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The 9/11 ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11

in Big Spring Mall in front of the yellow ribbons. The cer-

emony will focus on those who lost their lives in the 9/11

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the

"This year, we will be having a major general who has

had boots on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan as our

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext.

For more information, call Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

with the increased success each year, I realize I have to,"

der the direction of veteran MikeTarpley.

attacks, but also honor local fallen heroes.

DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the event this year.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to approve a budget and tax rate for the coming fiscal year when they hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

say, is very similar to the previous package, with the obvious exception being that millions of dollars in construction bond money

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

Tarpley said.

has been spent. Construction

resulting from the \$60 million bond, approved by voters in 2010. is expected to wrap up by early next year.

Minus bond money, trustees are expected to approve \$31.5 million in expenditures for the coming fiscal



By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council is faced with a tough fiscal decision in the coming weeks, as the municipality will have to choose between going more than 2 cents above the proposed tax rate or find a way to make up for more than \$130,000 in lost revenue.

The proposed tax rate for he coming year — the rate published by the city and certified by the Howard County Appraisal District — is 86.5043 cents per \$100 property valuation, council members were told Tuesday.

However, due to a mistake made by the appraisal dis-

"It's important for the community to know if we go with the 88.8275 cents, even though it

Members of the Big Spring City Council discuss the proposed 2012-2013 tax rate and bud-

was published at 86.5043 cents, we are not misleading them."

Duncan

values of property appraisals currently being protested, the rate that would bring in the same amount of tax revenue collected last year — known as the effective rate — is now

cents per \$100 property valu-

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

ation. According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the mistake will cause an estimated \$134,694 shortfall in the

proposed 2012-2013 budget. "Every year, the chief appraiser certifies the values which have been fully appraised and includes with that a list of items which are being protested," Walker said. "The problem we've run into is the tax code states those values should be included at the prior year's value because they have not gone before the review board. These (protested appraisals) are actually list-

ed at the current value, the

234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com trict in accounting for the being estimated at 88.8275 See COUNCIL, Page 3 Friday brings opportunity to lace up your running shoes

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

it's the last opportunity of the year to take part in the Moonlight Rave Run atop Scenic Mountain. Friday's run will begin at

guest speaker," Tarpley said.

11:55 p.m., with gates closing to the park at 11:30 p.m.

"With each race, we have continued to draw more and more participation," State Park Manager Ron Alton said. "These races are doing well to bring in people to our

community."

The third race, held Aug. 3, brought in 74 participants with most being from out of town, according to Alton. Registration for the final

race is \$20 per person with a \$5 discount for those who

wear their Moonlight Rave Run shirt. Registration will take place from 10 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. "We want to encourage ev-

eryone, including families, to come out and take part, but we want to remind everyone

that the gates will close at 11:30 p.m. for the safety of our runners," Alton said.

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By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Howard County commis-

sioners voted Monday to rescind the countywide burn ban in hopes of giving local farmers and property owners a chance to clear dangerous brush and mesquite trees before the first freeze of the

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, recent rains have brought the level of fire risk down dramatically. "We're in the best shape

right now we've seen in about seven years," Sullivan said. "The recent rainfall has helped bring the wildfire dan-

ger down to the lowest point

we've seen in a very long

time.

Commissioners lift county burn ban

"Many area farmers and land owners have fields they need to burn off and I discussed it with the county commissioners, who agreed now would be the best time to get these things done. Lifting the burn ban will give them a chance to take care of their business and prepare for the coming winter season."

Sullivan said dry brush and other dead vegetation in local fields — as well as mesquite trees which have been cleared from properties may not pose much of a risk now, thanks to the rain, however, they will as soon as the weather turns cold. "As soon as the first freeze

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Obituaries

Barbara Jean Vieira



Former Big Spring resident Barbara Jean Vieira, 77, of Weatherford, affectionately known as Grandma and Gigi, was granted her last wish — to join her husband in their mansion in the skies Aug. 27, 2012. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park

with Pastor Ron Liles officiating.

Barbara was born to Grady and Mary Gardner on July 3, 1935, in Birmingham, Ala. She had a passion for cooking, traveling, gardening and playing Bingo. Barbara was a lifetime member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's International Bowling Congress. She worked for the Bowla-Rama for many years. Her two favorite sports teams were the Atlanta Braves and her Dallas Cow-

Barbara married Adelino "Rocky" Vieira on Jan. 4, 1953, in Pascagoula, Miss. They shared a love like no other for 54 years before he passed Oct. 27,

2007. In this union, she was blessed with her children: Kathy Robertson and her husband George, Thresa Russell and her husband Kelly, and Tony Vieira, all of Weatherford, Texas, Mark Vieira of Huevtown, Ala., Michelle Griffith and her husband Don of Greenfield, Ind., Monalisa Ake and her husband Donny of Portales, N.M., and Todd Gardner of Springtown, Texas; 15 grandchildren: Joshua and Rebekah Robertson, Stephanie Hunt, Jacob Paul Fincher, Michael and Joseph Vieira, Kimberly, James and Logan Vieira, Patrick and Christopher Walter, Haleigh Bird, Devin Carruth, Chris and Cody Russell; and 17 great-grandchildren, with twins on the way.

In addition to her children, she is survived by two brothers, Michael and Robert Gardner; and three sisters, Patricia Sprouse, Geri Smith and Debra Leber, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Sandra Bowers and Susan Renda; and her grandchildren, Cherish Roxanne Walter, Matthew Vaughn Robertson and Wade Allen Gardner.

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

Paid obituary

Guadalupe R.

'Lupe' Gonzales Guadalupe R. "Lupe" Gonzales,



86, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services were at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial

She was born Jan. 4, 1926, in Del Rio, Texas to Teodora and Felipe Ramirez. She moved to Big Spring in 1941. She married Carmen Gonzales on Sept. 7, 1948, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 26, 2007. She was a homemaker, but also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as a supervisor for 19 years, and at Scenic Mountain

Medical Center in X-ray for 20 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Beatrice DeLeon and (Maria Gonzalez) of Arlington; two sons, Robert Gonzales of San Antonio, and Carmen Gonzales Jr. and (Elaine) of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Jose Gonzales, two sisters, Lola Ramirez and Frances Carrillo; and four brothers, Felipe Ramirez, Jose Ramirez, Camilo Ramirez and Octaviano Ramirez.

Pallbearers will be Daniel DeLeon, Jr., Eric Gonzales, Robert Gonzales, Jr., Joe Gonzales, Jonathan Gonzales and Frank Ramirez. Honorary pallbearers will be Jojo Gonzales and Octaviano "Nano"

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Police/Sheriff

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

- ARTURO S. YANEZ, 59, of 502 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 24, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, of 3500 W. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 14, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GINA TAYLOR DAVIS, 36, of 2719 Old Airport Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. In the 2100 block of Johnson.

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

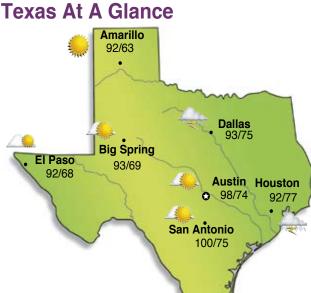
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- GINA MEEKHOF DAVIS, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN RAMON ENRIQUEZ, 26, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.
- ARTURO SOCORRO YANEZ, 59, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Austin	98	74	mst sunny	Longview	82	73	rain
Beaumont	85	77	rain	Lubbock	91	63	sunny
Brownsville	101	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	84	74	rain
Brownwood	96	72	sunny	Midland	93	69	mst suni
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Fort Stockton	91	67	mst sunny	Sweetwater	93	69	sunny
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Chicago	92	66	sunny	Phoenix	100	82	pt sunny
Dallas	93	75	t-storm	San Francisco	66	54	pt sunny
Denver	92	60	pt sunny	Seattle	67	52	pt sunny

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
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new appraised value when it should have been the prior year's (value).' Walker said the certi-

fied taxable value — set by the appraisal district and published as \$540,530,655 — currently includes protested values totaling \$56,959,334. However, the of the protested appraisals, based on 2011 data, should have been \$41,388,584.

According to Walker, the \$15,570,750 difference in protested values would drive up the effective rate to 88.8275 cents per \$100 property valuation.

"We have published the effective rate and the chief appraiser can only certify one time.' Walker said. "I don't believe, through the tax law, he (Howard County Chief Appraiser Ronnie Babcock) has any ability to re-certify or to make a correction.'

Mayor Tommy Duncan said he feels the council has been clear in its desire to adopt the effective rate, but fears the last-minute jump in the tax rate from what was previously published will leave the governmental body with a "black eye."

"The bottom line is we, as a council, have

committed to the community we would shoot for the effective tax rate," Duncan said. "I know you and all of the department heads have beat every bush for every penny in order to get there. However, the effective tax rate that was published in the newspaper and certified is 86.5 cents. And, from what we're being told tonight, there was an error in the calculation and the true effective rate should have been published as 88.82

According to Babcock, he followed procedures used in previous years and that was what caused the miscalcula-

"Essentially, what we did was followed a past year's procedures and, come to find out, that's not correct," Babcock told the council. "We filled out the forms this year just like they have been done in the past, and because of the high amount of volume of protests this year, it made a difference."

Although the certified effective rate cannot be changed, both Babcock and County Tax Assessor and Collector Kathy Sayles agreed the rate would have been approximately 88.8275 cents if the error had not been made.

"It's important for the community to know if we go with the 88.8275

cents, even though it was published at 86.5043 cents, we are not misleading them," Duncan said. "We are targeting the true effective rate. That's our goal, to collect the same amount of (tax revenue) this year as we did last year.'

Babcock said the miscalculated value won't effect any of the other taxing entities in Howard County because none of them had such a high rate of protested appraisals. Duncan pointed out he believes none of the other taxing entities were attempting to adopt the effective rate.

"They weren't actually shooting for the effective rate?" Duncan asked Babcock.

"That's correct," Babcock said. "Well, I don't know what they were shooting for.

"Well, at least they haven't indicated they were (pursuing the effective rate)," Duncan said quickly.

According to District 5 Councilman Craig Olson, the other taxing entities in Howard County - which include Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District, Howard County and the Permian Basin Underground District — have gone above the effective rate.

understanding is the other three entities have gone above the effective rate," Olson said. "So this is going to be a moot point to them. They couldn't care less. I think it's us who are going to get the black eye."

District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan said even though attempts will be made to explain the situation to area taxpayers, he's still very worried about how the matter will "play out."

"We have been very adamant in all we have been saying up to this point that we are not going to go above the effective tax rate," Carrigan said. "Even if we put out an announcement, I'm very concerned with how that is going to play. We've made a big thing about not going above the tax rate and I'm very concerned with us going back now and changing that."

Unfortunately, even if the city council decides to take an estimated \$134,694 loss, the hemorrhaging of city funds won't end with the coming year.

"Whatever rate we adopt this year will impact the rate we adopt next year," Walker said. "So, if we go with the 86.5 cents, it's actually below our true effective rate and we're stuck with that again next year. If we try to maintain the effective rate over an extended period of time ... we will be lowering our effective rate next year, then again

the next year and every year after that."

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the municipal administration would "sharpen their pencils" and look at additional ways to cut the proposed budget to cover for the loss.

"This is a council deci-

sion. We're financially in the shape where we could make that adjustment, if we need to,' Fuqua said. "However, Peggy (Walker) is right, we need to consider this will change it (the effective tax rate) for the future. It's not a one-time \$135,000, we'll be giving that up every year because it will reset our effective tax rate for next year."

Duncan said the council will hold a second public hearing on the tax rate during its first meeting in September and instructed the council members to consider what avenue they want to take.

Also during the meeting, the council passed on the first reading of ordinances adopting the 2012-2013 tax rate and proposed budget. The council also approved an agreement with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. for the wastewater and water treatment plant bond project.

The council is expected to hold its next meeting Sept. 11.

some relief for area taxpayers despite being higher than the effective rate, according to

"Because of the increase in mineral values, most taxpayers will see a decrease in their tax bill for the coming year," said. "It all depends on their valuation and how much it may or may not have changed since last

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of the season hits, we're going to be right back in bad shape as far as wildfires are concerned,' Sullivan said. "All of the vegetation that has grown up will die and become an abundant source of fuel. That's why we want to go ahead and get as much of that stuff cleared out now as possible, so we won't have to deal with those neids and large plies of mesquite trees when everything kicks back up."

Sullivan said he and his firefighters already know the winter months are going to bring major wildfire risks, however, they are ready to fight back.

"We know it's coming. We accept that," Sullivan said. "These past few months of slower wildfire activity have given us a chance to get ready, however. All of our equipment is up and running and our firefighters have had a chance to rest up. The between difference fighting fires 30 to 40 minutes at a time, as opposed to two or three days at a time, is huge, not just for the men but for the equipment, as well. When the coming wildfire season kicks up, it will be game-on for us."

Also during Monday's meeting, the court held a budget workshop to continue fiscal preparations for 2012-2013.

County Auditor Jack-

ie Olson said the effective tax rate — the rate which would bring in the same levy as last year - is 30.9221 centsper \$100 valuation. The rollback rate, which is comprised of the effective rate plus an 8 percent increase in the levy, has been calculated at 33.1460 cents per \$100 valuation.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the court currently plans to adopt the rollback rate to support the 2012-2013 budget, which includes an aggressive plan to repair county roads which have been damaged by the heavy increase in oilfield traffic.

"The damage to our county roads ... has been tremendous and it's getting worse every

all, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right now. What we're hoping to do is be able to spend approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year to try to make repairs. This isn't something we're going to be able to fix all at one time, obviously."

day," Barr said. "Over-

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BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said most of the increase will be accounted for in salaries — all district personnel will receive a 3 percent raise from the midpoint of their pay grade — and equipment purchases for the district's new elementary campuses. Including bond mon-

ey, district expenditures will total \$36.1 million this coming fiscal year. Green said. The new tax rate —

\$1.36 per \$100 property valuation — is 8 cents lower than the previous fiscal year, largely because of decreased debt service obligations, Green said. "Last year, we were

conservative in formulating what we expected from valuations and tax collections ... and we brought in more revenue than we anticipated," Green said.

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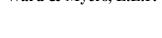
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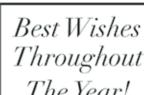
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I'm "tawkin" Texas now: "Don't Mess with Texas: The Story Behind the Legend" (363.705 MCC T) by Tim McClure and Roy Spence. They were the wunderkids who brought the whole "Don't Mess with Texas" into the most successful antilitter campaign. Tim was a speaker in San Antonio and I was privileged to hear some of the ads as recorded and to hear how they were formulated and chosen. A super, super book for any true-blue, deep dyed Texan. Football season is

about to start, so get warmed up by thumbing through "Rites of Autumn: The Story of College Football" (796.332 WHI R) by Richard Whittingham. Full of great photos and prose, really a treat to read and enjoy. Don't forget "Pigskin Pulpit: A Social History of Texas High School Football Coaches' (796.332 CAS T) by Ty Cashion; Cashion opens the Texas high school coaching profession to historical scrutiny for the first time, examining this breed of men who shaped the game — and generations of players — in their own images. Tracing the development of the game and the coaching profession from its beginnings to today, author Ty Cashion explains how this avocation

wove itself so tightly into the fabric of Texas culture.

We also have a great picture book on Texas high school football fields: "Home Field: Texas High School Football Stadiums from Alice to Zephyr" (796.332 WIL J); photographed by Jeff Wilson and edited by Bobby Hawthorne. It is a great book and even though we have had it awhile, I still like to go back and flip through the pages.

Another Texas treasure is Liz Carpenter. She was a speechwriter for Lyndon Baines Johnson, press secretary to Mrs. Johnson and a superb raconteur of stories. "Start with a Laugh" (808.51 CAR L) will get you going when you have to speak to any size group. There are suggestions for structuring the speech, opening gambits and much more. As an added bonus, the texts of many of her speeches are also included. A super, super good book.

At the age of 37, Julia Fox Garrison suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage that left

her with a physically devastated body and more spiritual resolve than she'd ever had in her life. "Don't Leave Me this Way" (3623.196 GAR J) is the story of her recovery after suffering a stroke. She overcame obstacles that would have killed lesser spirits and refused to accept the diagnosis of total paralysis for the rest of her life. She does walk again. Inspirational is too weak a word to describe Garrison's memoir.

Some mysteries have appeared magically in my office. This is what appeared: "Desert Blood: The Juarez Murder" by Alicia Gaspar de Alba. Taken somewhat from the El Paso newspapers, it is the story of young women whose bodies are found in the desert out and around El Paso (Franklin Co.) Another thriller from James Grippando is "Lying with Strangers." I am not familiar with these two authors, Rebecca Stott who wrote "Ghostwalk" and Kathryn R. Wall's "Sanctuary Hill." And this one has

had a long reserve list: "Lean Mean Thirteen" by Janet Evanovich. If you like listening to books on tape or CD, we have received Dorothy Sayer's "Gaudy Night" (AUFSAYD). Mick Brown has

written a thoughtful

and stylish biography of Phil Spector. "Tearing down the Wall of Sound: The Rise and Fall of Phil Spector" (B SPE P). Mick manages to cram the book with myriad facts, while never seeming to make it information heavy, but he also never loses sight of his subject. Unlike many biographers, Mick places Spector within the broad sweep of his life and times while simultaneously showing him to be a three dimensional character. From the earliest pages, Spector becomes more than just a name, a reputation and a myth — he becomes a real person. This book will standout for many years to come as one of the single best biographies about a musician, or for that matter a man or woman from whatever walk of life. This review is taken from Amazon.com; I have not

read the book. Several large print

books have come in. Fun and light-hearted, "Blessings of Mossy Creek" (LP F BEL B) is a collection of stories that are all based on people who live in Mossy Creek, a nosy little town in Georgia. Sara Rosett has written "Moving is Murder" (LP M ROS S). Ellie Avery is an Air Force wife who is an expert in moving wherever her husband is stationed. She discovers the neighborhood's activist, Cass, dead on the side of the road. Is it an accident or murder? El

lie decides to find out. There are lots more to be found here at your library. Come and explore new worlds. Story time will begin Sept. 5 (a very special day) at 10:15 a.m. upstairs in the children's area; the Friends of the Library are sorting books in preparation for the book sale in September and we always like to have people enjoy the cool of the library read ing the newspapers or reading books in the

Come on down to the Library.

reading area.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

FTC: 'Your Baby Can Read' ads deceptive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many babies at 9 months old are just starting to stand up. Some take their first steps. But, reading? At 9 months? Really?

The agency has filed a complaint against the man behind the "Your Baby Can Read" program, Robert Titzer. The FTC accuses him of false and deceptive advertising for promoting his program in ads and product packaging as a tool to teach infants as young as nine months to read.

bination of videos, flash cards and pop-up books and was advertised extensively on television, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. It cost about \$200 and was sold nationwide at retails stores, including Walmart and Babies R Us.

The company Your Baby Can and its president and chief executive until March 2010, Hugh Penton Jr., also were named in the complaint. Both have agreed to settle the charges, the FTC said. The settlement imposes a \$185 million judgment — equal to the company's gross sales since 2008 — but most of it would be suspended due to the company's failing financial condition.

The company, based in Carlsbad, Calif., announced earlier this year that it was going out of business. It cited the high cost of fighting complaints alleging that its ads were false.

Titzer, an educator with a doctorate in human performance from Indiana University, developed the program and appeared in many of the ads promoting the Your Baby Can Read videos and program. He was billed as a "recognized expert in infant learning."

According to the FTC, Titzer and the company said they had studies to back up their claims. But the agency says those studies were flawed.

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Q: I've heard that intense cycling can elevate PSA levels. If that's true, does that mean cycling puts prostate health at

A: Men, particularly those with a history of prostate issues, may be concerned about rumors that bicycle riding elevates blood levels of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a marker for prostate cancer. It's true that rigorous cycling, bicycle saddle pressure, and active pelvic mus-

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cles squeezing the prostate gland, may cause a temporary increase in PSA levels in some men, but this is not something all men should expect from cycling. When it does occur, it does not

mean cycling is putting prostate health at risk; it is simply a factor that doctors need to consider when they interpret PSA test results.

The prostate specific antigen (PSA)

test measures blood levels of PSA, a protein made by the prostate. The higher a man's PSA level, the more likely it is that prostate cancer is present. However, PSA may also be elevated in non-cancerous conditions, such as infection, prostatitis and benign prostatic enlargement (known as BPH). Like cycling, prostate manipula-

tion during manual exams or medical procedures and recent ejaculation may have a similar temporary effect. The National Cancer Institute advises men, especially those over the age of 50, or with a history of prostate cancer or elevated PSA, to discuss rising PSA levels with their physician and to make sure their doctor is aware of potential influences such as high-intensity cycling on their PSA test results.

Bicycling, whether indoors or outdoors, is an excellent and enjoyable form of exercise. For men who cycle more than three hours a week on extended rides, more common bicycle saddle-related pressure problems, such as numbness, can often be avoided by adjustments in seat

height, tilt, padding and width, as well as padded cycling shorts.

Q: What is the best approach for dealing with children who are picky eaters?

A: "Picky eating" is common among children. How parents handle it can strongly influence its severity and duration. Fear of trying new foods – called food neophobia — is typical of young children and often peaks from ages 2 to 5, but it can occasionally be an ongoing tenden-

Parents can help children gradually outgrow this fear by continuing to serve a variety of foods and showing that they enjoy these foods. Studies show that parents often give up on introducing a new food after three to five tries; experts recommend a minimum of 8 to 15 tries, and kids may still need to try a food many times before they truly enjoy it. Small portions make new foods less overwhelming.

Some children resist even familiar foods and it seems to be a learned behavior pattern. Children's developmental need for independence often leads to food refusal, and if parents allow a power struggle to devel-

op, picky habits often increase. Child development experts discourage rewarding kids for trying a new food, because this can interfere with their ability to learn to actually like the food.

Instead, experts encourage this division of responsibility: parents and caregivers decide where and when eating will occur and what foods are offered; children decide how much they eat of each offering and do not get to order special requests.

Keep realistic expectations of how much children eat, too. Toddlers' growth rate slows dramatically, and with a stomach only the size of their fist, they don't need a lot at one time. They may eat widely varying amounts from day to day.

Parents need to provide the right environment for eating — removing distractions and teaching children that they cannot get up and down to play during mealtime.

By letting kids choose how much of the food they to eat, they should eventually grow out of food phobias and pickiness.

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Court rejects GOP-drawn voting maps

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Stadiums and hospitals removed from the districts of black congressional members and country clubs newly drawn into those of white incumbents. A lawyer emailing "No bueno" to a Republican staffer about plans that risked leaving a paper trail and jeopardizing the legality of a voting map.

Those were among the evidence a Washington federal court used to determine that Texas Republican lawmakers discriminated against minorities while drawing new political boundaries, throwing out the maps as violations of the Voting Rights Act but likely not in time to affect the November elections.

The decision Tuesday by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia is instead likely to reverberate in 2014, when some Texans could find their congressional and statehouse districts changed for the third time in five years.

The long-awaited ruling was hailed as a sweeping victory

by minority rights groups that sued the state after the Republican-controlled Legislature pushed through new redistricting maps last year. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott called the decision "flawed" and vowed to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Better late than never," said Luis Vera, attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens, one of the groups that sued the state. "It's a hell of a victory." The court concluded that

the maps didn't comply with the federal Voting Rights Act. In a 154-page opinion handed down nearly seven months after a Washington trial, the three-judge panel ruled that state attorneys failed to prove that Texas lawmakers did not draw new congressional and state Senate districts "without discriminatory purpos-

In some cases, the court wrote, black congressional members in Texas had economic drivers such as sporting arenas freshly carved out of their districts, though "no

such surgery" was performed on any belonging to white incumbents.

"Anglo district boundaries were redrawn to include particular country clubs and, in one case, the school belonging to the incumbent's grandchildren," said U.S. Circuit Judge Thomas Griffith, writing the opinion for the panel.

On the state Senate map, the judges said, one email sent to a leading Republican mapmaker indicated that staffers "feared their actions might create the appearance of impropriety" under voting rights laws.

In the email, a lawyer advised "No bueno" to a plan that risked leaving a paper trail showing that some proposed changes were never going to be considered.

The court found no "direct evidence" that discrimination was behind how the maps were drawn — no emails or letters, for instance, that reveal state officials plotting to suppress minority voting. The panel instead looked to circumstantial evidence and

then inferred an intent to discriminate.

Abbott said Tuesday's rul-"extends the Voting Rights Act beyond the limits intended by Congress and beyond the boundaries imposed by the Constitution."

With just two months until Election Day, the fallout from the ruling is unlikely to be felt until new maps are installed for 2014. Instead, voters in Texas this November will use interim political maps drawn last year by a different threejudge panel in San Antonio.

That court is handling the lawsuit filed by minority groups, while the Washington panel took up the separate issue of whether the maps complied with the Voting Rights

Known as seeking "preclearance," Texas and eight other, predominantly Southern states with a history of racial bias must submit their political maps to the U.S. Justice Department for compliance review. State prosecutors, however, sought preclearance through the federal than through the Justice De-

partment. Opponents said the state's strategy of skirting the Jus-

tice Department backfired. Nina Perales, attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said Tuesday's ruling indicates that at least four state House seats, one state Senate seat and at least four congressional seats must be looked at again for 2014.

"It seems that Texas risked and lost more by going to the D.C. court than by going to DOJ," Perales said. "Particularly when you factor in the enormous expense of litigating a redistricting case."

How Texas redrew its political boundaries was watched particularly closely after the state was awarded four additional U.S. House seats because of its booming population. The surge has been driven almost entirely by minorities, who account for more than 87 percent of the population growth in Texas over the last 10 years.

News in brief

Isaac makes landfall in southeast Louisiana NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hurricane Isaac was

beginning to move inland in southeast Louisiana before dawn Wednesday on a slow, drenching slog toward New Orleans seven years to the day after the much stronger Katrina hit the city.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Isaac remained a Category 1 storm with top sustained winds of 80 miles per hour but was expected to weaken over the next 48 hours as it heads north over land. Isaac's center was forecast to pass over Louisiana for two days and head into southern Arkansas early Friday.

Isaac's winds and sheets of rain were whipping through nearly empty streets in New Orleans while in neighboring Mississippi the storm pushed Gulf water over sections of the main beachfront highway that runs the length of the state's shore.

Ryan Bernie, a spokesman for the city of New Orleans, said the storm had caused only some minor street flooding before dawn and felled trees but had left roughly 125,000 customers in the city without

In Mississippi, the main beachfront highway, U.S. 90, was closed in sections by storm surge flooding. At one spot in Biloxi, a foot of water covered the in-town highway for a couple of blocks and it looked like more was coming in. High tide around 9:30 a.m. was likely to bring up more water.

Republicans in full roar, mocking Obama, cheering their man

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Republican National Convention is finally in full-throated roar, cheering presidential nominee Mitt Romney's name at every turn in a long-sought show of unity and mocking the man he is out to defeat in November.

A soft-sided portrayal of the Republican candidate as husband and father, painted by his wife on the stage in a direct appeal to women, combined with a parade of gleeful Obama-bashers Tuesday as the GOP seized its moment after days of worry about the hurricane that simultaneously roared ashore in Louisiana — well out of sight of the gathering, and mostly out of mind for the night.

The convention's keynote speaker, the unpredictable New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, issued a broad indictment of Democrats as "disciples of yesterday's politics" who "whistle a happy tune" while taking the country off a fiscal cliff.

"It's time to end this era of absentee leadership in the Oval Office and send real leaders to the White House," he said. "Mitt Romney will tell us the hard truths we need to hear to put us back on the path to growth and create good-paying private-sector jobs again in America."

Ryan to use VP speech to introduce himself as man with immigrant roots, small-town values

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Paul Ryan wants to talk policy. Mitt Romney's team wants his No. 2 to focus more on his immigrant family and small-town values.

The top of the ticket is certain to win out as the Wisconsin congressman accepts the vice presidential nomination of his party Wednesday night. Ryan will deliver a speech to thousands of delegates at the Republican convention, and millions of viewers watching from home, that will be unlike most Ryan tends to favor. This one is likely to be heavy on personality and lighter on policy.

Ryan's willingness to focus on his personal story and play down policy is the latest example that of him deferring to Romney's preferences. As Ryan puts it, Romney is "the boss." Not the other way

Ryan and his team, a mix of longtime aides and new advisers, have spent a chunk of the past few weeks writing — and re-writing — the speech. Drafts have been emailed from his campaign plane and his kitchen table in Janesville, Wis., to speechwriters in Tampa and top Romney advisers at the Boston headquarters.

"Words matter a lot and I'm putting a lot of effort into them," said Ryan, a former speechwriter to 1996 vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp and former Education Secretary William Bennett.

Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration

account on bin Laden slaving

SEAL book contradicts original

WASHINGTON (AP) — A firsthand account of the Navy SEAL raid that killed Osama bin Laden contradicts previous accounts by administration officials, raising questions as to whether the terror mastermind presented a clear threat when SEALs first fired upon him.

Bin Laden apparently was hit in the head when he looked out of his bedroom door into the top-floor hallway of his compound as SEALs rushed up a narrow stairwell in his direction, according to former Navy SEAL Matt Bissonnette, writing under the pseudonym Mark Owen in "No Easy Day."

Bissonnette says he was directly behind a "point man" going up the stairs. "Less than five steps" from top of the stairs, he heard "suppressed" gunfire: "BOP. BOP." The point man had seen a "man peeking out of the door" on the right side of the hallway.



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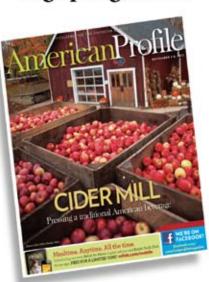
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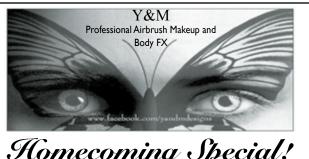
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Darvish strikes out 10, Rangers edge Rays 1-0

(AP) — Yu Darvish finally feels like he's just pitching for the Texas

Forget the outside pressure of trying to impress everybody else. The big right-hander is starting to look again like the star on the mound he was in Japan before coming to the major leagues this

"He was trying to impress a ton of people," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "And I think right now, the only thing he's concerned about is impressing Yu Darvish. And once he does that, he impresses everyone else."

Darvish struck out 10 over seven innings for the AL West-leading Rangers to win a 1-0 pitchers' duel against James Shields and the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

Ian Kinsler homered to give Texas enough against the suddenly sliding Rays, who have lost four straight.

Darvish (13-9) has a majors-best eight 10-strikeRanger with more in a season was Nolan Ryan, the hard-throwing Hall of Famer who is now the team's president and watched from the first row. Ryan had 18 such games in 1989.

"As my manager said, that's exactly what I'm doing right now, is just focusing on pitching, competing against the hitters," Darvish said through his interpreter. "I'm not worried about the outside stuff, or even giving up walks. I'm just pitching right now."

Though he allowed six hits and walked two, and the Rays had runners on base against him each of the first five innings, Darvish never gave in. His only longer scoreless outing for Texas was 81-3 innings against the New York Yankees in April.

"He threw a lot of strikes, threw every pitch in the book I've ever seen," Rays second baseman Ryan Roberts said. "He threw, I don't know 90 miles an hour and it was dropping. I don't know what it was,

ARLINGTON, Texas out games. The only but he was throwing that and everybody was swinging at it in the dirt. And if you lay off of it, he throws the fastball down."

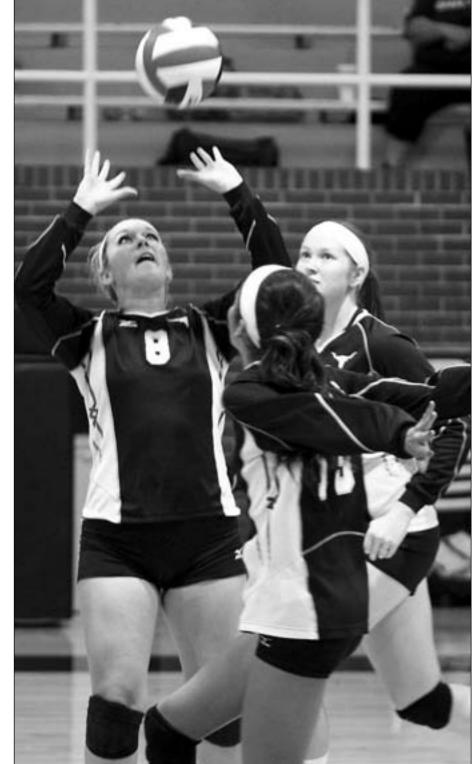
It was the Rays' fourth 1-0 loss this season — all in their last 22 games this month.

Shields (12-8) allowed only three hits over his seven innings, including Kinsler's homer leading off the fourth. The Rays right-hander struck out eight, walked two and hit a batter.

Texas skipped Darvish's scheduled start last Thursday because of tightness in his right quadriceps. But he threw two bullpen sessions since then and showed no ill effects facing the Rays for the first time and throwing 110 pitches.

"I know James Shields is a very good pitcher, and he's been pitching very well," Darvish said. "But I didn't try to think that I was pitching against him or the fact that he was pitching

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton Kinsey Wash sets the ball for game during a game against Grape Creek on Tuesday. The Lady Steers won, improving their record to 10-7 on the season.

Penn State faculty group disputes NCAA sanctions

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former Penn State faculty leaders blasted the NCAA and former FBI director Louis Freeh on Tuesday over their handling of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal, saying Freeh's report — prepared for the university — and the NCAA's \$60 million in fines unfairly punish the entire university commu-

The scholars said Freeh used "scant evidence" to support conclusions that the NCAA then relied upon and embellished to set sanctions that harmed not just the athletic department but Penn State's academics well-being and fi-

"On a foundation of scant evidence, the report adds layers of conjecture and supposition to create a portrait of fault, complicity, and malfeasance that could well be at odds with the truth," said the statement, signed by 29 past chairs of the faculty senate.

Freeh defended his work Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. Addressing specific criticism that his team did not interview Mike McQueary and other key witnesses, Freeh said his team respected requests by state prosecutors to rely on their grand jury testimony. McQueary is the graduate assistant who saw Sandusky, a former assistant football coach, in the shower with a boy in 2001.

"We did not interview him; that was at the request of the attorney general,"

Freeh said. "Some of the people we normally would have interviewed, we were asked by the prosecutors not to

"We stand very strongly behind our report," Freeh said.

His 267-page report concluded that failures of leadership, an intense football culture and an unbending desire to protect the university's reputation all served to enable Sandusky as he molested young boys for years. Sandusky, a longtime defensive coordinator, was convicted in June of abusing 10 boys, some in the locker room showers.

Freeh's findings have come under fire from ousted school president Graham Spanier, the family of late football coach Joe Paterno and the two university officials charged with perjury and failing to report the abuse complaints.

The NCAA sanctions also include a four-year ban on bowl games.

The faculty leaders took special issue with the NCAA, saying it jumped to conclusions in finding the school had a long history of putting football over academics. The former teachers said they had hundreds of years of collective experience at Penn State and had never been asked to change grades for athletes or approve of phantom courses or majors.

"Not only are these assertions about the Penn State culture unproven, but

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Police arrest 3 in assualt on Wisconsin RB Ball

running Wisconsin back Montee Ball were arrested Tuesday, nearly a month after the Heisman Trophy finalist suffered a concussion during an early-morning attack near campus.

Three 21-year-old men from Madison are facing battery charges but haven't been formally charged, according to a police report.

Authorities have said Ball sustained a concussion when he was attacked by several men in Madison on Aug. 1.

Police have said the attack may have been related to an altercation at a house party that Ball attended a few days earlier,

Wis. though detectives say street moved to help (AP) — Three suspects they have no evidence him. accused of assaulting suggesting Ball was Ball had a stellar seainvolved in that fight. The altercation is still being investigated, according to the police report.

Ball, a Heisman finalist last season as a junior, has denied any involvement in the fight and says he hopes to be ready for the season opener.

According to police, Ballwaswalkingdown a street around 2:15 a.m. on Aug. 1 when two friends walking ahead of him turned around and saw him on the ground, surrounded by several men who were kicking him in the head and chest.

The attackers fled when one of his friends and a man across the

son last year, scoring 39 touchdowns to tie Barry Sanders' NCAA record.

He finished the year with 1,923 yards rushing and 2,229 all-purpose yards, second in Wisconsin history only to Ron Dayne's 2,242 yards in 1996. Ball capped the season by rushing for 164 yards and a touchdown in the Badgers' 45-38 loss to Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

He announced days after the bowl game he would return for his senior season after NFL evaluators told him he would have likely been a thirdround pick.

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Tyler Hamilton book set for Sept. release

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tyler Hamilton's tell-all book about Lance Armstrong and doping in cycling will be released two weeks earlier than originally

"The Secret Race: Inside the Hidden World of the Tour de France: Doping, Cover-ups, and Winning at All Costs," is now scheduled for release Sept. 5.

Ballantine Bantam Dell touts the book as the "first deeply detailed window into one of the defining sports stories of our time."

Armstrong said last week he would not pursue arbitration in a case brought by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which stripped his record seven Tour de France titles.

Included in the case was Hamilton's interview with "60 Minutes" claiming he had personal knowledge of Armstrong doping.

Armstrong has steadfastly denied doping but said he was tired of fighting USADA.

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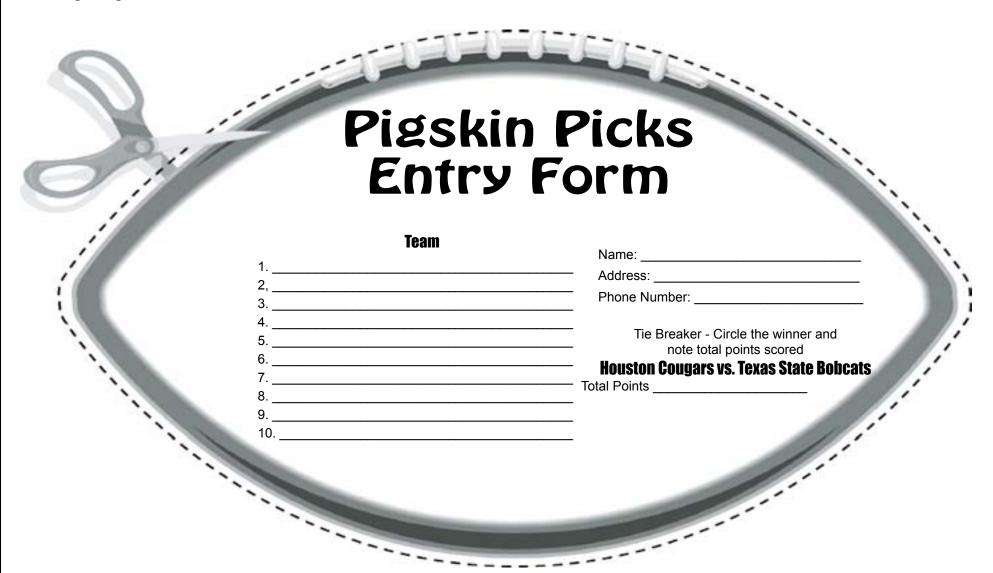


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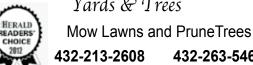
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Considering a breakup? Aquarius moon suggests that you break up with Normal and don't look back. If you're brave enough to follow the advice, you won't even feel the void, as Magical steps right into Normal's place. Warning: Magical is a far less predictable companion. Of course, that's the whole point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your best self is seldom born of a

perfectly comfortable environment. The ideal circumstance may be ideal precisely because rising above



lowered expectations will play a part in today's action. If you feel that you are on a path to nowhere, anything that comes of the journey seems like a bonus.

HOLIDAY

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You wouldn't dare brag about your latest exploits, but if you don't tell people what you've been up to, you'll miss out on future opportunities. You'll be powerfully modest as you express the truth about what you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your life force surges through and into everything you pick up today. Your results shape up in a way that is uniquely you. You can and will keep going until you get to the end of the goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fear keeps you alert better than coffee can. It also plays with your sense of time, helping you experience the power of Your nanoseconds. performance will get a lift because you channel your fear well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll confide in people and let them in on your secrets. A small reworking of the way you talk about yourself and your business will make a huge difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't wait for the universe to go on the field trip of your dreams. The only kind of permission necessary for this one is the kind you can grant yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Extremes won't be Everything necessary.

comes together because you did a little more of what vou wanted to do and a little less of what you didn't want to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Shoes are both functional and symbolic. In light of the meaning and influence that symbols have, might your life be revolutionized by a new pair of shoes? The jury is still out on that one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People who claim to have balance have a very different definition of it from yours. Once you figure out that balance is a myth, you can stop all that stressful striving for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your whole goal is to make other people's lives easier. You'll be considerate and follow instructions, which makes others feel comfortable and around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Think about what you really want so that you can better communicate it to others. The relationships in your life will test you. To pass the test, you have to be specific and clear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 29). Who you are is always changing. You're willing to define yourself differently, and you'll like how this moves you to your evolution. next September, you will change your thinking in regards to money, and your reality will obediently follow. Investments pay in November and May. Cancer and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 49, 3 and 17.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lea Michele has publicly shared her beauty routine, which includes staying vigilantly hydrated and regularly wearing not makeup to let her skin breathe. Being forthcoming such details is with typically Virgo, the sign of discipline health, constant improvement. The "Glee" star was born when the moon was in soulful Cancer and Mercury was in theatrical Leo.

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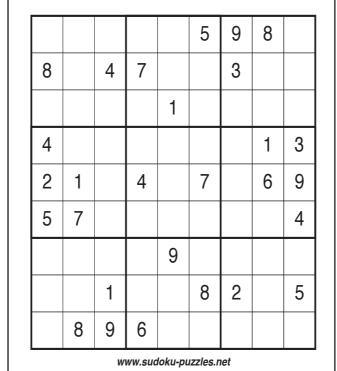
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PET TALK

How to protect horses with the recent increase in West Nile Virus cases

The West Nile Virus cases in humans and horses have been on the rise in 2012, and, according to the CDC, human cases are at their highest levels since West Nile Virus was first detected in the United States in 1999.

Tracy Dr. Norman, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&MCollege University Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) Large Animal Clinic, suggests protecting horses by vaccinating against the disease and taking measures to prevent mosquito bites.

The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes from avian hosts to humans and horses. Both humans and horses are considered "dead-end" hosts of West Nile Virus, which means it is not contagious from horse to horse or horse to human.

If bitten by an infectious mosquito, the virus can multiply in the blood system, cross the blood brain barrier, and infect the brain. There, it can cause inflammation of the brain, interfering with central nervous system functions.

Most horses infected with the virus do not exhibit signs of the disease. For those that do, however, symptoms are similar to other neurologic skills (including loss of coordination asymmetrical weakness, a change in behavior, or drowsiness.

Some horses with West Nile may have a fever early in the disease and show symptoms such as sensitivity to touch and and sound, muscle twitching in the face, muzzle, and neck.

"These typical neurologic signs are not always present in infected horses, sometimes infected horses just appear norses colicky," Norman said. should "You always consult with a veterinarian if you suspect a horse of having West Nile Virus. Confirmation of infection easily diagnosed through a blood test. Then owners and veterinarian can plan a course of treatment."

Norman explained that the main treatment for West Nile is supportive Often care. antiinflammatory drugs (such as Banamine, steroids, and DMSO) and intravenous fluids are used. If the horse is having difficulty balancing, a sling can be used to support the horse as it recovers.

"The idea is to keep the horse healthy so it can fight the virus," Norman

"If the horse is down and cannot get back up on its own, the outlook is pretty bad," Norman said. "The mortality rate for West Nile is about 30 to 40 percent. Many infected horses will survive, but many of those will have residual neurological impairment. Not all horses will regain their previous performance levels."

Norman stressed that vaccines against West Nile are the best way to prevent diseases and can include infection in horses. While impairment of basic motor the vaccine is not 100 percent effective preventing clinical disease. the vaccine can help reduce the severity of the symptoms (because of pre-existing some immunity from the vaccine). Vaccinated horses that do become sick with West Nile Virus are in general less sick, requiring less intensive treatment, are sick for shorter periods of time, and have a better chance at making a full recovery than unvaccinated horses.

> Vaccination against West Virus is recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners as one of the core vaccines that all horses should receive.

Additionally, owners can take steps to reduce the amount of mosquitos around their facilities by eliminating standing water; keeping stalls and pens clean; using equine mosquito repellents, fly sheets, and fly masks; and placing fans inside stalls (mosquitos have difficulty flying in wind).

The vaccines provide year-long coverage, but in some areas like Texas, with long summers and short, mild winters, some veterinarians will give the vaccine twice a year. Norman recommends vaccinating horses that have not yet been vaccinated this year to help protect horses through the fall mosquito months.

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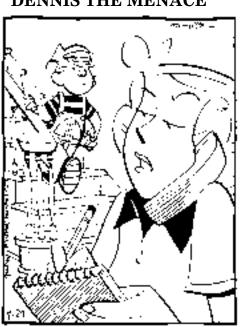
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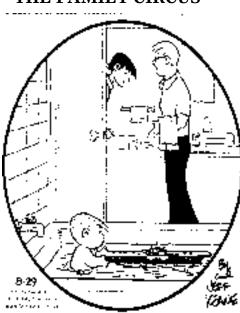
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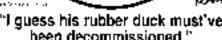
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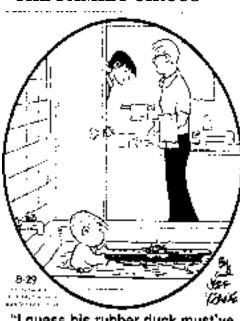
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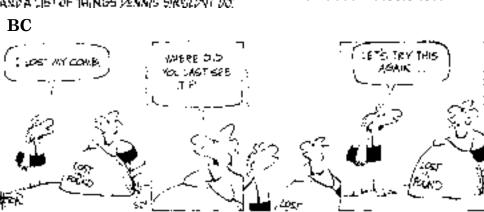
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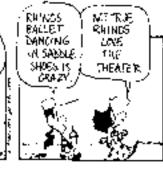
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This Date In History

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History: On Aug. 29, 1952, 4'33" ("Four Thirty-three Minutes. Seconds"), a three-movement

composition by avant-garde composer John Cage, had its premiere in Woodstock, N.Y., as pianist David Tudor sat at a piano and, for a total of four minutes and 33 seconds, played... nothing. (According to Cage, the "music" consisted of the setting's background noises, including the sounds of the increasingly restive audience.)

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa (ah-tuh-WAHL'-puh), was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. In 1862, the Bureau of

Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76. In 1943, responding to a

clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships. In 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the

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capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis. In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Ind.

began covering the United Nations for ABC-TV, becoming network television's first black reporter.

ishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

winning actress Ingrid Bergman died in London on her 67th birthday. In 1987, Academy Award-

winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La., bringing floods that devas-

tated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died. Today's Birthdays: Actordirector Lord Richard Attenborough is 89. Movie director William Friedkin is 77. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 76. Actor Elliott Gould is 74. MoviedirectorJoelSchumacher is 73. Former White House

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Astros blow lead in ninth, lose to Giants 3-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have dropped their last three games by a total of four runs. That doesn't make the mounting losses any easier to take, though.

Their latest close defeat came Tuesday night when pinch-hitter Hector Sanchez delivered a go-ahead single in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants rallied for a 3-2 victory.

"Eventually, it is going to turn," Astros interim manager Tony DeFran- line off Wilton Lopez (5- legs of catcher Buster cesco said. "We have a lot of confidence in the guvs in there. The effort is there. I am watching guys go hard every day. It's sort of frustrating to the manager and coaching staff not to get the

The Giants were down 2-1 entering the ninth. Brandon Belt singled off Wesley Wright to start inning before pinch-hitter Joaquin Arias doubled down the left-field

3) to tie it at 2.

Sanchez completed the rally with his oneout liner to center that scored Arias.

"It's definitely tough, but they are a good team," Houston's Brett Wallace said. played with them tonight."

Houston took the lead on a wild pitch by Matt Cain in the eighth in-

The game was tied 1-all when Jimmy Paredes, in his first game since being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City, drew a walk. Wallace singled before a sacrifice bunt by Jason Castro left runners at second and third.

Then came the wild pitch in the dirt that bounced between the

Posey and off the backstop. Posev went to get the ball and Paredes trotted home ahead of the throw and over a diving Cain to put Houston up 2-1.

Santiago Casilla (5-5) retired the last two batters in the eighth for the win and Sergio Romo threw a perfect ninth for his seventh save. Angel Pagan put San

Francisco up 1-0 when he connected on a home run to right field with two outs in the fifth. Houston evened it up when Fernando Martinez opened the bottom half with a homer to right-center.

The loss dropped De-Francesco to 1-7 and came in front of 13.516 fans — the smallest crowd in the history of Houston's ballpark.

DeFrancesco took over on Aug. 19 after Brad Mills became the first manager in the majors to be fired this season.

Houston starter Bud Norris was lifted in the seventh with a blister on his right middle finger. He retired the first two batters in the inning before falling behind 2-0 to Pagan.

Trainers checked out Norris and chatted with him before he was replaced by Fernando Rodriguez.

"It is kind of aggravating him a little bit, so he is having a tough time commanding his slider," DeFrancesco said. "Going into the sixth inning and the seventh, it is more painful. ... He can handle it, but when

12-vear-old the pain starts beating on him and throbbing, then it's time to come out of the game."

Norris is mired in a career-worst 10-game losing streak and hasn't won since May 21. He allowed six hits and a run with seven strikeouts.

"I just tried to go out there and help my team stay as close as we can and try to win a game," Norris said. "We were ahead late and unfortunately it fell apart."

Cain, who pitched a perfect game against Houston on June 13, allowed six hits and two runs with three walks in 7 1-3 innings.

"I felt good," he said. "I felt like I was able to throw a lot of pitches for strikes anytime I kind of wanted to."

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The signers include former engineering professors Richard G. Cunningham, who led the faculty senate in 1967-68, and Jean Landa Pytel, who led the group in 2010-2011. Neither Paterno nor Spanier were charged in

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the case, although both lost their jobs. Paterno died of lung cancer in January.

Sandusky is awaiting sentencing. Former school vice president Gary Schultz and former athletic director Tim Curley are awaiting trial on the perjury and failure to report charges. They have pleaded not guilty.

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well, or the tie score in the game. I was just focusing on making each pitch."

Joe Nathan struck out all three batters he faced in the ninth to convert his 25th consecutive save opportunity, matching the Rangers team record while wrapping up the team's 10th shutout this season. Nathan has retired the last 14 batters he has faced.

Mike Adams took over for Darvish to start the eighth. With a runner at second, first baseman Mitch Moreland went to his knees while snagging Ben Zobrist's hopper near the line, spun around to his feet and then sprinted to first for the inning-ending out.

Shields, who was 4-0 his previous five starts, faced the minimum through the first three innings. He walked David Murphy leading off the third, but promptly picked him off base.

Kinsler pulled a fullcount pitch into the seats in left to start the fourth, his 16th homer of the season. No other runner got past second base against Shields.

Sam Fuld, who wasn't even in the Rays' starting lineup, had three of their four hits. He took over in right field in the second inning for Matt Joyce, who left the game with a left forearm strain.

Twice in the first five innings, the Rays had their first two hitters on base before struggling slugger Carlos Pena struck out.

After Roberts' oneout infield single in the fourth loaded the bases, Jose Lobaton grounded to Moreland, who started a double play that was completed with Darvish taking the relay throw at first from shortstop Elvis Andrus.

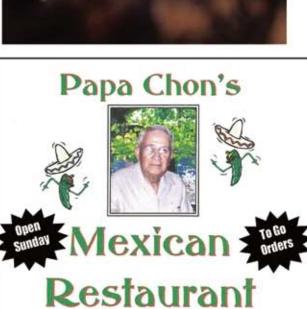
"Yu was searching for the bag, but he did get it," Washington said. "That shows athleticism right there."

Tampa Bay has been held scoreless eight times this season. That includes five shutout losses in August, when the Rays are 16-9 over-

"The pain factor is closer to a 10, when you get shut out 1-0," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "We've had the displeasure of experiencing that often in the recent past, but I know one thing about our guys, we're going to show up tomorrow."

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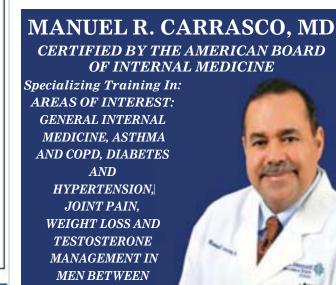
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