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More than 200 cyclists rode into Big Spring Saturday as part of the Cactus and Crude Bike Ride. Pictured left to right are Ryan Simpson of Midland; Gaylon Knowlton of Big Spring; Scott Anderson of Odessa; Lance Bowers of Odessa; Lance Slack of Ransom Canyon; Jose Ramon of Midland and Michael King of Lubbock. At right, Knowlton Bowers ride in from Midland as part of the first leg.

<u>Fight against Multiple Sclerosis</u>

Bike ride rolls into Big Spring

By AMANDA DUFORAT Sclerosis Society, it looks to

The tires were spinning despite the heat as 275 riders came into Big Spring as part of the Cactus and Crude Bike Ride for MS on Saturday. Riders reached their halfway point as they stopped in at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

This marks the 24th year of the event making its way through Big Spring and according to Tony Ralf, regional vice president, development, Lone Star/New Mexico of National Multiple be another record year. "We are already surpassing

the number of riders we had last year and at this point we are 35 percent ahead in funds raised," Ralf said. "It looks like it's going to be another record-breaking year." Last year \$244,000 was

brought in through donations with 180 riders. Numbers have continued to rise since the inception of the ride which boasted just 25 participants. The ride begins in Midland

and comes into Big Spring with riders moving on to fin-



ish the event in Post on Sunday. Each leg of the ride is 75

"It is through events like this that the society is able to announce 52 new initiatives like they did last week," Ralf said. "The society actually has a five-year objective called N.O.W. (No Opportunity Waisted), which is aimed at raising \$250 million by 2015."

He continued, "We seem to be making some good head-

MS is a neurological disease that affects the spine and the brain stem. There are several symptoms associated with the disease, but the most common and noticeable are the effects on walking ability and loss of sight. There is also a low heat tolerance. According to statistics there are 10,000 people in the United States diagnosed

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Back to class

It will be here before you know it and the SA is seeking donations

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's certainly the last thought any student in the Crossroads area wants to consider right now, but there's little doubt it's just over the horizon — the return to school.

And while the trek back to classes may elicit groans about teachers and books from students, it will leave many parents in a fiscal pinch as they try to pay for their children's



Flores

Spring Salvation Army is hoping to step in and assist with. However, that assistance begins with a helping hand from

school supplies, a task the Big

the community, as the local charity is asking area residents for donations for its annual Back to School Drive. "It's really amazing how easily the back to school sea-

son can creep up on you each year," Bessie Flores, a social worker with the local Salvation Army, said. "It seems like it comes earlier and earlier each year."

Flores said she and the rest of the charity staff are working on getting the application schedule ready for the Back to School Supply Drive ready, but it's never too early to

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United Way kick-off approaching

Evening of music, hors d'oeuvres, auction planned

By AMANDA DUFORAT Staff Writer

Slip on the boots and put

on the bling for a second go-



The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be hosting its 68th annual campaign kick-off — Boots and Bling — at the Big Spring Country Club at 7 p.m. Aug. "It's hard to believe it's that

time again, but here we are," Executive Director Sandy Stewart said. "Last year we had a lot of success with the event and we decided 'why

mess with a good thing?' We

are doing it again and offering the community another chance to enjoy all that we had to offer last year as we kick off the 2013 campaign." Tickets are once again \$25

per person. Tables — which seat eight people — can be purchased for \$250. Due to the venue, there will be limited seating. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres,

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Rampage prompts police in Texas to be more visible

DALLAS (AP) - Police departments across Texas are planning more vigilance at movie theaters and other public places after the Colorado theater massacre. Law enforcement agencies in Dallas, San Antonio and

Abilene are among those saying they have procedures established to respond quickly and effectively to incidents such as the deadly rampage in suburban Denver. In some cases they say their officers have several years'

training in how to deal with a person who is actively firing a weapon in public buildings. Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge acknowledges that

"no community is ever prepared for the sudden, tragic loss of life" but they are all doing what they can to keep their citizens safe.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus says he's

"thankful the (Colorado) suspect was arrested quickly."



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Obituaries

Ulysses Mathews Jr.



Ulysses Mathews Jr., 55, of Big Spring died Monday, July 16, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Wendell Smith, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 23, 1956, in Hearn, Texas, to Jewel and Ulysses Mathews Sr. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1976. He married Debbie Richards on Feb. 21, 1981, in Big Spring. He was currently employed at the Big Spring State Hospital, where he had more than 36 years of service. He was a big sports and fan and a devoted Dallas Cowboy fan. He was a very loving grandfather and was loved by his co-workers and friends. He loved his family and was very respectful to everyone who knew him. He was a member of Highway 80 Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Mathews of Big Spring; two sons, Jason Mathews and his fiancé Amanda Perez and Joshua and significant other Lidia, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren, La Bella Mathews, Caprice Mathews, Lexie Mathews and Antonio Pena, all of Big Spring; his parents, Ulysses and Jewel Mathews of Big Spring, four sisters, Martha and Al Lang and Marta and Kenny Maclin, all of Big Spring, Frankie and Tim Green of Dayton, Ohio, and Sharon and Manuel De Jesus of Big Spring; three brothers, Edward Mathews of Big Spring, Mark and Susan Mathews of Arlington and Phillip and Gigi Mathews of Midland; motherin-law, Sherry Richards; seven nieces and 10 nephews; ex-daughter-in-law, Jennifer Yanez and fiancé Larry Martinez and son little Larry; and many aunts and uncles.

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

Paid obituary

• Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the

children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress un-

til Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school

supplies. Donations may be dropped of at Knoll-

wood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luthur King Blvd.

(across from the hospital), or Allans Gallery Fur-

niture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a

monetary donation, please call Sharon Rich at 432-

• Nichols Road is closed for repairs through Tues-

day according to the Howard County Road and

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Ser-

vices Council needs assistance in The Chalet Re-

sale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale

Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in

gently worn clothing and small household appli-

ance. 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., Mon-

day through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery

drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help

deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at

is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The

at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

Bridge Department.

cost is \$8 per person.

be appreciated.

Police blotter

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

- ANGIE KATHERINE MOORE, 41, of 1530 Forest Lane S Ste. G, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JORGE LUIS GOMEZ, 21, of 508 State, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- LUCAS SHANE HUGHES, 31, of 121 S. Heritage Oaks, was arrested Friday on warrant from other agency (x2), no class M endorsement (two counts), fail to appear, assault family violence threat or offensive touch and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- WILLIAM JEROD FRANKS, 35, of 2612 Dow, was arrested Friday on warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed and fail to appear.
- ALLEN DAVID GILBERT, 38, of 1507 S. Johnson St., was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.
- ROBERT GARDNER LYNCH JR., 51, of 300 Veterans Boulevard, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWARD MYERS JR., 67, of 506 Goliad, was arrested Friday on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), fail to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid, expired registration.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 27, of 2513 Dow Dr., was arrested Saturday on a warrant from other
- KYLER MCEWELL-READ ALLEN, 18, of 1404 Runnels St., was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two
- VIRGINIA DAVILA CORDOVA, 31, of 2105 S. Blanco Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed, speeding and fail to appear.
- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Lin-
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 200 block of W. FM 700. IN the 1700 block of E. FM 700.

Take Note

joy 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.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Individuals seeking legal advice for matters con-IN-HOME SENIOR CARE SERVICES

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• 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 train-
- ing 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 en-

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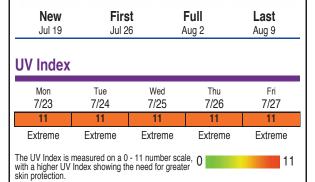
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Most of Lubbock loses power due to plant failure

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A city official says most of Lubbock lost power for at least two hours overnight due to a failure at a plant that provided electricity.

Public information officer Bridget Faulkenberry says the outages occurred around 2:15 a.m. and lasted at least two hours, affecting around 75 percent of the city. She says power throughout the city was restored by dawn Saturday. Faulkenberry says a device that pro-

tects the system from lightening malfunctioned, though it wasn't immediately clear why. There was no bad weather in the area overnight.

A city Facebook page announced that a boil water order was in effect. Low water pressure was among the reported problems stemming from the outage. Many street lights also were in operable, forcing police to call in additional patrol units.

DNA links Houston policeman to alleged rape HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston police offi-

cer accused of sexually assaulting a woman while he was on duty has been linked to the alleged crime via DNA evidence. Thirty-two-year-old Officer Adan Jime-

nez Carranza on Friday was being held at the Harris County Jail. The Houston Chronicle reported that

Carranza was charged with aggravated sexual assault after a June 18 traffic accident. The 39-year-old victim told police the

uniformed officer handcuffed her and allegedly raped her in his patrol car's back seat. Prosecutors said the Carranza then drove the woman to jail where he booked her for reckless driving.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- · Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first

get back into the books

Support Groups

Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY • Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Set-

- tles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 24, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. VASG is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. Dr. Clipper Strickland will be the guest speaker at the next meeting, and he will speak on the topic of diabetic retinopathy. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8

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SCHOOLS

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begin collecting supplies. "We should have the

dates set for folks to come in and apply for assistance soon," Flores said. "However, we're accepting donations for the drive now. Whether people in the communi-

school supplies or make a monetary donation, either is fine. We're expecting a pretty heavy demand this year, so everything will help." Flores said the effort

ty would like to donate

makes a big difference in the lives of children who might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year.

"It's hard enough to

The long-term goal is to

The ride has been mak-

ing a stop in Big Spring

for 24 years and contin-

ues to do so because of

the hospitable reception

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"The community is so

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ful to partner with. You

couldn't ask for a better

partnership," Ralf said.

Several local compa-

nity, according to Ralf.

find a cure."

after a whole summer off," Flores said. "When you don't have the things you need notebooks, paper, pen-

cils — it just makes it that much harder. Education can make a huge difference in these kids' lives, and we need to do everything we can to support them."

Any donations will

be appreciated, Flores said.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," Flores said. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies

make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the backto-school supplies." For more information,

and bring them to us,

it's fine as well. If they

contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239. Contact Staff Writer

Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringh-

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Marlene Riffe, 58, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Ulysses Mathews, Jr., 55, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Showtimes Good Friday-Sunday

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a cash bar, live music from Freeride and a silent auction.

so well last year. We had lots of unique items and we are hoping for the same thing again this year," Stewart said. Those wanting to do-

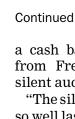
nate items to the silent auction are asked to contact a board member. Donations of all sorts, monetary and items, will be accepted. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third, or from any board member.

To find out more about the ride or how to help the MS Society, call Ham at Payton's Bikes 432-699-1718 or go online tohttp:www. nationalmssociety.org/ raceMap.aspx. To make a donation, visit bikemstx.org and click on the Cactus and Crude tab.

to provide breakfast be-

Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234.



"The silent auction did

nies, church and school

groups and other volun-

teers were on hand Sat-

urday in support of the

bike riders. As they rode

in they were treated to a

luncheon provided by

the Howard County Vol-

unteer Fire Department

and had the option of

staying in a hotel or be-

ing housed at the South-

West Collegiate Insti-

tute for the Deaf campus

Halliburton provided

dinner for the riders.

Sunday morning, the

local Rotary Club was

for the night.

fore the riders headed back out for the final 75mile stretch to Post.

Contact Staff Writer



RIDE

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with MS. "Since the beginning

of this ride there has been a lot of progress made. When we started, we didn't have the medicines we do now," David Ham, owner of Peyton's Bike in Midland, said. "Now, with all the medications that are available, people with MS can live a somewhat normal life.

Devotion To

Saint Jude May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preglorified served throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles,

pray for us, St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers.
Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been

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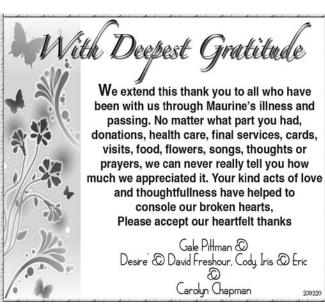


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Your Views

Suggestion

TO THE EDITOR:

My children and I were in Big Spring visiting family last weekend.

We took my 4 and 6-year-old to the water park. Had I not been looking at my 4-year-old daughter at the time, a tragedy might have occurred.

As she came off the slide into about 1-1/2-feet of water near the "bucket," she decided to go between a pole and the net that keeps children from entering

She become lodged under water between the net and pole. When I realized she couldn't get out of the entrapment, I quickly looked for help from a lifeguard. No one was in the chair or nearby. I went into the water and got her loose after yelling for someone to help.

I am still shaken by the near tragedy had I not been looking at her.

Immediate attention must be given to this problem and corrected before some parent isn't so fortunate.

In my hometown, we have a very similar water park. Life jacket rentals are available for \$2 each which is great if you haven't come prepared for wa-

JENNIFER OWEN Keller, Texas

Special thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Cancer Crushers/ Relay for Life Team/ Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Family Medical Center would like to thank HEB for their donation to our team. Special thanks to Mr. Randy Ver Steeg!

THANK YOU Julie Alvarez

Senior morning

TO THE EDITOR:

What a treat! Senior Morning at the Big Spring Aquatic Center was just great! It is a beautiful facility and special thanks to the city of Big Spring and the Chamber of Commerce for making it pos sible for seniors to take advantage. For those who haven't tried it, come join us next Tuesday morning at 11, it's great fun and a good and easy workout.

And what a pleasure, as our hour was completed, to see folks lined up at the door some having come from as far away as Del Rio. Way to go Big Spring.

JoAnne Forrest **BIG SPRING**

Waterpark experience

TO THE EDITOR:

I had my first experience with the new waterpark July 13. My two sisters and I, all being residents of Big Spring, and my sisters being property owners took my young grandchildren, four and six, and my daughter and older grandson for an outing. My daughter and the two young ones were in the portion for small children, when my four-year-old grandaughter somehow went between the net and a pole at the slide and became stuck with her head and feet being under water. She had become stuck with her head and feet being under water. She had become caught about the waist area. My daughter was there with her, thank the Lord, and looked quickly for a lifeguard, but said there wasn't one on the stand. She pulled my granddaughter loose and got both kids out of the water. So parents beware. It happens quickly.

When we entered the park, my daughter had asked if there were floatation devices for rent and we were told there weren't. I heard no explanation, but only that there are none. I have since learned that floaties for the arms are not allowed and only coast guard approved life preservers are allowed. I inquired of officials and found out you either have the approved protection or none at all. To date, I have reported this to two city officials and the YMCA, who I found out supplies the lifeguards. It is not good that there are no life preservers unless you bring your own and they have to be specific. Needless to say, I am very upset. If my daughter had been distracted, my granddaughter would have drowned. Obviously, no lifeguard was ever even aware of the incident because I was asked by one of the officials if an incident report was made. I did not know one should have been and the city was not aware of it. Another grandmother told me she has taken her

the net at the end of this slide. Get it out of there. I also want to address the admission charge and

little ones there several times and she has been con-

cerned they will get their feet caught in the holes in

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Taxing nation's small businesses

ast week, I set out on my annual bus tour in Texas. I have taken a tour of Texas every year since I entered the Senate, tak-

ing me thousands of miles across this glorious state and every one of our 254 counties.

This is my last year as a US Senator, and nothing highlights the reasons I chose to represent my great state better than spending time with our people. Texans are strong,



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resourceful, innovative, selfreliant, kind, open and worldfamous for friendliness.

Texas is a destination for everything from barbecue to cutting-edge science and technology, and that is a reflection of the people - richly diverse in so many ways, but sharing an inimitable and unique Texas spirit. But this is not an easy time in

Texas, which, though not as bad as many other states, still has a sluggish economy with high unemployment. I went to Washington to ensure

that the American Dream would stay alive for every Texan. But we find ourselves in a new era, where the promise that hard work and dedication will translate into success is in jeopardy.

The economy is sluggish, recovery is stagnant and unemployment numbers won't budge they haven't been below eight percent in three years. And now the Administration is proposing a tax increase that would slam

small businesses when they can least afford it — and when we need them the most.

Small businesses drive our economy, providing some 55 percent of private sector jobs. In the midst of the most uncertain economic environment in recent memory, punishing them with higher taxes is incomprehensible.

Even talk about raising taxes paralyzes business, as the uncertainty about economic burdens stops owners from hiring and reinvesting capital to grow their businesses. Our economy can't sustain that kind of deprivation of revenue, and the 23 million underemployed and unemployed Americans can't afford a longer hiring freeze.

The people I met with - families, small-business owners, veterans - are the people I think of as I try to secure tax fairness.

On my tour, I met with members of the community in a number of small businesses: in Marble Falls at the Blue Bonnet Café, in Fredricksburg at the Clear River Soda Fountain and in Uvalde at the famous Vasquez Restaurant, where I had a wonderful afternoon with my hosts, Enrique Vasquez and Donald McLaughlin of DKM Enterprises, a local steel salvage and distribution company.

Vasquez Restaurant is the perfect example of a great American small business. It was founded in 1935 by Enrique's parents, Mr and Mrs Jesus Vasquez. Enrique took over and has kept it a Uvalde institution. Sergeant Major Enrique Vasquez served in the US Army and fought in the Korean Conflict - pictures of his

time in Korea and Japan adorn one of the restaurant walls.

He is one of Uvalde's most recognizable locals and can be found in his restaurant every day working the lunch shift.

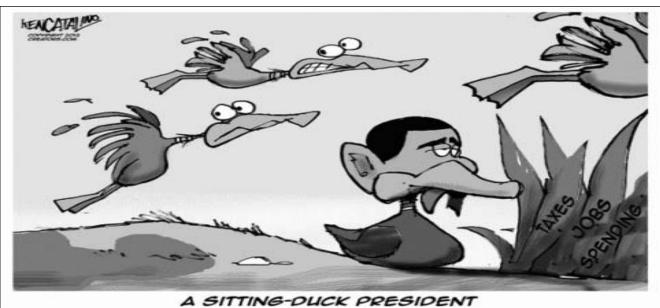
The tax increases proposed by the Administration will hit businesses like Vasquez Restau rant. Why? Because 75 percent of small businesses pay taxes at an individual rate, as they are organized as "flow-through" businesses, such as partnerships, S Corporations, LLCs and sole proprietorships.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that 53 percent of all flow-through business income will be subject to the top two individual income tax rate increases scheduled to take effect in 2013.

This increase is an unfair burden on hard-working Americans. Sergeant Major Vasquez's parents started a business, worked hard and made it a success. Sergeant Major Vasquez served his country, took over his parents' business and made it an even bigger success that provides jobs to locals and is a fixture in the community.

It survived the Great Depression and 11 recessions and is working its way through a 12th. These tax hikes punish businesses like Vasquez Restaurant in already tough times, starve the American economy of revenue and deprive job-seekers of opportunities. I hope that the Administration will heed calls from both parties to re-think this tax on our job-creators.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.



Deep thoughts from the thicket

ften quipped and sometimes true is the adage about apples falling pretty much straight down from trees. This hardly applies to Uncle Mort and

his younger brother Bud, who lives even deeper in the thicket. They're as opposite as flap-

jacks and crepes. While Mort is keyed-up 24/7, Bud is calm, cool and collected, taking on life in the lowest gear. Usually preferring silence to conver-



DR. Don Newbury

sation, Bud is one of few words. When he does speak, his words are well-chosen and helpful wisdom for the ages. His kids take "Bud-isms" to the heart, quoting them regularly. And his five grandchildren, ages 8-26, can recite them at will. (They even have them numbered to save time.)

Sadly, many thicket visitors don't make it past Uncle Mort's nonsense when seeking directions to Bud's house, so his quiet wisdom rarely appears in print. Convinced that today's chil-

dren live in an era of entitlement—getting what they want when they want it, with participation ribbons for all—Bud drags out the "whoever said life is fair" bromide. His kids had I remember his younger son

admitting he didn't want to clean the garage one Saturday, as instructed. It was a hot day, and at age 16, manual labor held little appeal. "You're not big

enough to make me anymore," he bragged.

"You're right. I'm not big enough to make you, but I AM big enough to make you WISH you'd done it," Bud smiled, dangling car keys the teen had hoped to claim for the evening. (Aside: The garage was spotless in short order.)

Bud and his wife had a simple approach to parenting. They have two grown sons who have applied their dad's oft-spoken advice on child-rearing: "Love on their heads and spank on their bottoms—the former more often than the latter."

Both treasure their dad's sincere "I love you" and "I'm proud of you" comments, sincerely verbalized even to this day.

They know that he means every word, and that they're never too old to hug their daddy. "Bud-isms" extend beyond

child-rearing — even to game An avid "42" player, he tries to

keep the dominoes moving with his "think long, think wrong" philosophy. He quotes this line to his part-

ner and opponents as well, and offers this advice freely as well: "If the dominoes are falling your way, bid it up."

He's never spent much time worrying about anything. He offers comforting advice when his wife frets over whether to pur-

chase "this or that." His motto: "Spend a little and save a little." Once he conversed with a friend who wanted to purchase a 4x4 truck. Uncle Bud asked him how much time he felt he'd actu-

ally use the 4x4 feature. "Maybe

10% of the time," his friend

responded. "You don't need to plan for 10 percent of your time," Bud suggested. Again, quiet wisdom.

His advice to husbands is timeless. He's a veteran in marriage, now in his 58th year of wedlock. "You can be right, or you can be happy," he jokes.

Kidding aside, he and his wife epitomize a successful marriage This is a "loud and clear" message, important for the folks who don't ever venture deep into the thicket.

A practitioner of "old-time religion," Bud contends that the Lord can use any situation for His good. So really, what's left to get riled up about?

We've touched but few "Budisms" picked up over the years. But we believe his philosophy to be timeless, priceless and well worth sharing. Lots of folks could benefit from heeding his words.

Speaking of words, he's habitually had these to share with his wife when it's time to tackle the drive home: "I'm done here. Heading south."

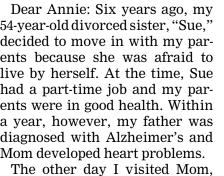
A final thought: Knowing that Uncle Mort loves seeing his name and belly-aching in print, I had some initial reservations about telling Uncle Bud stories, given his quiet nature. So, I asked Bud's permission, and he was quick to answer, "Say whatever you'd like--as long as it's not too nice."

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and she informed me that Sue can no longer work because she has to take care of them full time. She wants to pay Sue for her "services," as well as take care of all of Sue's bills. Mind you, Sue built up a nice savings account because my parents paid for everything, and she now has more than \$150,000 in the bank. She

also will be receiving a portion of her ex-husband's pension in a few years. Despite this, Sue has convinced my parents that she will be homeless.

I could live with that, but Mom also let me know that she is changing her will so Sue gets everything. She based this decision on the fact that I seem to be doing OK and my son, her only grandson, is fine.

I know that taking care of my parents is not an easy job. I also realize it's their money and they are entitled to do what they want with it. But Sue has always been the golden child, and taking me out of the will is a slap in the face. I'm hurt that my son and I have been excluded. It's not about the money. It's about being disregarded. Even a small token would mean something. I'm struggling with how to accept this without hard feelings, but obviously those feelings are already there. Any suggestions? Thought I Meant More to Them

Dear Thought: Parents often don't realize that leaving all of their possessions to one child creates hurt feelings, jealousy and estrangements. It doesn't matter that one child is needier, only that all children are acknowledged. Please tell your mother how you feel. Ask whether she would leave you and your son a cherished possession as a keepsake. When she understands that it's truly not about the money, we hope she will reconsider.

Dear Annie: I am a healthy, single 65-year-old male. Is it wrong to look at pornography on the Internet?

— Confused

Dear Confused: That's a loaded question. It is normal for men to look at pornography provided it doesn't become obsessive or prevent them from forming normal attachments to actual women. And that's the main problem with Internet porn. It isn't a photo in a girly magazine. It's a virtual fantasy life that fulfills a man's every wish and creates unrealistic expectations of what relationships should be. We can't tell you whether you have crossed that line, but caveat emptor.

Dear Annie: I seriously think you made a major error in your response to "Alone in Minnesota." You said her husband is an abuser, but because she said divorce is out of the question, you suggested she get counseling to deal with the hand she's been dealt.

Often, abused people have been secluded from friends. Counseling will not be an option, as the husband either will not let her go or will disapprove so strongly that she stops.

You also did not suggest the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which could put her in touch with support in her area who could safely extract her when she's ready, as well as help her get back on her feet.

The number is 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233). --Domestic Abuse Survivor

Dear Survivor: You are absolutely right. We blew it. When a reader says that divorce is not an option, it is often for religious reasons, and we hoped counseling would be beneficial. But abused spouses often believe they are trapped, and resources like the Domestic Violence Hotline can help them see a way out. Thank you for cleaning up after us.

Dear Annie: When a person says "no," what does it mean? Some men just don't get it. Or do they believe it really means "yes"?

I have a wonderful friend, "Homer," and I love him dearly, but I am not "in love" with him. We are both in our 80s and widowed, and I thought it was nice to have him as a friend. But Homer's kisses are getting too mushy and lingering. He often says, "I can't wait to make love to you," and I reply each time, "No chance."

We could have so much fun together, but he always has sex on his mind. I have no interest in getting into bed with him or any other man. If that's all he wants, he's welcome to find someone else. I would miss him, but I've had about all I can take.

Other than being downright nasty, how can I make Homer understand? He gets his feelings hurt – Too Old To Be Frisky

Dear Too Old: If you are kissing Homer, you give the impression that there could be more than friendship. At that point, your words are contradicted by your actions. No wonder he doesn't understand "no." Some women mistakenly believe that they can do lots of kissing and snuggling and guys are happy to stop at that. But Homer (like a lot of men) isn't wired that

Please try to communicate better. Stop kissing or doing anything else that Homer might interpret as romantic. Tell him you enjoy his company, but from now on, the relationship is strictly platonic. If he still doesn't get the message, you will need to see less of him.

Dear Annie: My 83-year-old mother is a chain smoker. All I ask when I visit is that she smoke on her small balcony. I still get some fumes, but I never complain.

I drove four hours to see her on Mother's Day,

and she insisted on smoking indoors. When I asked why, she replied, "Because I feel like it." When I said her newly painted walls were already covered in smoke residue, she gave me a dirty look and said the world is not going to end because there is cigarette smoke in the house. I realized she didn't care about my well-being, so I left. I told her that from now on, I will stay in a hotel.

It's not the only evidence of her disinterest in me. Only once in 20 years has she bothered to make me a meal. I always end up taking her out or putting something together for both of us. I know for a fact that my mother does not love me, so should I continue making an effort when she shows a total lack of consideration for my feelings?

Very Sad Daughter

Dear Sad: We're not sure how you know "for a fact" that your mother doesn't love you. It's more likely that she's a difficult person who, as a matter of self-protection, is uncomfortable showing love because it makes her vulnerable to being hurt. We agree that you should stay in a hotel, because Mom is too addicted to care about anyone else's comfort. But instead of cutting her off, lower your expectations. She is who she is.

Dear Annie: You often print letters from women

who complain about husbands' wives. I came along after my husband and his ex-wife resolved to be on friendly terms. Over the years, Kay always has been kind to me, and at times, if it wasn't for her support during some heart-wrenching "tough love" issues with the kids, I probably wouldn't still be married.

Recently, I traveled to Arizona to stav with Kay while she mended from an operation. I cooked meals, cleaned the house and walked her dog.

We laughed, cried and entertained each other. We believe our actions teach "our" children and grandchildren an important lesson in forgiveness and human compassion.

— Debbie and Kay

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the seating. For those who aren't aware, as I was not, there is a \$5 admission even if you are not partaking in the water. Seven of us went in at a cost of \$35 with the ticket takers knowing only three were going in the water. Four of us went only to watch the little ones play, but were occupied with either a person or someone's belongings. Mostly the belongings as the entire time we were there most of the people were in the water. The four green canopys were marked "rental only" to the tune of \$25 per hour. We sat at one of them for a very short period of time, since there was no place else until it was announced over the speaker for everyone to leave those areas. We finally got a table at the concession which is so far away that we never saw our kids play. I estimate 1/3 to 12 of the seating has to be rented above the admission. And by the way not one of those tables were rented the entire time we were there. Go at your own risk.

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P.S. To add insult to an already expensive and near disastrous situation, one of my sisters observed a young lady in front of her in the concession line receiving a free treat. I paid \$6 for two cokes and five cookies.

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AA flight attendants to vote on contract proposal

DALLAS (AP) — The flight attendants' union at American Airlines said Friday that it would send the troubled company's latest contract offer to its members for a ratification vote.

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants declined to call it a tentative agreement and didn't indicate whether the union's executive committee endorsed the offer.

American Airlines spokesman Bruce Hicks said the offer included pay raises and more upfront money in exchange for a reduction in the company's proposal for profit-sharing. The company stuck to its proposal to eliminate 2,300 flight attendant jobs, but Hicks said the new offer added incentives for people to leave, an idea that the union advocated to reduce potential layoffs.

The offer includes a promise to support giving the flight attendants a 3 percent stake in the company after it emerges from bankruptcy protection. Pilots are voting on an offer that would give them a 13.5 percent stake. The company's creditors would be asked to support the requests.

The flight attendants' union said the terms were better than under a February proposal that included 1.5 percent pay raises but longer working hours and other changes. American filed for bankruptcy protection in November.

Union President Laura Glading said the offer was far from the agreement that union negotiators had wanted. But she said it "represents the absolute best terms our negotiating team was able to achieve during (bankruptcy) negotiations."

American and parent AMR Corp. have used special rules in the bankruptcy process to negotiate cost-cutting deals with unions. Pilots and mechan-



ics will vote soon on company offers.

If any of the unions reject the offers, a U.S. bankruptcy judge could rule by mid-August whether American can impose pay and working terms on employees. Groups representing more than 10,000 American Airlines ground workers have ratified concessions.

AMR, which also owns the American Eagle regional airline, is trying to cut annual costs by \$2 billion, with about half coming from labor. The

company has lost more than \$10 billion since 2001. On Wednesday, it reported a second-quarter loss of \$241 million but said it would have earned \$95 million excluding costs related to its turnaround work under bankruptcy protection.

The unions support a potential takeover of American by US Airways Group Inc., and have signed provisional contracts that would take effect if there is a merger while AMR is still in bankruptcy court.

Women testify at Air Force instructor's sentencing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force instructor convicted of raping a female recruit and sexually assaulting several others faces up to life in prison Saturday when he is sentenced in a sex scandal that rocked one of the nation's busiest training bases.

Staff Sgt. Luis Walker is among 12 Lackland Air Force Base instructors investigated for sexual misconduct toward at least 31 female trainees, and he faced the most serious counts among the six instructors charged in the case.

A military jury convicted Walker on Friday on all 28 counts including rape, aggravated sexual contact and multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault. Trial judge Col. Wesley Moore consolidated those charges into 20 on Saturday morning, saying some counts duplicated others. The change will not affect Walker's maximum sentence.

Prosecutors say from October 2010 through January 2011, Walker sexually assaulted or had improper sexual or personal contact with at least 10 female

recruits. Lackland is where all Air Force recruits go through basic training.

Several of Walker's alleged victims testified during his court-martial, including one who described how Walker lured her into an office and sexually assaulted her on a bed, ignoring her pleas to stop The Associated Press does not usually identify sexual assault victims.

Five of the women testified Saturday at Walker's sentencing, saying they couldn't sleep or maintain relationships with men after the assaults. They said Walker's actions eroded their trust in authority and affected their performance at work.

"It's gotten to where I had anger issues even a work," said one, who had left the military. "If any one makes even the slightest sexual reference, I go off. I have zero self-control."

The other four are still in the military. One said it affected her tour in Afghanistan because she fel uncomfortable being alone with men.

"It's made it extremely hard to interact with au thority figures," she said. "During my tour in Af ghanistan, I was a little bit more scared of every thing. I can't work with certain individuals jussince they remind me of Staff Sgt. Walker."

Another said her 15-year-old sister was inter ested in joining the Air Force, but she "absolutely

wouldn't allow it.

The women told jurors during the trial that Walk er gained their trust to get them alone in his office or an empty dormitory, where he then forced them into kissing, touching or intercourse. The alleged sexual misconduct among instructors at the base apparently began in 2009, but the first woman didn't come forward until last year. The women who testified against Walker said they didn't tell anybody affirst because they feared being booted from the Air

Force.

But at least one said her career was destroyed

nonetheless.
"I don't enjoy the military anymore," she said dur ing Saturday's sentencing. "I don't want to be in it I'm scared to open my door to anyone."

According to prosecutors, Walker had sexual in tercourse with four of the 10 female recruits. He was also accused of making flirtatious or sexually suggestive comments, sending inappropriate tex messages and sometimes groping his recruits.

Prosecutors also accused Walker of forcing five recruits to engage in sexual acts with him by threatening their military careers, and they said he intimidated two of the women into lying abour his alleged misconduct.

Meanwhile, the Air Force said Friday that the case against another former training instructor was referred to a general court-martial.

Staff Sgt. Craig LeBlanc is charged with sexual misconduct, obstructing justice and making a false official statement. He is accused of using his post as a military instructor to sexually assault and pursue a sexual relationship with one female trainee, and have a wrongful sexual relationship with another No trial date was set.

One of the other instructors charged in the case Staff Sgt. Peter Vega-Maldonado, pleaded guilty ir June, admitting he had sex with a female trainee ir exchange for a sentence of 90 days' confinement. He later acknowledged he had been involved with a to tal of 10 trainees — a number previously unknown to investigators.

Lackland has about 475 instructors for the ap proximately 35,000 airmen who graduate every year. About one in five is female, pushed through eight weeks of basic training by a group of instructors, 90 percent of whom are men.

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Names of victims emerge in Colo. theater rampage

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — This was to be a weekend full of fun for Alex Sullivan: He planned to ring in his 27th birthday with friends at a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" and then celebrate his first wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Instead, Sullivan's family confirmed late Friday that he was among those killed in a deadly shooting rampage in suburban Denver. He was in the crowded theater when a gunman barged in at the beginning of the movie, set off a gas canister and began firing as spectators dove for cover.

"He was a very, very good young man," said Sullivan's uncle, Joe Loewenguth. "He always had a smile, always made you laugh. He had a little bit of comic in him. Witty, smart. He was loving, had a big heart."

Micayla Medek, 23, was also among the dead, her father's cousin, Anita Busch, told the Associated Press.

Busch said the news, while heartbreaking, was a relief for the family after an agonizing day of waiting for

"I hope this evil act ... doesn't shake people's faith in God," she said.

A sports blogger who recently wrote of surviving a Toronto shooting was also among those killed, the woman's brother said.

The death of Jessica Ghawi, who

was also known as Jessica Redfield, was a "complete and utter shock, said her brother, Jordan Ghawi.

Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates said at a press conference that in addition to the 12 dead, 70 were injured, but not all were shot. Eleven remained in critical condition.

Oates said the last of the 10 deceased victims was removed from the theater Friday afternoon. Officers expected to get a list of the deceased and meet with their families later Friday.

In addition to the 10 people who died at the theater, two others later died from their injuries.

Jordan Ghawi said on his website that a man who was with his sister at the theater described the chaos, saying he and Jessica Ghawi dropped to take cover when the gunman first started shooting. Jessica Ghawi was shot in the leg, her brother wrote, describing details relayed to him by a man identified as a mutual friend named Brent. Jessica Ghawi began screaming

when she was shot, and the friend tried to calm her and stop the bleeding, according to Jordan Ghawi. The man was then shot, but he continued attending to Jessica Ghawi's wound before he realized she had stopped screaming, Jordan Ghawi stated. The man said Jessica Ghawi had been shot in the head.

Jordan Ghawi said the friend escaped the theater after being shot twice, but he was expected to survive. Jordan Ghawi praised the man, saying his "actions are nothing but heroic."

Jessica Ghawi, 24, moved to Denver from Texas about a year ago, and friends and colleagues described her as outgoing, smart and witty.

"She was always kind of a sponge as far as how she could be an even better journalist and sports broadcaster,' said Peter Burns, a radio sports show host with Mile High Sports Radio in Denver, where Ghawi recently in-Ghawi blogged at length about sur-

viving the Eaton Centre mall shooting in Toronto that killed two people and sent several others to the hospital. Burns and his girlfriend, Lauren Anuskewicz, said the blog reflected everything she told them.

"She was like, 'You guys would never believe what happened," Anuskewicz said.

Ghawi wrote of the Toronto shooting: "I was shown how fragile life was on Saturday. I saw the terror on bystanders' faces. I saw the victims of a senseless crime. I saw lives change. I was reminded that we don't know when or where our time on Earth will

end. When or where we will breathe our last breath."

Anuskewicz said Ghawi had been in Toronto visiting a boyfriend and "it obviously was a very scary situa-

"And to be just so close to it," she added. "It's just impossible to imagine that not even a month and a half later this would happen, and she would be involved. It's just awful."

Yet, Burns said, Ghawi seemed more enlivened than intimidated by surviving that shooting. "After the Toronto incident, I think she even looked at that like, 'Hey, even after that, I'm able to pursue my dream,

Burns said he was close to Ghawi's family. He moved to Denver from Texas a few years ago and talked with Ghawi about establishing a sports radio career there, he said.

Former colleague Mike Taylor, a sports host at KTKR-AM in San Antonio, described how she reluctantly changed her name for her career, taking the name "Redfield" as a play on her red hair because it was easier to say than her given name.

Jessica Ghawi was a prolific social media user under the new name.

Her last tweet, sent late Thursday stated in all capital letters: "movie doesn't start for 20 minutes."

World briefs

Uganda's AIDS rate rises, keeping pressure on government, U.S. aid for additional resources

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Once every month,

John Robert Engole checks into a clinic on the outskirts of the Ugandan capital to collect his medication before quickly returning to the village in northern Uganda where he is a teacher.

The regular trips have made Engole special at Reach Out, the AIDS clinic where in March 2004 the Ugandan became the first person in the world to benefit from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR. Now he is one of nearly 260,000 Ugandans access

ing treatment through PEPFAR, and those familiar with the man's story say he is a remarkable example of the program's necessity in poor African countries where governments have been slow to put more resources toward prevention and treat-

This is a crucial moment in the epidemic. There is no cure yet and no vaccine. But recent research suggests it finally may be possible to dramatically stem the spread of the AIDS virus, even in some of the hardest-hit and poorest countries, such as

"Turning the tide," is the goal as described by the International AIDS Conference that begins Sunday in Washington.

More than 20,000 scientists, activists and people living with HIV from around the globe will gather to begin figuring out how to do that — which combinations of protections work best in different countries — and how to pay for it.

Activists report heavy fighting between troops, rebels in Syria's northern city of Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP) — Activists and opposition groups say Syrian troops and rebels have clashed for a second day in the northern city of Aleppo.

They say the overnight clashes with heavy machine guns were some of the fiercest to date in the heart of Syria's northern commercial hub.

Aleppo has been largely shielded from the violence that has plagued other Syrian cities over the course of the uprising against President Bashar Assad, now in its 17th month.

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Aleppo-based activist Mohammad Saeed said doz-

ens of rebels from the Free Syrian Army were now in the city. He said fighting was mostly in the Salaheddine district in the city center.

The Local Coordination Committees activist network and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Friday's fighting forced many residents to flee to safer areas.

Colombia's stubborn conflict bared as frustrated Indians revolt

TORIBIO, Colombia (AP) — One of the stiffest blows in years to the prestige of Colombia's military wasn't inflicted by its leftist rebel foes and didn't claim a single soldier's life. It was dealt by a relatively diminutive people

called the Nasa who marched furiously up to the top of a 7,500-foot (2,300-meter) peak last week and forcibly dislodged a clutch of soldiers from a strategic outpost. These verdant, craggy mountains are the Nasa's

ancestral lands and the Indians say they are fed up with violent usurpers. They are demanding that the country's military and its rebel foes leave their enclave in the southwestern state of Cauca. Yet neither side in Colombia's half-century old

conflict is heeding the Nasas' wishes to leave them in peace. Their homeland lies on a key corridor that rebels

and their chief funding source, cocaine, regularly transit on their way to the Pacific coast.

The government alleges that some of the 115,000 Nasa are allied with rebels of the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, which authorities say purchases the high-quality marijuana that many Indians grow.

At least 21 treated for burns for walking on hot coals after Tony **Robbins event in California**

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Fire officials in California say at least 21 people were treated for burns after attendees of an event for motivational speaker Tony Robbins tried to walk on hot coals.

The San Jose Mercury News reports that at least three people went to a hospital and most suffered second- or third-degree burns.

Robbins was hosting a 4-day gathering called "Unleash the Power Within" at the San Jose Convention Center.

Witnesses say on Thursday, a crowd went to a

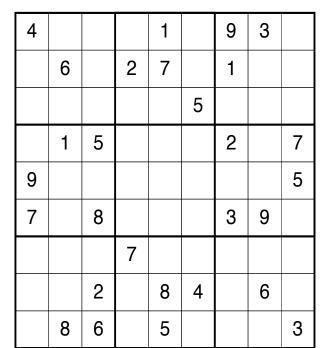
ence" in which people walk on super-heated coals. Witness Jonathan Correll says he heard "screams

of agony."

park where 12 lanes of hot coals were on the grass Robbins' website promotes "The Firewalk Experi-

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By Steve Becker

That Old Black Magic

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH WEST ♦ 10 8 7 2 **♣**AKJ93 SOUTH West Opening lead — king of clubs.

The most interesting hands are those where the contract seems hopeless and declarer, by good play, manages to get home safely

Consider this deal where West, after cashing two clubs, shifts to a low diamond. Looking at all four hands, it is not easy to see how South can make four hearts. It seems he must inevitably lose a diamond and a

spade and go down one.

But correct play lands the contract, and there is nothing the defense can do about it. South wins East's jack of diamonds with the king, leads a trump to the ace, ruffs a club and plays three more rounds of trumps, producing this position:

9 4 West **♦** 10 8 **♦**Q3 ♦ 9 6 Declarer now plays his last trump,

forcing West to discard a diamond as dummy and East part with a spade. Having squeezed West out of a diamond, South next leads a diamond to the ace, returns the ten of clubs and discards his diamond loser on it. West wins the trick and is forced to return a spade into South's A-Q, handing him the contract.

clearly indicated — even without seeing the missing cards — because West is marked by the bidding with the king of spades.

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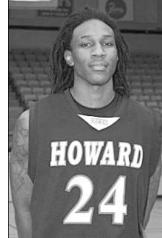
Mavs sign former HC Hawk Crowder

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks say they've signed second-round draft choice Jae Crowder.

Terms of the deal with the former Marquette star were not disclosed.

The Cleveland Cavaliers made the 6-foot-6, 235-pound forward the 34th overall pick of the NBA draft.

The Mavericks acquired him last month, along with draft rights to 24th overall pick Jared Cunningham and 33rd overall pick Ber-



Jae Crowder

nard James.

In return, the Cavs got guard Kelenna Azubuike (a-zoo-BOO'kay) and Tyler Zeller, the Mavs' first-round pick and 17th overall.

Crowder is playing for Dallas in the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas.

He's averaging 14.7 points, 5.7 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 32.3 minutes while starting his first three games. Before transferring to Marquette, he starred at Howard College.

Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association hosted its two weekly events as scheduled.

Trish Gabbard took low gross, with Dee Jenkins taking low net. Annie Ward took the fewest putts of the outing.

Following a scorecard playoff, the team of Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Bill and Bobbie Holden earned a first place finish with 2-under par at Thursday's couples play.

Finishing second with the same score was Vaughn Martin, Trish Gabbard and Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth. Third place went to Ron and Daury Booth after shooting an even

Jerry Roach landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3.

Trish Gabbard took the honors on Hole No. 6.

Rangers drop opener of crucial series with Angels

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — When Elvis Andrus hit his first homer in 83 games off Angels ace Jered Weaver in the first inning, the Texas Rangers must have figured they were in for a special night.

Instead, the Rangers were done scoring, and they ended up giving back a game in the AL West standings.

Mark Trumbo and Mike Trout homered, Weaver pitched seven resilient innings to earn his 12th win, and Los Angeles beat Texas 6-1 on Friday to trim the Rangers' division lead to five games.

The Rangers had won five of seven before running into Weaver, who yielded six hits and struck out four while improving to 7-0 this season at home. He battled through several jams, getting Josh Hamilton to ground into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the third, and beat the only team that has defeated him all season — although his home ERA rose from a majors-best 0.58 to 0.67.

"It's always a battle every time we face him," said Michael Young, who went 0-for-4. "We always try to make him work, but he did a good job of getting himself out of some jams.

... We're not thinking about stuff like (the division race), man. We're thinking about trying to win a game that night. We don't care what the lead is. We don't care if we're ahead or behind. We're trying to win every game we play."

The Angels are thinking about the AL West race, however.

Erick Aybar hit a two-run double and Howie Kendrick drove in two early runs as Los Angeles looked sharp and hungry in just its third win in eight games since the All-Star break.

"We're only five games back now, so it's real big," said Trout, who scored a run in his 12th straight game, one off the AL rookie record. "Every game against them down the stretch is going to be big. We're going to play them a lot, so we just have to keep making plays."

The Rangers couldn't solve Weaver to keep pace with the Angels, and their biggest bat has been mostly silent lately. Hamilton eventually slowed his 4-for-34 skid with an eighth-inning single.

"A little bit of a slide? How about the last month and a half?" Hamilton asked. "I mean, you've got periods like this during the season, and if you don't, you've had a season that

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Reeling Astros fall to Diamondbacks

BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Exactly one year after he went down with a brutal ankle injury, Stephen Drew was back in the thick of things for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

And it felt good.

Drew, subject of considerable trade speculation, drove in three runs with a double and a single and the Diamondbacks opened a 10-game homestand with a 13-8 victory over the reeling Houston Astros on Friday night.

He said his wife had reminded him that it was exactly a year ago that he broke his left ankle and tore the ligaments surrounding it in a slide at home plate. Drew didn't return until a month ago.

"I haven't played the game in almost a year," he said, "so I'm just trying to get back in the swing of things and it felt good. It felt good to get guys in when they're in scoring position. I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Justin Upton hit his 99th career home run for Arizona and drew a bases-loaded walk from Bud Norris for a third RBI. "It was nice to get the bats going," Upton said. "We went out and got some good pitches to hit, drove some balls and got runners in scoring position, and we executed."

Trevor Cahill (8-8) gave up four runs, three earned, in 5 1-3 innings to get the win. "I would have liked for him to

go more than 5 1-3 innings," manager Kirk Gibson said, " but he just lost it."

Norris (5-8) allowed nine runs,

six hits and five walks in 4 1-3 innings for his seventh straight loss. The Astros have lost four straight and 17th of 19.

"I don't know what to say," Nor-

ris said. "It wasn't pretty. I am out there grinding, battling and trying to make pitches. I didn't miss many barrels today."

Upton's two-run, opposite-field shot on Norris' 0-2 pitch broke a 2-2 tie in the third inning. Cahill scattered nine hits while

improving to 4-1 in his last six home starts. He had an RBI single in the Diamondbacks' five-run fifth. All five of the batters Norris walked scored.

Arizona's Aaron Hill was 3 for 4 with a double and a walk and scored twice, extending his hitting streak to 11 games. Miguel Montero's bases-loaded single brought in two runs.

"If you look up and down the lineup, just great production from everybody," Gibson said. "We just kept the pressure on. We had 21 attempts with runners in scoring position and 10 of them we got in."

The Astros' Carlos Corporan hit his first major league home run. He also had an RBI double. Scott Moore hit a three-run homer off Arizona's Bryan Shaw with two outs in the ninth.

Jordan Schafer opened the game with a bloop double, then scored on Marwin Gonzalez's single. Gonzalez took third on Matt Downs' bunt single and scored when J.D. Martinez grounded into a double play to give Houston a 2-0 lead.

Arizona cut it to 2-1 in the first when Gerardo Parra drew a leadoff walk and scored on Drew's

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Agent: Favre to serve as assistant high school coach

Brett Favre is returning to football — as an assistant high school coach in Mississippi.

His agent, Bus Cook, told The Associated Press Friday that Favre will work at Oak Grove High School this fall "to help out in some capacity, but I'm not sure exactly what his role will be."

The school is near the former NFL quarterback's home in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Biloxi (Miss.) Sun-Herald reported that Favre, 42, is expected to be the offensive coordinator. Oak Grove head coach Nevil Barr told the AP he has talked about a possible role for Favre on the coaching staff, though a job title hasn't been defined. Favre has helped at Oak Grove in

an unofficial capacity

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in previous years.
The three-time league
MVP retired from the
NFL in 2010.

Favre, who grew up in nearby Kiln, Miss., has kept a low profile in Hattiesburg since he retired. He rarely does interviews, though he is occasionally seen at Southern Mississippi's football or baseball games. Favre played in college at Southern Miss, where he also made his debut as a television analyst.

He's remained coy about future plans, but has often said how much he enjoys working with kids.

Oak Grove is a perennial power at the 6A level in Mississippi, which is the state's largest high school classification.

Favre played for 20 years in the NFL.

Report: Golden's staff broke recruiting rules

AP Sports Writer CORAL GABLES, Fla.

 Miami coach Al Golden's second season at the school is beginning much like his first one, with new accusations of rule breaking, the looming threat of serious NCAA sanctions and no apparent end in sight for the long probe into the Hurricanes' compliance practices.

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Citing sources, Yahoo Sports reported Friday that former Miami football employee Sean Allen — who has been linked to one-time booster and now convicted Ponzi scheme architect Nevin Shapiro through the improper-benefits scandal that broke last year assisted members of Golden's coaching staff with recruiting.

If true, that could be a major NCAA violation by the troubled program, despite Golden's repeated insistence that he wants to "get it fixed."

"The inferences and suggestions in the Yahoo Sports story that my conduct was anything but ethical are simply false," Golden said in a statement released Friday night.

Golden also said that he has been a college football coach for more than 18 years and stands by his record of compli-

"I, like all of us at UM, have cooperated fully with the joint NCAA-UM inquiry and will continue to do so, so that our program and our university can move forward," Golden said.

Earlier Friday, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that NCAA investigators visited Miami for several days earlier this month, just the latest round of the lengthy inquiry into the Hurricanes' athletic department. The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because information about the probe has not been publicly released. Shapiro's claims that he provided dozens of Miami athletes and recruits with extra benefits over an eight-year span were published by Yahoo Sports last Au-

Golden is scheduled to discuss the coming season at the Atlantic Coast Conference media days in North Carolina early next week.

A significant portion of Shapiro's allegations from last year revolved around Allen, who was assistant football equipment manager until leaving the program last year. Shapiro said he gave Allen more than \$200,000, most allegedly spent on players and recruits, as well as a luxury car. Allen denied those claims to Yahoo Sports in 2011, and has not responded to interview requests from the AP.

Shapiro's attorney Maria Elena Perez, did not respond to requests for comment Friday. She deposed Allen late last year, shortly before court records showed Miami entered into an agreement with a bankruptcy trustee to return \$83,000 it said it received

"directly and indirectly" from Shapiro.

Miami has been bracing for additional allegations, and was aware earlier this week that they were coming.

In an e-mail obtained by the AP, university President Donna Shalala told trustees Thursday that "someone who had a low level position at one time" was expected to allege that Miami assistant coach and former NFL player Micheal Barrow committed recruiting violations. Shalala said it has already been investigated.

Yahoo Sports reported Friday that Allen tried to aid both Barrow and former assistant Aubrev Hill, who left the Hurricanes less than a month after Golden was hired and is now the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida. It cited Allen's phone records, detailing calls he made to recruits — often moments before or after calling Barrow or Hill. It also listed other alleged violations, such as Allen giving recruits rides to the Miami football offices or to restaurants for meetings with coaches.

Some current players were listed as having contact with Allen during their recruiting process, including standout defensive lineman Anthony Chickillo, cornerback Thomas Finnie and incoming freshmen Randy "Duke" Johnson and Herb Waters.

Chickillo, according to the new Yahoo Sports report, was taken to a strip club on his recruiting visit, and that the trip for him and former Miami defensive end Olivier Vernon was arranged by Allen. Vernon decided after last season to skip his final season with the Hurricanes and make himself eligible for the NFL Vernon was one of the

players sanctioned by the NCAA last season for accepting money from Shapiro. It's unknown when the joint NCAA-univer-

sity investigation will

end, said the people who

spoke to the AP on Friday. When the probe is over. Miami would first receive a notice of allegations, then have the chance to appear before the NCAA's infractions

committee. Typically, when investigators visit a campus, they are either conducting interviews with athletic department personnel, reviewing documents, or both. The NCAA generally does not provide status updates during their investigations, and university officials only have said they are continuing to cooperate with the terms of the

Earlier this week, safety Ray-Ray Armstrong was dismissed for undisclosed rules violations. Armstrong was suspended for four games last year after acknowledging he took money from Shapiro and then missed another game while the school checked to see if he broke other rules af-

inquiry.

ter he interacted with a pensions of two other person who works with professional athletes.

Miami is also dealing with the sudden departure of former director of football operations Tom Deahn. So nearly a year after

the Hurricanes became wrapped up in an extrabenefits scandal — and with training camp fast approaching, along with ACC media days starting this weekend — Miami still has plenty of questions and very few answers. "Who doesn't want

a clean slate? We get a fresh opportunity to do something new," running back Mike James said earlier this summer when asked if the Hurricanes were eager to put the troubles of 2011 behind them. "Hey, I'm happy to see last year go. It's gone. Let it Miami could still face

heavy sanctions from the NCAA over the scandal sparked by the allegations Shapiro in last year's Yahoo Sports Eight Miami players

missed at least one game as part of sanctions the NCAA imposed over Shapiro's claims, and four others had to make small restitution payments. It was the first blow in

an academic year filled with compliance-related issues. Men's basketball was

hit multiple times, first with the suspension of DeQuan Jones after he was linked to Shapiro Jones was ultimately allowed to return to the team — and then susplayers. Johnson

Reggie missed a game after the ioint compliance investigation showed members of his family accepted "impermissible travel benefits" from a member of the school's former coaching staff. And guard Durand Scott, the Hurricanes' leading scorer, was suspended just before Miami's ACC tournament game with Florida State after he was also found to have gotten unspecified extra benefits.

Even Miami's nationally ranked women's basketball team had problems, with star guard Riquna Williams suspended for violating team — not NCAA rules just before the Hurricanes went to the NCAA tournament. Without Williams, Miami was ousted in the second round.

But those matters pale to the ongoing inquiry into football, Miami's centerpiece program with five national championships since 1983. And it's long been clear that the uncertainty – what rules were broken and how tough will the penalties be — will linger into this coming season, just as it overshadowed every step of the 2011 campaign.

"You've just got to go forward and put the past in the past," Miami Stephen quarterback Morris said earlier this offseason. "Last year was rough for everybody, for every sport here. I'm sure everybody is just excited to move on."

Big Ten: Commish can't fire coaches PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP) — The $\,$ the ability to fire coaches in the

er to fire coaches.

In a statement released Friday, the conference says "giving emergency powers to the commissioner to fire personnel is not under consideration" by its 12 presidents and chancellors.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported this week that the conference was considering giving the commissioner power to punish schools with financial sanctions, suspensions and even

Big Ten Conference has no plans wake of the Penn State scandal. Michigan's athletic director, to give its commissioner the pow- The Chronicle posted an 18-page Dave Brandon, said the emerplan — titled "Standards and Procedures for Safeguarding Institutional Control of Intercollegiate Athletics" — suggesting that in certain circumstances the commissioner would have unilateral authority to "take any and all actions" in the best interest of the Big Ten.

The conference said that was "an early draft put together by the Big Ten staff in order to surface all of the options available."

After the report surfaced, gency power proposal had come out of "left field" and the president at the University of Minnesota, Eric Kaler, said he doubted that individual schools would be willing to give up control over personnel.

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was recently convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys, sometimes

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you might not ever have again. But I'm starting to come out of it. I'm still tinkering with a couple of different things. It's not a big deal, mechanically wise. But you saw tonight, I was chasing the curve-Texas entered the se-

ries with the majors' second-best record and a six-game lead, its largest of July. The Rangers have won

the last two division titles and AL pennants, usurping the Angels atop the division they had won in five of the previous six years.

And this series is just the start of what could be a scintillating stretch run out West: The rivals meet 10 more times after

this weekend. Trumbo hit his 27th homer and Trout added his 15th, while Weav-(12-1) persevered through 116 pitches and

repeated trouble to win

his sixth straight start and seventh consecutive decision since May 13, when Texas beat him.

"I've learned over the years that you can't try to pump yourself up before a game," Weaver said. "But obviously it's exciting when the fans are pumped. You're going against your division rival and trying to pick up some games against them, and the best way to do that is to beat them." Derek Holland (6-5)

lost his first decision since May 30, giving up nine hits and six runs with no strikeouts. He gave up Trumbo's sixth

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homer in nine days after an 11-pitch at-bat, culminating in a fearsome line drive over the fence in left-center in the sixth.

it would have taken it

"If it had hit the wall,

down," Holland said. "I mean, he made solid contact. He was right on it."

Trout chased Holland with a two-out, opposite-field homer in the seventh.



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PATTIES

What to wear all a matter of money at Olympics

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Olympians should have figured out one thing by now: What they can or cannot wear at the London Games has very little to do with their fashion, marketing sense or patriotism, and a whole lot to do with rules, regulations and, of course, money.

The overseers of the Olympics are protective of their brand and rings — considered one of the most recognizable logos in sports — and what the athletes wear when they're competing has been tightly regulated, much to the chagrin of some of the games' stars.

Take Michael Phelps, for example.

He recently tweeted his dismay at no longer being allowed to wear a swimming cap bearing miniature American flags on the front and back. "Gotta love an orga-

nizing committee telling us we can't do that anymore," he said on Twitter.

But neither the International nor U.S. Olympic Committees

years. Paterno's family said he never participated in an attempt to cover up wrongdoing.

The NCAA and U.S. **Education** Department are investigating Penn State for potential rules and policy violations; the issue of "institutional control" is beare making any apologies. The IOC keeps a tight grip on when and where advertising and other markings can be worn at the games. After all, its coffers took in more than \$2.4 billion (over the four-year period ending in 2008, for instance) in marketing rights from companies like McDonald's and Coca-Cola.

The USOC and the federations that run the individual sports follow suit, paying respect to domestic and international sponsors who more or less bankroll the entire endeavor, which, in turn, provides the funding for the ath-

Not satisfied with the support he receives, American runner Nick Symmonds resorted to selling body space earlier this year.

Symmonds, one of the most outspoken athletes on this issue, was paid \$11,100 by a Wisconsinbased lifestyle marketing firm for wearing a tattoo of their logo on his shoulder. He'll need to cover it with tape at Olympics so he can conform to the IOC's detailed guidelines about logos, advertising and manufacturer identification. "My No. 1 goal, aside

from making the Olympic team and winning a medal, is to bring awareness to how many struggling athletes there are out there and wouldn't it be nice if we could just lift these regulations and allow athletes to pursue individual sponsorships a little more freely," Symmonds said in an interview earlier this year.

Not surprisingly, Symmonds was one of the first athletes to chime in last week when U.S. politicians called out the USOC for outfitting its athletes with Chinese-made uniforms produced by Americanbased manufacturer Ralph Lauren.

"Our Ralph Lauren vironment you see in outfits for the Olympic opening ceremonies were made in China. So, um, thanks China," Symmonds said in a tweet.

It was an embarrassment for both the apparel maker — future uniforms will be USA-made — and the USOC, which was careful to say it appreciates all sponsors — even those who make clothes in China — because it is a nonprofit that receives no government funding.

"The most important thing to remember is that, unlike professional leagues in the U.S., where you're trying to decide how much goes to owners and how much goes to athletes, in our environment, all the money goes to athletes," Blackmun said. "There are no owners putting money in their pockets. It's a completely nonprofit environment. It's a different environment than the marketing enpro leagues."

The U.S. uniforms aren't the only ones causing a stir.

The Spanish team's garish red and yellow outfits - designed by Russian firm Bosco haven't gone over well in Spain. Some Spanish athletes have posted tweets making fun of the gear.

bottom The line, though, is that national Olympic committees take the best deals they can get with the manufacturers.

Bosco, which also designed the Russian and Ukrainian uniforms, is providing the outfits for free in a deal with the Spanish Olympic Committee.

"When you measure the difference between paying 1.5 million of public money and free clothes, there is no discommittee cussion," president Alejandro Blanco said on Spanish

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A report commissioned

on campus.

ignored allegations more than a decade ago, allowing Sandusky to prey on other boys for **Howard County**

by Penn State said school leaders, including coach Joe Paterno,

lieved to be a key part of the NCAA probe, since problems there can lead

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double.

Drew walked with one out in the third, advanced to third on Hill's single, and scored when Jason Kubel grounded out, tying the game at 2-2. Upton, 8-for-20 in his last five games, followed with his eighth homer of the season to put Arizona ahead for

Parra doubled to start the Diamondbacks' big fifth inning. With one out, Norris walked three consecutive batters to bring in Arizona's fifth run. Montero's two-run single off the glove of the charging Schafer in center brought in two more, then RBI singles by Paul Goldschmidt and Cahill made it 9-2.

The Diamondbacks gave up two in the sixth, one

on Corporan's double. Drew singled in two in Arizona's four-run sev-



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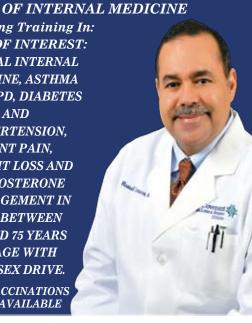
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MAKE YOUR FEET HAPPY

Finding relief for common foot problems

FAMILY FEATURES

ith more than 26 bones, 33 joints and more than one hundred muscles, tendons and ligaments, the human foot is quite a complicated piece of anatomy. A lot of people take their feet for granted — until they start to hurt. Unfortunately, most people will have to deal with painful feet at some time.

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) says that 75 percent of Americans will have some kind of foot problem during their lifetime. Some problems are caused by congenital problems or disabilities, but most come from general wear and tear, as well as abuse.

Here are some common foot problems and what you can do to treat them:

Plantar Fasciitis

This is an inflammation of the plantar fascia, the band of thick, connective tissue that runs from the heel bone to the toes, creating the arch of your foot. When the plantar fascia is overstretched or overused, it gets inflamed, causing pain and stiffness in the bottom of the heel, and sometimes aching or a burning sensation in the bottom of the foot.

Plantar fasciitis is one of the most common orthopedic foot complaints, and is seen in both men and women. According to the National Institutes of Health, you're more likely to get plantar fasciitis if you have foot arch problems, a sudden weight gain, shoes with poor arch support, or if you are involved in long distance running.

Treatments — See your healthcare provider. He or she may start by recommending:

- Medication and/or ice treatments to reduce inflammation
- Stretching exercises for the heel and foot
- Rest
- Night splints
- Shoes with good support; shoe inserts or a heel cup

Treatment can last anywhere from several weeks to two years, though most feel better in about nine months. Sometimes, more drastic measures are called for, such as wearing a boot cast for several weeks, steroid shots or foot surgery.

Bunions

A bunion occurs when the joint at the base of the big toe gets enlarged due to the big toe joint being moved out of place. The toe is forced to bend toward the other toes, which causes a painful lump of bone to form on the foot. The joint itself can also become stiff and sore, making it even more difficult to wear shoes or walk.

According to the APMA, bunions are a symptom of faulty foot development, and are usually caused by an inherited foot type, as well as the way people walk and the type of shoes worn. Symptoms include redness, swelling or pain near the big toe joint, a firm bump on the outside edge of the foot at the base of the big toe, and restricted or painful motion of the big toe.

Treatments — You can relieve some of the pain by:

- Using a commercial, non-medicated bunion pad
- Wearing shoes with a wide, deep toe box
- Avoiding high-heeled shoes
- Applying ice several times a day to reduce swelling.

You should visit a podiatrist if the pain persists. If left untreated, bunions can get larger and more painful. Your doctor may recommend padding and taping, anti-inflammatory drugs or cortisone injections, physical therapy or shoe inserts. Surgery to remove the bony enlargement and/or restore normal alignment may be necessary.



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Ingrown Toenails

Ingrown nails are the most common nail problem. When one or both of the corners or sides of the nail curves, and grows into the flesh, it can lead to irritation, redness and swelling. Ingrown toenails can be caused by heredity, improperly trimmed nails, shoe pressure and crowding of toes, or repeated trauma to the feet from everyday activities such as running or walking.

Treatments — To relieve pain, immerse your foot in a basin of warm salt water or soapy water, then apply an antiseptic and bandage the affected area. However, anyone with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease or other circulatory disorders should avoid any type of self-treatment, according to the APMA. Seek medical care as soon as possible.

If there is drainage, odor or excessive redness, you may have an infection. See a podiatrist or health care provider. For chronic problems with ingrown toenails, a podiatrist can remove a portion of the nail with a chemical, laser or other outpatient procedure.

To prevent ingrown toenails:

- Avoid tight shoes and shoes with narrow or pointed toe boxes.
- Do not rip or tear the edges of your nails.
- Trim toenails by cutting them straight across. Do not dig into the corners, and only gently round off corners with a nail file.



Hammertoes

A hammertoe is a toe that is curled because there's a bend in the middle joint of the toe. It can happen with any toe, but is most often the second toe. It's caused by an imbalance in the soft tissue, often due to shoes that are too tight or shoes with high heels. These types of shoes force the toe against the front of the shoe, bending the toe unnaturally.

Symptoms of hammertoe can include redness and inflammation, joint stiffness, corns, calluses and open sores, and pain. If left untreated, symptoms can become worse, making it difficult to walk and wear shoes.

Treatments — Treatment options for hammertoes range from the simple to the surgical.

Nonsurgical treatment options include:

- Wearing wider shoes with lower heelsDoing toe exercises
- Using padding, tape or splinting
- Taking medication for the pain
- Using orthotics

Up until recently, surgical treatment meant partial or full removal of bone and cartilage in the joint, and inserting a pin that protruded from the toe for four to six weeks. This makes it difficult for patients to work, bathe, drive or sleep normally until the pin is removed.

However, a new surgical option, called nextradesis, is now available. The procedure uses a micro-implant called Nextra, designed to straighten a toe to a stable, natural position. Developed by two prominent foot and ankle surgeons, Nextra was reviewed and cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration in 2011. With this procedure, patients can return to work and normal activities, bathe more regularly and sleep more peacefully than with traditional pins. The risk of infection and reoccurrence of a hammertoe is also reduced significantly when bone healing occurs. Learn more about the nextradesis surgical procedure at www.myhappytoes.com.

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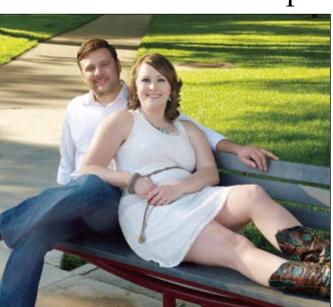
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Barr and Capshaw



Randall Capshaw and Heather Barr

Paul and Margaret Barr of Colorado City announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Barr to Randall Capshaw, both of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Paul and Margaret Barr of Colorado City. She is a 2003 graduate of Colorado High School and a 2008 graduate of West Texas A&M University.

She is employed as an elementary music teacher at Big Spring ISD.

The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Josephine Capshaw of

Plano. He is a 2001 graduate of Coronado High School in El Paso and a 2006

graduate of the University of North Texas. He is the junior high choir director at Big Spring ISD.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Aug. 4, 2012, at a 4 p.m. ceremo-

ny at First United Methodist Church.

Knowlton and Densman Gaylon and

Knowlton of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter Porscha Knowlton of Big Spring to Ethan Densman of Coleman.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School. She graduated from Angelo State University in May 2011 with a masters degree in professional accountancy.

She is employed at Armstrong, Backus & Co., LLP.

prospective The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Dens-

man of Coleman. He is a 2007 graduate of Coleman High School. He is employed at MultiChem, a Halliburton Service.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Oct. 6, 2012, at Fort Concho in

San Angelo.



Porscha Knowlton and Ethan Densman

Congratulations to the Big Spring Family of the Year



The MacKenzie Famil

Scott, Erin, Jacy and Jake

Each year The Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas accepts nominations from community families and then selects a winner in each of its communities based on the family's ability to balance church, community and Family life.

Scott is a Vice President of American State Bank in Big Spring and Erin is Dean of General Studies at Howard College. They are members of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.



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Oh great Indian chief, What secrets do you know?

Your eyes have seen so What wisdom you must

The white man took

your land. They cannot take your

Oh great Indian chief, What does the future hold?

- Fannie Price

THE STAR

She's been sleeping for a while now.

The stars that light up the dark sky shine down on her as she lays dreaming of the day she will awake and once again be a star instead of the empty, barren shell she became after thoughtless, uncaring took everything that was once hers and had made

her a star for years.

Words of nothing left to do but tear her down - she's finished - she's not worth saving were all you heard for years, but she knew better - and tonight she lies awake under the West Texas sky, shining as bright as the star, for once again, she's a star, the star of Big Spring.

She's the Hotel Settles. — Lana F. Anguiano

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Linzee Yarbar and Dillon Phernetton

Yarbar and Phernetton

Linzee Yarbar and Dillon Phernetton both of Big Spring, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Luke and Mique Yarbar of Big Spring and Phil and Leslie Whitten of Big Spring. She is a 2010 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2011 graduate of Howard College.

She is employed at the Big Spring Aquatic Center and is attending nursing school at Howard College.

The prospective groom is the son of Rusty and Cathy Carthel of Big Spring and Jim Phernetton of Big Spring. He is a 2008 graduate of Big Spring High

He is employed at Sid Richardson Carbon Company.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Oct. 27, 2012, in Midland.

Births

Noah **Daniel Flores**

Noah Daniel Flores. son of Crystal Shults and Daniel Flores of Coahoma, was born July 15, 2012 at 7:59 p.m.

He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

His maternal grandparents are Scott and Tammy Shults of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Lou Sherman of Big Spring and Daniel Flores of Big Spring.



Benefits for older veterans and their families

Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to find out what kinds of veterans benefits are available to older vets and their spouses? My dad served four years in the Army during the Korean War, and I'm curious to see if there are any VA benefits that he or my mom may qualify for. What can you tell me?

Searching Son

Dear Searching,

That's a great question. There are actually millions of older veterans and their families who don't take advantage of the VA benefits they're entitled to because they either don't know they exist or they don't think they would qualify for them. Here's

what you and your parents should know. **Underused Benefits**

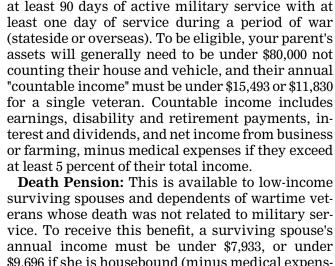
While the VA provides a wide range of commonlyknown benefits and services for its veterans – like health care, education support through the GI Bill and home loans – they also provide a bevy of lesser-known benefits that were specifically created to help senior veterans and their family members, as well as their survivors.

To be eligible, however, your parent's income and assets in most cases will need to be below certain limits, and your dad's discharge from the military must have been under conditions other than dishonorable. Here's a breakdown of four benefits that are often overlooked by older vets and their fami-

Veterans Pension: This is available to limited-

income veterans that are

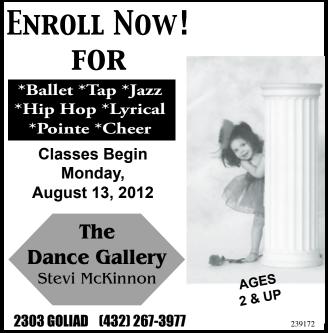
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es), with cash assets under \$80,000.

the veteran must be 65 or older (or permanently disabled), have served during wartime and meet certain financial and medical requirements.

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"countable income" must be under \$15,493 or \$11,830 **Death Pension:** This is available to low-income

age 65 and older or are totally disabled, who served

surviving spouses and dependents of wartime vetvice. To receive this benefit, a surviving spouse's annual income must be under \$7,933, or under \$9,696 if she is housebound (minus medical expens-

Aid and Attendance: This little known benefit can help elderly veterans and their spouses pay for in-home care, an assisted living facility or nursing home care. It pays up to \$1,949 per month, in addition to the monthly pension benefits. To qualify,

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July 24 - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

Supper Club "Papa Chon's", 5:30 p.m.

July 25 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Tower Heist

July 26 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m. Just Peachy Čafé, 10:00 a.m.

July 30 – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

July 31 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club, "Cowboy's, 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 1 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 2 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. "Just Peachy Cafe", 10:00 a.m.

Aug. 3 – Lunch Bunch & Birthday's, "Bean's World", 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 6 – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Aug. 7 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

Lemonade @ Parkplace, 4:00 p.m. Supper Club, "Carlo's", 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 8 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie 1:00 p.m., "We Bought a Zoo"

Aug. 9 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

"Just Peachy Cafe", 10:00 a.m. Aug. 10 - SUMMER MUMMERS, 5:00 p.m. - ???

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▶ Weddings

Kati Porter of Lubbock and Justin Qiang Fang of

Rockwall/Heath, Texas, exchanged wedding vows Sunday, July 22, 2012, in a 6 p.m. ceremony officiated by the Rev. Joe Pool of United Methodist Church in Rockwall, at Old Red Museum and Courthouse in Dallas. A reception followed at Old Reb Museum.

The bride is the daughter of Phil and D'Ann (Hall) Porter and the granddaughter of Patricia Iden and Kenny Gillepie and Jerry Hall and Peggy B. Porter.

The groom is the son of Dr. Xiao-En and Michele Fang and the grandson of Ms. Pam Clary and Mrs. Kian N. Poei.

He is attending Texas Tech University and studying history and psychology.

Matron of honor was sister of the bride, Allison Porter. Bridesmaids included: Miss Carissa Fang, groom's sister; Mrs. Hannah Samuel; Miss Kati Sears; Miss Sara Jackson; Miss Charla Wright and Miss Annie Rowson.

Flower girls were Miss Tait Withers, bride's cousin and Miss Eden Sears.

Best men was Mr. Jacob Way and Mr. Will Fox. Groomsmen included: Mr. Patrick Fang, groom's brother; Mr. Zach Porter, bride's brother; Mr. Travis Underwood; Mr. Court Bookhout; Mr. Zach Brown; Mr. Alex Vrana; Mr. Brandon Griffin; and Mr. Chase Reeves.

The ring bearer was Jeremiah Sears.

Mr. Brandon Lu, groom's cousin and Mr. Price Withers, bride's cousin, both served as ushers.

Readers were Miss Candice Lu, groom's cousin and Miss Gillian Withers, bride's cousin.

Musicians were Miss Katy Sears and Mr. Zach Porter. A string trio consisted of Mr. Austin Lu, groom's cousin, Miss Brianne Lacy and Mr. Nick

Miss Caroline Hall, bride's cousin, served as the guestbook attendant.



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Lamesa Press-Reporter's Skiles Energy Watch is named TPA's 135th president

Special to the Herald

Russel Skiles, publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter, was elected the 135th president of Texas Press Association at the 2012 TPA Newspaper Executives' Retreat in San Antonio.

He succeeds Chad Ferguson, editor and publisher of The Banner Press Newspaper in Columbus, who became chairman of the board.

"I'm very humbled to be chosen to help lead an association with such a tremendous history of serving and representing newspapers of all sizes across Texas," Skiles said.

Skiles is the second publisher



Skiles

Press-Reporter to serve as president of the association. Walter Buckel, publisher-emeritus of the Press-Reporter, president from 1985 to 1986. It was Buckel

of the Lamesa

who hired Skiles, fresh out of college, as a reporter/photographer for the paper in 1980.

Skiles was named news editor the following year and gradually assumed additional responsibilities before becoming editor and publisher of the newspaper in

In January 2003 he became president of the board of directors for both the Lamesa Press-Reporter and South Plains Printing Com-

He was president of the West Texas Press Association from 1997 to 1998. He served four years as the TPA Contest Committee chairman and has been involved with the TPA/TDNA Legislative Advisory Committee.

He also served on the contest and convention committees of the National Newspaper Association and as a judge for NNA's Better Newspaper Contest.

Skiles holds a bachelor's de-

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Texas crop report

By ROBERT BURNS

COLLEGE STATION If it's true misery loves company, droughthammered Midwestern farmers should find lots of company in Texas, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

"Certainly, we've had very short rainfall in many areas of the state, and we're looking at less -than-average (cotton) crop yields over most of the areas I'm familiar with," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist, College Station.

Miller said the same could be said of most crops in Texas, despite recent rains in parts of the state.

"We've had a lot of rain along the Gulf Coast, and through parts of the Hill County and Austin," he said. "All were good rains, but most of it came too late for crops."

Miller said he expected cotton yields to be all over the place. In the Gulf Coast area, where cotton was being harvested, there was some cotton yielding in the 200- to 300-pound range and better. In the Rolling Plains and large parts of the South Plains, farmers were expecting a lot of failed acres. In other parts of the Rolling Plains and South Plains, those farmers who had timely plantings were holding on, hoping for

From AgriLife Extension county agent reports, some cotton has already been replanted to other crops after being zeroed-out by insurance adjusters. However, cotton in a few areas, such as the Panhandle and South Plains counties of Cochran and

more rain.



U.S Department of Agriculture photo

Cotton maturity varied widely across the state, with some fields struggling to make a stand, while in other areas it was being defoliated in preparation for harvest.

Deaf Smith, was doing reasonably well thanks to recent rains and excellent heat units. There were also a few reports of cotton doing well in North Texas.

From fellow AgriLife Extension agronomists, Miller said he's heard of some good grain sorghum yields along the Gulf Coast, with reports of 5,000-pound yields per acre – but some much less."

Soybean plantings, not a common crop in Texas on an average year, were down this year because the crop is not as drought tolerant as others.

"When soybeans are flowering and setting pods, it's pretty important they have a shot of water," Miller said.

If there are any bright spots, it's the fact that grain sorghum harvest

commodity prices are so high, he said.

"We've got sharply increased prices for the crops that we do have, and sometimes if you have a very high price you can compensate for the low yields," he said.

information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website athttp://agrilife.tamu. edu/drought/ .

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

The 12 Texas AgriLife Extension Service Dis-

Central: Forage sorghum and corn were harvested as silage. The

began but was delayed due to heavy rainfall. The harvesting of sunflowers and corn also began. Other corn was still drying down. Livestock were in good condition. Producers started preparing land for winter forage. Some producers had already taken third cuttings of coastal Bermuda hay. Hay harvesting conditions remained good, but many fields had heavy grasshopper pressure. Cotton looked great, with only moderate insect pressure. Irrigation was halted because of rain.

Coastal Bend: As much as 9 inches of rain fell in isolated areas, but most locations got less than 0.1 inch. The rain hampered the corn and grain harvests, but

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According to the latest survey of small businesses by the NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses), optimism has slumped to an eight-month low. This result comes on the heels of the last week's disappointing ISM (Institute for Supply Management) survey covering the manufacturing segment of the American economy. The ISM reading indicated that manufacturing was contracting for the first time in more than three years. Keep in mind that for most of the current economic recovery, manufacturing has been a bright spot. But the economic hardships in the euro zone and the slowdown in China and other emerging market economies have taken a toll on the more export-centric companies covered by the ISM survey.

Small business optimism, unlike the ISM manufacturing index, never did climb back to level normally associated with a "good" economic environment after the most recent recession officially ended in mid-2009. When small businesses do not have a positive outlook on the future, they tend to be unwilling to hire additional employees unless absolutely necessary. In addition, cash reserves build as investment in expansion wanes. Indeed, the main concern for small businesses has been a lack of customers and fears the U.S. economy will slip back into recession. But there is more at work here than fears the economy will stumble; businesses are unable to confidently make strategic decisions and plan for the future. Why? Unfortunately, most of the lack of clarity is coming from our elected representatives in Washington.

Low business confidence trickles through the entire economy. It negatively affects consumer confidence and spending. In a consumer consumption oriented economy like the one we have in the United States, when businesses are not hiring in decent numbers and wages are barely rising, discretionary spending by consumers typically suffers. The stock market also tends to feel the effects. Sure, the market has bounced back in a big way from the Armageddon levels seen during the financial crisis but valuations remain well below the historical average based on most metrics.

Can Washington provide answers to the questions business owners need? According to the small business survey, uncertainties over tax levels, the regulatory environment and the cost to hire an additional employee are all having a detrimental effect on optimism. Right now, gridlock in our Nation's capital is one of the key factors holding back the economy and the stock market in our opinion.

Small business confidence needs, to rise in order for the economy to get consistently up and running at anything close to an average rate of growth. Our year end 1400-1450 target range for the S&P 500 assumes we will see a modest, sustained increase in the optimism levels of business owners that flows through to consumers and investors. So while business optimism may be down for now, a helping hand up from our legislators in Washington would go a long way toward restoring confidence in the economic outlook. And that is what is needed to push equity valuations higher over the next 12-24 months.

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Kayak shares rise nearly 30 percent in debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of travel website Kayak Software Corp. are up nearly 26 percent in their first day of trading on the Nasdaq.

Kayak jumped \$6.70, or 25.8 percent to hit \$32.70 around noon Friday. The stock's gain moderated somewhat in its first hours after earlier hit-

ting as high as \$34.69. additional shares to cover The company raised \$91 possible over-allotments.

million by selling 3.5 million shares at \$26 apiece. It will take proceeds of about \$84.6 million in the long-delayed offering after underwriting discounts and commissions. It also granted the offering's

underwriters, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, a 30day option to buy up to 525,000

Kayak's surging stock in the first hours of trading is especially positive for the company, considering it put its plan to go public on the shelf for more than a year, saying market conditions weren't strong enough. And Facebook's disappointing initial public offering in May gave even more reason to remain on the sidelines. No technology companies have gone public since the social network's stock fell flat. Kayak's strong debut is also

seen as redemption for Morgan Stanley, which was also the lead underwriter for the Facebook IPO, which had expected to be a record-setting debut. Instead, Facebook's opening was marred with problems, leaving Morgan

Stanley with a black eye in the form of angry clients, regulatory investigations and lawsuits. Morgan Stanley also re-

deemed itself with another successful offering it assisted on Friday. Shares of security software company Palo Alto Networks Inc. jumped about 32 percent at midday in their

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Warranty Deeds: Grantor: Jo Ann and Jon Grantee: Roxann Rich

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

Grantor: Bridgett Murphy Grantee: Randall Earl Reid and Leota Reid

Property: Lot 9, Block 18, Original Town of Coahoma Date: June 20, 2012

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Date: June 18, 2012

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Date: June 22, 2012 Grantor: Harold Woods

Grantee: Timothy Bryant Craig and Tracy Craig Property: A tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Survey Date: June 22, 2012

Grantor: Jay L. Briscoe and

Anna Briscoe Grantee: Guadalupe Garcia Property: A 1.23-acre tract out of section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 21, 2012

Grantor: Lillie Elizabeth Craven Grantee: Richard Dwaine

Property: Lot 6 and the S/13 feet of Lot 8, North Belvue Addition Date: May 22, 2012

Grantor: Jesilin Rigano and Hayward Rigano Grantee: Carol Stephens Rev.

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Property: The W/40 feet of Lot 5, Block 14, Original Town of Big Date: May 8, 2012

Grantor: Advantage Equity Funding LLC Grantee: Luis C. Flores and Audrey Freitag Property: Lot 2, Block 1, North

Side Addition Date: May 8, 2012

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien: Grantor: Myrna T. Raney Grantee: Marvin Lee Williams

Property: Lot 26, Block 4, Central Park Addition Date: June 15, 2012

and Vanessa Williams

Grantor: A.J. Pirkle and Debie

Grantee: Joel DeLaGarza and Kelli DeLaGarza Property: Lot 11, Block 7,

Highland South Addition No. 6 Date: June 15, 2012 Grantor: Patti King

Grantee: Heather C. Keesee

Property: Lot 8, Block 16,

Kentwood Unit No. 2 Date: June 26, 2012 Grantor: Claven C. Larson Property: The N/13 feet of

Grantee: Sammy Rodriguez Sr. Augustina Rodriguez Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 8, North Belvue Addition Date: June 22, 2012

Grantor: Nicole Ivie Grantee: Christopher Anthony Bravo and Danielle Bravo Property: Lot 22, Block 2, Colonial Hills Date: May 8, 2012 irrigation worked hard to

CROPS

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benefited pastures and hay fields. Growers reported low yields but good quality on grain sorghum. Corn was also low-yielding, with many fields a total loss due to lack of moisture at crucial growing stages. Growers were beginning to defoliate cotton, with some harvesting already under way. Lint yields were expected to be below normal due to the drought.

East: Rain fell across most of the region. Some areas, such as Polk County, received as much as 10 inches. Hay production was in full swing. Many producers had already harvested more hay this year than they did in all of 2011. The fruit and vegetable harvests continued. Grasshoppers, horn flies, and crickets became a problem. Feral hogs remained active.

Far West: Highs were in the upper 90s, with lows in the mid-60s to lower 70s. There was no rain reported in most areas and windy weather was drying out the little remaining soil moisture. The exceptions were parts of Glasscock County getting about 3 inches of rain, and Ector County with from 0.5 to 4 inches. In most areas, pastures were browning due to heat and wind. In Pecos County, the melon harvest was ongoing, with excellent quality reported, and onions were still being pulled. In Reeves County, onions, chili peppers and cantaloupes were doing well.

In Upton County, cotton was doing well due to high heat units. Ranchers were still providing supplemental feed to their livestock, but herd numbers remained low. Producers shipped all lambs and kid goats.

North: Soil moisture remained short to adequate. Some areas received significant rains while others got only a trace. Corn was maturing, and some fields were ready to harvest. Pastures were in fair to excellent condition and growing. The cotton crop looked better in some areas than it has in the last few years. Producers of Bermuda grass hay harvested their second cutting for the year. The first cutting of summer annuals such as haygrazer and sorghum sudans was also very good with above-average yields. Producers continued spraying for weeds. Stockwatering tanks were in very good shape for the early summer. Grasshoppers remained a major problem. Peaches looked good.

Panhandle: Most of the region received from a trace to 2 inches of rain. Irrigators were active. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition. Hansford County reported some hail damage to corn and other summer crops. Sorghum, soybean and peanuts were in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton was in mostly fair to good condition. The wheat harvest was complete. Rangeland and pasture ratings continued to vary from very poor to excellent, with most counties reporting

very poor to poor. Cattle were in fair to good condition. Insect activity on all crops was average, with a few flare-ups of spider mites in corn.

Rolling Plains: Scattered showers fell across parts of the district, but most counties remained dry. Irrigated cotton was growing slowly, but dryland cotton showed stress. Producers were spraying herbicides. Pastures were quickly drying out in most areas, but some counties reported that rangeland and livestock were in fair condition thanks to recent rains. Producers worried they won't get another cutting of coastal Bermuda hay. Sorghum forage was being baled. Grasshoppers were a problem in some areas. In King County, most ranches had either liquidated or relocated cattle. Burn bans were issued in some counties. Underdeveloped pecan nuts were dropping in some areas due to poor pollination and water stress.

South: The northern part of the region received enough rain to slightly improve soilmoisture levels in rangeland and pastures. Atascosa, La Salle and McMullen counties received from 1 inch to 3 inches of rain. Webb, Zavala and Willacy counties received about 1 inch on average. Soilmoisture levels were 50 to 100 percent adequate in the northern counties, short to very short in the eastern and western counties, and 70 percent adequate in Willacy County. Generally, rangeland and pastures remained mostly in fair to poor condition. The

to decline while the price of supplemental feed increased. However, cattle body condition scores remained fair with supplemental feeding. In Atascosa County, peanuts progressed well, and some cotton was breaking bolls. In Frio County, the corn harvest continued, grain sorghum was maturing, cotton setting bolls and peanuts in good condition. In Jim Wells County, harvesting of sunflowers and grains continued with poor to fair yields reported. Also in that area, hav was being baled and sorghum stubble harvested for livestock feed. In Maverick County, most of the vegetable crops were being harvested, and there was considerable harvesting of coastal Bermuda grass and sorghum forages. In Zavala County, rain delayed the corn harvest. In Hidalgo County, the grain sorghum and corn harvests continued, and growers were defoliating cotton in early maturing fields. In Starr County, the grain sorghum harvest was nearly completed. In Willacy County, the grain sorghum harvest was also nearly over, and cotton fields were being defoliated.

ties reported from a trace to 3 inches of rain with no mention of hail. Cotton varied widely in maturity, from pinhead square to peak bloom. Early grain sorghum was heading and flowering, while replanted cotton was just emerging. Where there was little to no rain, cotton producers with

South Plains: Several coun-

keep up with water demands as the crop moved into the bloom stage. Dryland cotton was struggling and needed a good general rain, as did pastures and rangeland. Peanuts were blooming. Pest management consisted mainly of weed control with little insect pressure reported.

Southeast: Many areas received rain. Waller County got from 10 to 12 inches with more expected in the coming week. Burleson County reported scattered showers with a trace to 4 inches accumulation. The harvest of dryland corn started in some areas. Fort Bend County also had heavy rains, which delayed the grain sorghum harvest. Jefferson County got from 2 to 9 inches of rain.

Southwest: Pastures improved with recent rains. The rain slowed the grain and corn harvests. More rain was needed.

West Central: The weather continued to be hot, dry and windy. Soil-moisture levels were very low in most areas. Scattered rains were reported in some counties, with a few receiving significant amounts. Crops and pastures continued to show the effects of heat stress. Dryland cotton and other crops will need a good rain soon if they are to produce decent yields. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decline. Grass recovery was slow and weeds were abundant. Pecan growers were spraying orchards.

SKILES

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gree in journalism from Angelo State University, where he served as editor of the student newspaper, The Ram Page. He got his start in newspapers reporting for the Del Rio News-Herald during a summer internship in 1977. He was born in

Rankin and grew up in his father's hometown of Langtry, a tiny community of less than 30 people on the Rio Grande, where his parents, Jack and Wilmuth Skiles, still reside. He graduated from nearby

Comstock High School

in a class of only eight students.

In 1983, Skiles married Diane Lambright of Lamesa, who joined the Press-Reporter in advertising composition a few months after him. A former teacher at Lamesa Middle School, she now teaches at Klondike ISD, a small school outside of Lamesa. The couple has two children, Kimberly, 20, and Aaron, 14. Skiles is an active

leader in his community. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lamesa and serves on the board of directors of the Northridge Retirement Center in Lamesa and the Lamesa Com-

munity Players, a lo-

cal community theater group.

He was a member of the Lamesa Noon Lions Club from 1981-2009 and twice served as president; has served on and chaired various committees of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce before serving as president in 1997. He served on the board of the Dawson County United Fund; was a director of the Dawson County Crime Line for a number of years; and served as one of the original board members of The Friends of Movieland, a non-profit organization that re-opened a closed movie theater

and continues to oper-

He headed a local coalition that worked with the Texas Department of Transportation to develop routes and plans for a

ate in Lamesa.

couple of proposed highway bypasses around Lamesa. Skiles also coached

Little Dribblers and Upward Basketball teams,

served briefly on the Girls Little Dribblers board of directors, and worked as a volunteer for Lamesa's Christmas in Action program.

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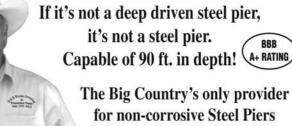
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Legals

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Legals

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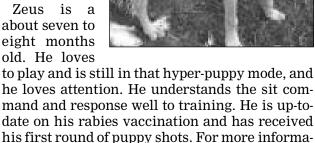


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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The annual entrance of the sun in Leo electrifies the atmosphere with a golden surge of power. This transit jumpstarts passions and begins epic quests. Nothing seems too grand to pursue with Leo's royal sense of entitlement fueling the mission. The bigger the dream the more likely it is to engage our full attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your commitment to others will guide your way. This makes life more enjoyable for you because your involvement keeps you from over-thinking or being selffocused to a fault.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you may not be paid in dollars for most or any of today's efforts, you

will be compensated, and you will have a rather strong opinion as to the adequacy of that compensation. **GEMINI** (May

21-June 21). Many claim that family is one of the most important elements of their lives, but few act on the claim

with as much passion and commitment as you show loved ones today.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Cover the basics so you can move on. Once material needs are satisfied, it is easier to focus on your need for attention, affection and the general sense that what you're doing matters to those around you.

22). (July \mathbf{LEO} 23-Aug. Something strange happens when you put your own goals on the back burner and strive to advance another person's goals. You suddenly become more confident and relaxed. It's what gets you recognized as a leader.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You go the extra mile to understand where loved ones are coming from, and it pays off. There's a sense of flow happening in your personal life. Your quality of life improves when your relation-

ever after?

ships improve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're somewhat of an open book right now. Maybe this is brave, or maybe it just takes too much energy for you to guard your heart. The way you look at a person suggests that you might be falling in love. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For

you, it's not enough to feel a social responsibility. You won't be satisfied unless you are actively involved in making things better. You'll get the perfect chance to do this today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes your thoughts line up in a neat line, and other times they ping-pong unpredictably. This is a day when one thought leads to the next, purposefully taking you in a certain direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've applied yourself to a task with great energy and commitment. It's not indulgent but necessary to balance the hard work of last week with self-care, rest and play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may take you a beat to get "into" what your loved ones are "into." but once you get in step, you'll happily share activities, memories and dreams. What could be better than this?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get the inspiration you need. Learning a little about a person will make you want to know much more. You have a voracious appetite for the details.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). Your calculated risks pay off in August. You'll put yourself in new scenarios and wind up an object of affection. There's a change in the way you make money in October, and it will be fun to employ new skills. Make requests in November, your month of irresistibility. You'll be accepted into an exciting group in 2013. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 25, 4 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

AHEAD: The era of Leo begins at the start of the week as the sun returns to the area of the sky it calls home. Saturday's conjunction of the sun and Mercury will have an effect on most of the week, as will Jupiter's angle to surprising Uranus. Between Mercury's retrograde and the dynamic of Jupiter and Uranus, there will be a few surprises, shifts of power and unexpected plot twists. All in all, this is an electrically charged passion-play of a week. In some cases, the drama is so heightened that it's hard to take seriously — which is excellent because in most cases it really shouldn't be taken seriously. Have some fun disassociating from who you think you are, and take on a new role and point of view just for laughs. Like a skilled actor in a theatrical presentation, you should be able to explore a part without becoming that character.

The lunar aspects of the early week bring bonding moments Tuesday through Thursday as the moon glides from Libra into Scorpio. Partners work together toward mutual interests, relationships are harmonious, and there will be some thrilling sparks of romantic interests, as

well. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Disney wizard turned mainstream pop star Selena Gomez. In the year Gomez was born, the sun was in both Cancer and Leo. Her exact time and place of birth are needed to know her sign, although with her natal Mercury and Venus in Leo, she has strong Leo qualities regardless of her sun sign. Look for Gomez in next year's horror/ thriller "Aftershock."

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Dear Margo

High School happens

Dear Margo: I am brokenhearted about losing my husband of 25 years. I had no idea he was unhappy and longing for a different life. We're in our early 60s, and we both got laid off. That began

wonderful adventure, but it recently turned very sour. It all started earlier this

year when

he received

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a phone call from an old high-school girlfriend who he said was his first love. Well, now they are renewing their romance.

At the time this woman called, I thought nothing of it because my husband assured me nothing would come of it. Ha! And did I mention that this other woman has been married to the same man for 40 years and is planning to leave him for my husband?

I need advice and cannot afford counseling. I am not religious, so that's not an option. One more thing: My son and his wife are expecting their third child and live across the county from

I am planning to see them in two weeks to help out with their toddlers because my daughter-in-law is due next month. We both have grown children from previous marriages, and I don't think our kids have a clue as to what is going on. — Wrung Out

Dear Wrung: I am really sorry that the high-school flame called and blew up two marriages. This rekindling business is becoming more and more common – not that that makes your situation any easier. As for psychological help, check your insurance policy to see what they will provide. Also, there is useful guidance at www.healthcaresurvivalguide.com for finding free or low-cost counseling services.

I think one bit of good luck is your upcoming trip to be a helpful granny. I hope you stay a good long time, which will give you the chance to be without your husband, but not alone. There is always the chance that Miss First Love from high school will not go through with it, but if your marriage does end, get a good law-

yer to negotiate a fair settlement. I hope your spirits lift. One never knows what is around the corner — or across the country. I am a big believer in changing the scenery. — Margo, alternatively

Dear Margo: My husband and I have been married for several years, have good jobs and a nice home, and are at that age where all of our friends are having babies.

We had planned on having babies, too, but found out that I am infertile. We were devastated at first, but after much prayer and meditation, we came to the realization that it is OK not to have kids. We are happy simply being the loving aunt and uncle.

Problem is, some people knew we were trying, and everyone seems to be asking when we will have kids.

I have dodged the questions by saying we are busy working or having fun, because to say the truth seems deeply personal and, as I found when I told family members, it leads to suggestions about fertility drugs, IVF and adoption: all questions I do not want to discuss.

How do I politely respond to all those nosy people and avoid the follow-up questions? **Dreading Questions**

Dear Dread: I'm guessing you are a new reader, because I have been dealing with some variation of this question for a looong time. I am a great believer in not answering every question that is asked, and also in letting people know that they have overstepped.

The next time someone asks about your reproductive plans, I pass on what writer and critic Renata Adler said to me when I asked an inappropriate question: "We could talk about it Though sometime." sounding courteous, it stings — and proof of this is that I remember it after many years.

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Margo, definitively

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Music review: Dutch metal sensation, Delain

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

I have to be honest, I've never really understood the Dutch.

I mean, their culture, their music, it's all just evaded me, regardless of how much I've tried to research it. I even had a friend in college who was from the Netherlands, and when I could understand him — hey, his accent was pretty thick, so cut me some slack, here — I tried really hard to get a handle on their sense of style.

Then HIM — for the uninitiated, it's an acronym for His Infernal Majesty, a Finnish metal band better known for its "heartagram" shared by skater bad-boy Bam Margera — hit the scene, and I have to admit, I liked the sound. I was intrigued, drawn to the mix of metal and synths, and while I'm sure someone out there is putting pen to paper right now to let me know just how different Finnish metal is from Dutch metal, I'd still like to think it opened the door for me to explore bands outside of the United States.

Which brings us to today's topic, Dutch metal sensation Delain.

Formed in 2002 by vocal phenom Charlotte Wessels and former Within Temptation keyboardist Martijn Westerholt. The band is rounded out with Sander Zoer on drums, Otto Schimmelpenninck van der Oije on bass, Timo Somers handling lead guitar duties and Bas Maas also on guitar when they play live.

Bear in mind, at one point — namely when the band was picked up by Roadrunner records in 2005 — Delain was envisioned to be a project-style band, where the band would stay the same and they would bring in a slew of different vocalists to front them up.

In other words, it was envisioned to be ... lame.

Thank the stars, however, someone, somewhere had the ear and common sense to recognize a true metal siren when they heard it. In a day and age when female metal singers are far and few between — just ask Evanescense lead Amy Lee how much competition she has — Wessels is an incredible breath of fresh air, whether she sings in English or Klingon.

Thank goodness she sings in Eng-

lish, by the way.

Delain recently released their third album, We the Are Others, in U.S. the through Sensory records.

According to Wessels, the title track was inspired by the 2007 hate-crime attack Stubbey-Park,

Bacup, Lancashire, England that claimed the life of Sophie Lancaster, a young girl who was slain for nothing more than her style of dress.

"Sophie's story hit close to home for us, being part of a subculture ourselves, but it's in no way an individual case; people are discriminated against all the time, to the point of violence, based on their cultural or ethnic background everywhere," Wessels said. "'We Are The Others' is our own 'outsiders anthem' for everybody who, deliberately or not, diverts from the norm. Whether it's by looking different, acting different or choosing a different path in life than is expected from you."

Much like the title track, the rest of the album is a step off the beaten path, staying true to the metal roots that got bands like Delain where they are today, but also reaching beyond the obvious and grasping something a bit more tenuous.

The opening track, "Mother Machine," does just that, following a hammering guitar that riffs effortlessly the way a hummingbird dips and dodges, building intricate ideas and thoughts while holding you firmly in your seat. Westerholt's work and influence is also hard to miss, giving the song a very strong hook without overriding it or making it sound like a Casio keyboard-fest.

"Hit Me With Your Best Shot" isn't the likely cover you might think, instead going for a smooth and hookladen ride of its own, while "Where Is the Blood" sneaks up behind you and delivers a delightful punch to the back of the head.

"Where Is the Blood" features the vocal talents of Burton C. Bell of Fear Factory and offers a wonderful comparison of voices with Wessels. His

ability to level his growls much like a chrome-laden .357 Magnum set against Wessels soaring vocals only drives the theme of the song higher, leaving the listener begging for more, even as the last note fades away.

However, where Dealin really lets their talents shine is with "Get the Devil Out of Me," a song which truly showcases each of the musicians talents at their best. Both lyrically and musically challenging, I can't help but think this song will haunt each of them when they head into the studio to record their next album, setting the bar at an incredibly high level.

Granted, I may not understand the Dutch any better after listening to We Are the Others, and I may not be ready to

dance around the Easter fires or celebrate the feast of Sint Maarten, but one thing is for certain ... this album is a solid winner and well worth the

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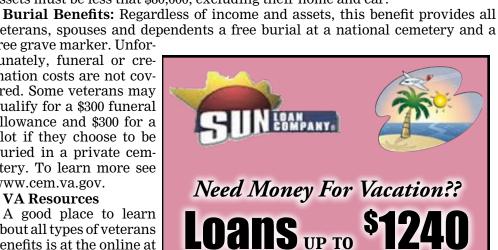
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