charlie.

But are there really that many more pitches these days? Or are things more specific because of all the advance scouting and modern technology that can track the speed and movement of every pitch?

"Now you're talking about two-seamers, four-seamers and cutters. That can be three pitches off the fastball, where before it was just a fastball," said Arizona manager Bob Melvin, a former big-league catcher. "I think with video and bats and breaking things down and analyzing now, now you're just

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UK Officials: Why do games need more troops?

CASSANDRA VINOGRAD

Associated Press

LONDON — British lawmakers clamored for an explanation Thursday about why the military needs to field more troops to protect the Olympics after a private security contractor that was paid millions to do that failed to recruit enough staff.

The development is considered a major embarrassment for London's Olympic Organizing Committee just two weeks ahead of the games.

Home Secretary Theresa May confirmed the government will deploy an additional 3,500 troops at the London Olympics amid concerns that the firm G4S — which had been enlisted to provide the bulk of the 13,200 private security guards across 100 Olympic venues — may not hit its target because of problems recruiting and training staff.

May stressed to law-

makers that the security operation for the Olympics — which kick off on July 27 — had been meticulously planned, but said contingency planning had always been necessary amid a constantly changing security environment.

"Concerns have arisen about the ability of G4S to deliver the required number of guards for all Olympic venues," she said Thursday. "We have now agreed that it would be prudent to deploy additional military support."

The move brings the total number of military personnel — from all three services and including reservists — contributing to the safety of the games to 17,000 — dwarfing the 9,500 troops Britain has in Afghanistan at a time when the armed forces are coping with thousands of job cuts.

British lawmakers questioned why the

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #7435 July 12, 2012

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Taurus moon invokes the spirit of Venus, beauty, grace and the luxuries of life. And though the Venus-ruled aspects of existence tend to be frothy and fun, they are also essential in some way. As Dorothy Parker said, "Take care of the luxuries, and the necessities will take care of themselves."



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Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CLERK OF THE COURT: Colleen Barton Howard County District Clerk P.O. Box 2138 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2138 PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: George S. Bishop 401 Cypress Street, Suite 210 Abilene, Texas 79601

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th Judicial District Court in the Howard County Courthouse located in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 13th day of August, 2012, then and there to answer the petition of Athlon FE OPERATING LLC, Plaintiff in Cause No. 48604. The said petition, filed on the 25th day of June, 2012, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Sections 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral interest owned by the Defendant in the following described lands in Howard County, Texas, to-wit: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 19, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 25th day of June, 2012, at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Colleen Barton, District Clerk of Howard County, Texas By: Jury Gomez, Deputy #7420 July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2012

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're the warrior of the zodiac, but even when General Chaos and Major Disaster seem to be in charge of your forces, you're still the commander in chief. Today's seemingly tough decision will be no match for you. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When you see people, you really see them: traits, talents, faults, tendencies. You take in the full breadth of their character immediately -- but it will take many days to process all you've seen. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Professional relationships feel a little blurry of late, but remember that you're the only one in the driver's seat. Watch that yellow line, and remind others to stay in their appropriate lanes. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You've backtracked long enough. It's high time you began moving forward. Don't worry about the thickness of the jungle in front of you; your machete is sharper than you realize. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Talent is more common than you think; persistence and perseverance are the real precious commodities. Remember to stock up on them, and stop comparing yourself to those for whom things seem to come easy. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll study the people around you, curious about their story and interested in why your paths have intersected. That second part you'll probably keep to yourself, and rightly so, but it will come up sooner or later. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your air-sign nature allows you to fly in your imagination lately, though it may seem to you now that your wings are clipped. Unfold them, stretch them out, and hop off of your perch and out of the open cage. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have the feeling that no one in this world has it easy. Even the privileged ones deal with their own set of issues, and it would be unfair to judge. Your feeling for humanity will be profound. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like working with a team

because knowing that all of your hearts beat for the same thing is a thrill in itself. You'll get your wish. Everyone will rally together. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll do what it takes to finish the job, which seems like a no-brainer to you. You'd be surprised at how many people don't, or for some reason can't, rise to the challenge. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like people to speak the truth, but since you have a good feeling for such things, you really don't need them to. Words have a resonance, and that tells you what is accurate. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The world settles up with you in some way. For starters, you'll receive a wonderful bit of mail, check enclosed. What's owed to you will be repaid in other ways, as well. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 12). You'll dive into new ventures. The best projects have humble beginnings. The bare bones way in which things start will be in stark contrast to the lavish, intricate way they end up. You'll make an important sale in the next 10 weeks and will close another big deal in November. Keep trying to make powerful connections. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 1, 20 and 25. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Bill Cosby has had a hand in many areas of media, from standup comedy to television to books, music and political activism. There's almost no area of entertainment he hasn't touched with his particular brand of humor and warmth. Cancer people often find a sort of refuge in humor. It's like a hard shell of defense that keeps their soft emotions intact.

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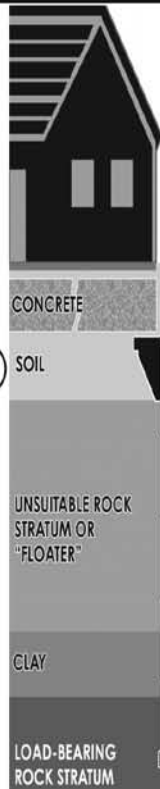
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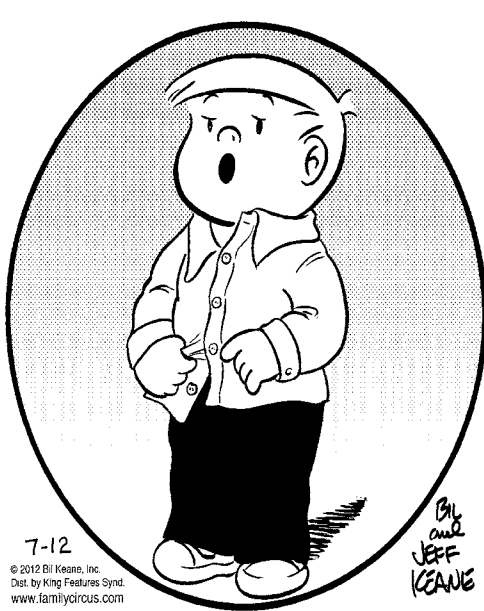
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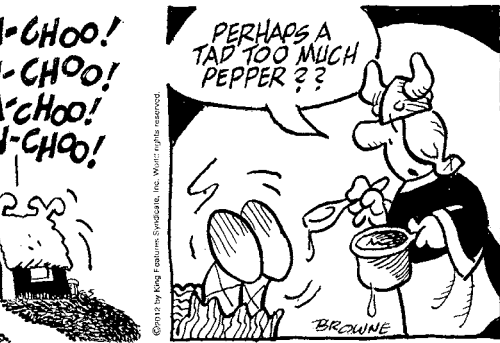


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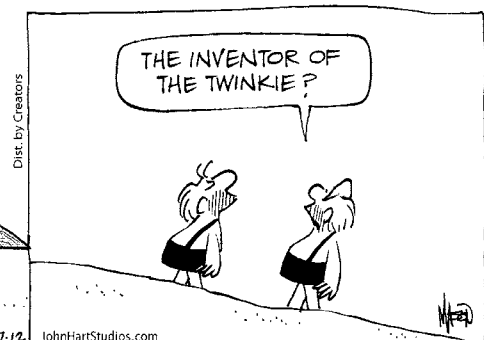
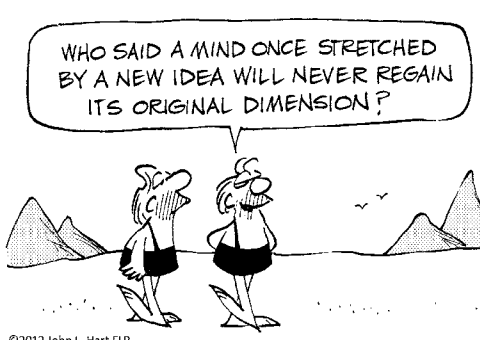
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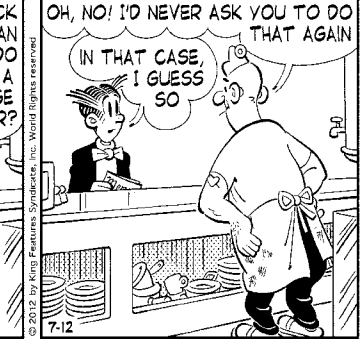
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 194th day of 2012. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill passed by Congress authorizing the Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1812, U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull invaded Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was

declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1912, the silent film "Queen Elizabeth," starring Sarah Bernhardt, opened in New York.

In 1948, the Democratic national convention, which nominated President Harry S. Truman for a second term of office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

In 1991, a Japanese professor (Hitoshi Igarashi) who had translated Salman Rushdie's

"The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

In 2001, Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York City police station, agreed to an \$8.7 million settlement with the city and its police union.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Monte Hellman is 83. Pianist Van Cliburn is 78. Comedian Bill Cosby is 75. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 69. Actress Denise Nicholas is 68. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 67. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 64. Actor Jay Thomas is 64.

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Newsday Crossword

A LOT TO LEARN by Charles Slack Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Superhero accessory
 - 5 FBI identifier
 - 8 Command
 - 14 Poetic adverb
 - 15 Formerly fashionable
 - 16 Word on Salerno stamps
 - 17 Ed major's ritual
 - 20 Out of gas
 - 21 In the bag, with "up"
 - 22 Questions
 - 23 Hill dweller
 - 25 Splinter group
 - 27 Mental acuity development
 - 33 Equal footing
 - 35 Match ends
 - 36 Dieter-friendly
 - 37 Being a satellite
 - 40 Trattoria frozen dessert
 - 42 Govt. security
 - 43 Express displeasure
 - 44 Silent signal
 - 45 Family-based education
 - 50 Plane, for example
 - 51 GPS reading
 - 52 Simpsons bus driver
 - 56 Much
 - 58 Not so
 - 62 Extra help of a sort
 - 65 Until now
 - 66 Post-op place
 - 67 Talk oneself up
- DOWN
- 1 Play group
 - 2 Part of ABM
 - 3 Come down hard
 - 4 Make beloved
 - 5 Thrown on
 - 6 Bar snack
 - 7 Certifies
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O'Neill drops appeal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kentucky Derby and Preakness-winning trainer Doug O'Neill on Wednesday dropped his appeal of a 45-day suspension stemming from an excess of carbon dioxide in one of his horses in 2010. He will serve the penalty starting Aug. 19.

O'Neill said the suspension was reduced to 40 days, and California Horse Racing Board spokesman Mike Marten confirmed it.

The punishment runs until Sept. 27, which means O'Neill will miss the final 2½ weeks of the Del Mar meet that ends Sept. 5. California's three major tracks then take a two-week break before racing resumes at Santa Anita on Sept. 28. During his suspension, O'Neill's barn and horses will be supervised by assistant Leandro Mora.

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apparent gap in security had surfaced just two weeks before the Olympics.

"G4S have let the country down and we have literally had to send in the troops," said opposition Labour Party lawmaker Keith Vaz, demanding to know when the issue was first identified and if G4S — which has millions in contracts from the British government — will suffer financial penalties.

May said ministers had received assurances from G4S over the last few days but the "absolute gap in the numbers was only crystallized" a day ago.

May stressed that military operations elsewhere will not be affected by the additional deployment for the Olympics, and acknowledged that the move will put extra strain on troops during the summer holiday season.

Britain has committed 553 million pounds (\$857 million) for venue security, covering arenas in London and other locations across Britain, including a southwest England sailing center and five soccer stadiums.

The massive security operation for the Olympics also will feature 12,000 police, 3,000 volunteers, Typhoon fighter jets, helicopters, two warships and bomb disposal experts.

NASH

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Nash wasn't the only person still surprised to find him in the Lakers' gym, where Metta World Peace got in a workout shortly before Nash arrived.

Los Angeles general manager Mitch Kupchak thought he had no chance to get Nash when Lakers owner Jim Buss encouraged him to call Nash's agent, Bill Duffy, in the opening minutes of free agency. Kupchak quickly learned his team

fit Nash's two criteria as an impending free agent no longer in the Suns' plans: Nash wanted to be near his three children in Phoenix, and he wanted to play for a winner.

"I got to tick all the boxes here," Nash said. "It was definitely difficult. I knew in Phoenix that the Lakers have been the most hated team for 40 years, so I knew there would be a lot of people that wouldn't understand. But I've played a long time in this league, and I feel like I deserve to make a move that's best for me and my fam-

ily."

With the Lakers, he can also run pick-and-rolls with the fifth-leading scorer in NBA history while feeding two of the league's best 7-footers, whoever they may be by September. Bryant, Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum are already salivating at the prospect of seeing Nash every night. The eight-time All-Star already is fifth on the NBA's career list with 9,916 assists, and his incredibly accurate jumper should fill a major Lakers need.

The Lakers' triangle offense under former

coach Phil Jackson didn't really require a traditional point guard, but the Lakers' deficiencies in playmaking and perimeter shooting have been obvious for several years. Kupchak's deal to get Chris Paul last December was blocked by commissioner David Stern, but when Nash's geographical desires meshed with Los Angeles' trade exception from shipping out Lamar Odom last year, the Lakers had their man.

"I look at him as somebody that can run the show — the maestro, the conductor."

PITCHERS

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getting a little more complex where those pitchers might have been there in the past, but now they're designated all as different pitches."

More than the typical fastball, curve, slider and change of the past.

"I put down one (finger) and got whatever they threw me," said Melvin, who played in the majors from 1985-94.

Like Darvish with his wide variety of pitches or Dickey and his specialized toss, every pitcher who has ever stood on a mound is trying to do the same thing: Get the guy out.

Seattle right-hander Kevin Millwood, who last month threw the first six innings of a combined no-hitter, is in the 16th season of his major league career that began in Atlanta when he was on a staff with four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz.

"I guess you can have as many pitches as you want as long as you can control them and know where they're going. I have a hard enough time with four," Millwood said with a chuckle.

"I watched Glavine win a lot of ballgames throwing pretty much two pitches," Smoltz was pretty much the same way," he said. "Maddux, he would use three different pitches really and might mix in a curveball here and there. But for the most part he was fastball, changeup and a little cutter."

Satchel Paige had his bow-tie pitch, which was a neck-high fastball sure to back batters off the plate. Christy Mathewson threw his fadeaway pitch that was later known as a screwball and thrown so effectively by Pedro Martinez and Fernando Valenzuela.

Dickey, the New York Mets

right-hander, baffles batters and sometimes his own catchers. He is the only current major leaguer whose primary pitch is the knuckleball, a pitch with little or no spin is hard to hit because it floats and can unexpectedly dart or move in any direction. It's also supposed to be hard for pitchers to control.

Now there is Darvish, who won 93 games and had a 1.99 ERA as a two-time MVP and five-time All-Star over seven seasons in Japan before signing with Texas last winter.

"He really throws seven, eight different pitches," said All-Star starting catcher Mike Napoli of the Rangers. "Yu's stuff, all of his pitches are pretty good."

Texas manager Ron Washington is quick to point out that Darvish is still learning the different hitters in his new league.

"We may not see the real Yu Darvish until toward the end of the year and going into next year," Washington said. "He's doing things on the fly. He's in a tough situation and his still thriving. ... He's got stuff and he's going to figure out how to package it and use it."

And he still already has five games with at least 10 strikeouts this season, matching Dickey's total before the All-Star break.

Steve Busby is a former major league pitcher who threw no-hitters in each of his two full seasons for Kansas City (1973 and 1974) before his career was derailed by rotator cuff surgery. He's impressed with Darvish.

"I don't believe I've seen a right-handed pitcher that can make the ball do what he can make it do any better," said Busby, now a Rangers broadcaster. "There's some guys that have pretty good movement, but he has the ability to make the ball move both ways on his fastball. ... That's a critical ability."

Lefty Bruce Chen has been in the majors for 14 years. He is with

his 10th different team, the Royals, and believes he has made it this long by expanding from the basic three pitches he was throwing in the minors.

"When you're coming up, they want fastball, curveball, changeup," Chen said. "And then when I got to the major leagues, I realized I needed a slider, and then people started adjusting, and they said, 'You know, you need a cutter to make sure you keep guys honest.'"

While Ryan played longer in the majors than any other player and had so much success throwing fastballs past hitters, few pitchers try to do it like he did. At least those starting games.

"Now we're seeing a lot of different people pitching off their fastball or their cut fastballs, what they call two-seam fastballs trying to get the ball to sink or run it. ... People are trying to develop movement off their fastballs," Ryan said. "I think part of that is you don't see a lot of just real hard throwers coming up in the game where that's considered still the best pitch in baseball, and that's somebody that throws above-average fastballs."

More common are hard-throwing relievers who aren't expected to throw extended innings each night. Mariners manager Eric Wedge said it seems every team has several guys like that these days.

"Back in the day, 95 (mph) used to mean something," said Wedge, who like Melvin played in the majors as a catcher. "Look at just how prominent that cutter has become in the game. And the changeups or the split-fingers. ... You're getting a lot more action on the baseball at home plate nowadays."

"If you look at what the pitching has done versus what the hitting's done in regards of moving forward," he said, "I think the pitching is ahead of the hitters without a doubt."

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REGISTRATION

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the costs are slightly higher this year because there will be no required fundraising. Tickets will be included in the registration fee and will cover all expenses throughout the season.

Payment arrangements will be accepted, but changes have been made to the process. Vidal stated that all fees must be paid in full by the last day of registration, with no exceptions.

"We have had problems in the past with people not paying," Vidal explained.

Due to rising costs, Vidal encourages local businesses to sponsor the league in return for advertisement. "We need all the help we can get," Vidal said. "It takes a lot of money to run this league."

A \$200 or more monetary donation will secure a sign on the board at the league's playing field recognizing the business, as well as a spot in the organization's program.

Vidal, who has been president of youth football for four years now, believes that in addition to providing valuable playing experience for young ath-

letes the experience can have a positive impact on their lives.

"Sports can give a kid structure, cohesiveness — it gives them a sense of discipline and respect," Vidal added. "It also keeps kids busy. They go to school, they do their homework and then they go to practice. By the time they get done, they want to go to bed."

Manuel Baeza, who has been involved with the league on and off since its inception, agreed with Vidal. "There's gang problems in Big Spring," Baeza said. "This helps keep kids off the streets. Even if you can keep one or two of them from getting in trouble, it's good."

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