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Fire burns local home

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

An early morning fire Tuesday destroyed a Big Spring home and sent a local resident to the hospital.

The fire occurred around 5 a.m. in the 200 block of Hillcrest in west Big Spring, Fire Marshal Carl Condray said.

The fire apparently started in the garage area of the split-level, ranch style home and was discovered by one of the home's occupants as they were leaving for work. The timing of the discovery was extremely crucial in saving the residents' lives, Condray said, because the fire quickly spread and soon engulfed the home.

By the time Big Spring Fire Department units arrived on

the scene minutes later, the fire had spread to all portions of the home, although the residents had managed to escape.

One of the home's occupants was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with respiratory issues. No update on the person's condition was available, Condray said, adding that no BSFD personnel were injured in the incident.

Condray said the fire was contained within an hour, but a crew remained on scene until noon checking for "hot spots."

Five BSFD units were involved in fighting the fire, with assistance from a county volunteer fire department

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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

This home in the 200 block of Hillcrest was destroyed in an early morning fire Tuesday. One person was treated for respiratory difficulties but family members managed to escape.

Man jailed on charges of criminal activity

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Tuesday at a residence in the 2500 block of Dow on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Christopher Bedford, 33, of 2513 Dow, was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity in connection with several reports of forgery and passing counterfeit checks, according to law enforcement records. Bedford is



Bedford

being held at the Howard County Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the search warrant was served after the suspect's brother was apprehended for allegedly trying to pass a counterfeit check.

"Several days ago, Bedford's brother — 31-year-old Daniel Bedford, also of Big Spring — was arrested attempting to pass a counterfeit check believed to have been printed by Christopher Bedford," Everett said. "Bedford is suspected in numerous forgery cases where stolen checks were forged. He is also suspected of printing and cashing phony checks — using real business names on the checks — and printing and passing counterfeit currency."

Everett said the search turned up a number of clues leading investigators back to Bedford.

"The search of the residence produced counterfeit money, as well as equipment used to make phony checks," Everett said. "This is not considered a large operation, but is believed to tie into the methamphetamine trade."

The search warrant was executed at approximately 9 a.m., according to law enforcement records.

"Investigators with the BSPD executed the warrant," Everett said. "The warrant was the result of an investigation into the forging of checks and making of counterfeit U.S. currency. Bedford was arrested as a result of the search and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

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HEALTHWISE

Diabetes seminar

Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker.

Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations.

The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always.

For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.

Speaker Series

Howard College Foundation

Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome," featuring Derrick Tennant as the fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance.

Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks.

For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

Coming soon: Resurfacing, repair of U.S. Highway 87

Herald staff report

In what officials describe as an ongoing effort to improve safety and relieve congestion, the Texas Transportation Commission has approved \$2.2 million for the repair and resurfacing of U.S. Highway 87 in Big Spring.

"As Texas roadways become increasingly crowded, we must find ways to relieve congestion without compromising safety," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Keeping travelers moving safely and efficiently will continue to be an ongoing priority as Texas welcomes nearly 1,000 newcomers each day."

The project will involve spot repairs and resurfacing of U.S. 87 from RM 33 to FM 700 and is expected to take about four months to complete.

"In a state as vast as Texas, it's imperative to not only have reliable roadways connecting our rural and urban citizens, but also to be diligent in designing and maintaining them with safety in mind," said Commissioner Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commission. "Keeping everyone safe on the road is our first priority. We must do everything we can to get the driving public safely to their destinations and home to their families at the end of the day."

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Obituaries

Raymond McKee



Raymond McKee, 81, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters and the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raymond was born June 6, 1932, in Howard County to Veda Mae (Walker) and Lewis McKee. He had been a lifetime resident of Howard County except for 20 years in Salado, where he owned Cowboys Bar BQ. He served in the National Guard. He had worked at Smith & Coleman Oil Company, Pollard

Chevrolet and Farris Pontiac. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

He is survived four daughters: Verlinda Phillips and husband Stanley and Rhonda Hayes, Brenda Canady and husband Clifton of Big Spring and Terra Lawrence and husband James of Tyler; two sons: Rance McKee and wife Cindy of Belton and Preston McKee and wife Gloria of Hobbs, NM; seven sisters: Rachel Shaffer and Neva Shaffer, both of Big Spring, Mary Eggleston of Midland, Sue Whitaker of San Angelo, Karen Murphy and husband John of Odessa, Jennie Shaw and husband Ronald of Smyer and Delores Andrews and husband Ray of Odessa; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Lewis and Veda McKee; one sister: Frances Thomas; a grandson: and a son-in-law: Dr. Robert Hayes.

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

A.G. Martinez

A.G. Martinez, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

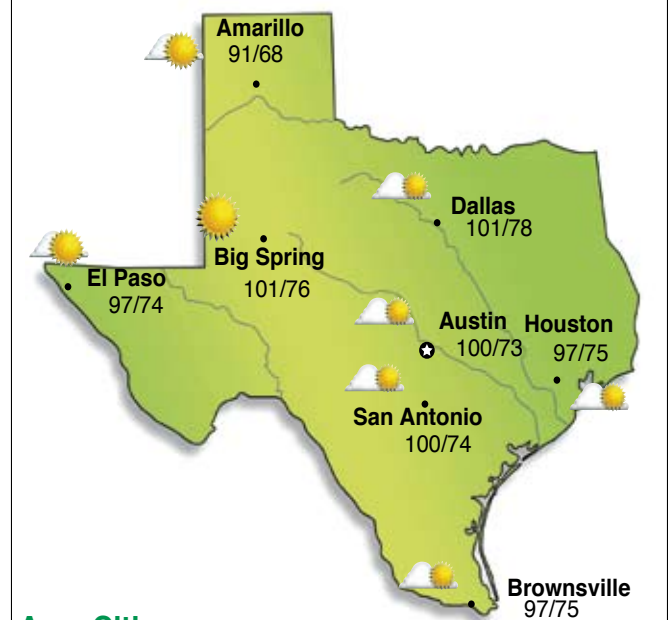
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 8/1	Fri 8/2	Sat 8/3
101/76 Sunny skies. Hot. High 101F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	100/76 Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	102/77 Sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	100	75	sunny	Kingsville	100	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	91	68	mst sunny	Livingston	98	72	pt sunny
Austin	100	73	pt sunny	Longview	98	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	95	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	94	70	mst sunny
Brownsville	97	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	98	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	103	76	sunny	Midland	101	76	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	101	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	99	76	pt sunny	Rosenberg	98	74	pt sunny
Dallas	101	78	pt sunny	San Antonio	100	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	79	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	73	pt sunny
El Paso	97	74	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	76	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	71	sunny	Sweetwater	99	75	mst sunny
Gainesville	98	75	sunny	Tyler	98	76	pt sunny
Greenville	98	75	pt sunny	Weatherford	100	76	sunny
Houston	97	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	74	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	80	57	t-storm
Boston	81	63	mst sunny	New York	82	70	pt sunny
Chicago	80	64	t-storm	Phoenix	105	85	pt sunny
Dallas	101	78	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	52	pt sunny
Denver	86	62	mst sunny	Seattle	81	59	cloudy
Houston	97	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	70	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	61	mst sunny	Washington, DC	84	71	pt sunny
Miami	88	78	pt sunny				

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. July 30, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 30, of 1209 South Monticello was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving without being secured by safety belt, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, expired registration, failure to appear – two counts and a warrant from another agency.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 33, of 2513 Dow was arrested Tuesday on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.
- NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 19, of 703 Lorilla was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- EDWARD BART BELEW, 47, of 401 County Road 300, Garden City, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER, 26, of 13 Riva Ridge was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.
- JORDAN DEBRET AUSTIN, 21, of 131 Jonesboro was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- VIRGINIA HINOJOS MORENO, 49, of 100 Northwest Third Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- DANIELA NOELDA MONGE, 26, of 201 South Carlise, Whiteface, Texas was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN JERRY PICHLA, 41, of 222 Bobby, Leveland, Texas was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34, of 120 Hooser was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for duty on striking fixture or landscaping greater than \$200.
- FORGERY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of Donley.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1900 block of Scurry, 1000 block of North Lamesa Highway and at Cowboys.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1000 block of East 21st Street.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- RODOLFO RICARDO RODRIGUEZ, 24, was booked on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.
- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no seat belt – driver, fail to display or expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear – two counts and displayed expired registration.
- JORDAN DEBRTT AUSTIN, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- VIRGINIA HINOJOS MORENO, 49, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of duty on striking a fixture – highway landscape greater than \$200.
- JOHN PICHLA, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIELA NOELDA MONGE, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• “A Journey to a New Normal,” a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• 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.

THURSDAY

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

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. 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.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the “Green Room” of the East Wing.

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Former MC coach arrested for being an 'Islamist Jihadist'

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Police in Fort Collins, Colo., are alerting religious organizations to a self-described "Islamist jihadist" who said Mormons and Catholics "would be destroyed" in the next two weeks.

They say there's no immediate public danger. The Coloradoan reports former Midland College men's basketball coach Christopher Dewitt Craig was accused of entering a classroom at Eastern Arizona College on July 10, raising a Bible in the air and responding with obscenities after asking the instructor whether he was Mormon.

College spokesman Todd Haynie says a female counselor had a similar encounter. The Greeley Tribune reports University of Northern Colorado spokesman Nate Haas says Craig is a former assistant men's basketball coach for the school.

Craig left the University of Northern Colorado in 2011 to become the head men's basketball coach at Midland College. Craig spent two seasons with the Chaparrals, compiling an overall record of 37-18 during that time.

The Chaps finished 19-8 last season and failed to qualify for the NJCAA Region V Tournament for a second consecutive year. Craig resigned in an email to MC athletics director Forrest Allen on March 21.

The announcement capped off a day in which it appears Craig wrote about end-of-the-world prophecies and other conspiracy theories on his Twitter account and in a personal blog, which contained 31 hand written pages, all dated on March 20.

Haynie says police arrested him, but prosecutors didn't pursue charges. Craig recently was spotted in Steamboat Springs and leaving Rocky Mountain National Park.

Jury: Quarter horse group violating antitrust laws

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The nation's pre-eminent quarter horse association is violating state and federal antitrust laws by banning cloned horses from its prestigious registry, a Texas jury ruled Tuesday in a case being closely watched by breeding groups across the U.S.

Attorneys for two ranchers who sued the American Quarter Horse Association said the verdict doesn't automatically require the group to register cloned horses or their offspring. That step could come at a later hearing, attorney Nancy Stone said. Jurors didn't award any of the \$6 million in damages being sought by the breeders, but Stone said her clients' primary interest was "to get these horses registered."

Association spokesman Tom Persechino said the organization is considering an appeal, adding "it's fair to say we're disappointed in their verdict."

The association is trying hard to safeguard its prestigious registry, which adds financial value to listed animals. Quarter horses, which are usually smaller than thoroughbreds, are bred for short-distance speed.

But the case could also set a precedent because no American breeding groups currently allow cloned horses to be registered.

The two breeders who filed the lawsuit, Texas Panhandle rancher Jason Abraham and Amarillo veterinarian Gregg Veneklasen, argued that the association was operating a monopoly by excluding clones. The lawsuit notes that the group already allowed other non-natural breeding technologies such as artificial insemination.

Historic home in Marathon renovated as hotel

MARATHON — "A gem off the beaten path" — that's how Carol Peterson described the historic Captain Shepard's House, which will be celebrating its grand re-opening this week.

The celebration will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the house, 300 North Avenue D in Marathon. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be reserved by calling 432-386-4205.

Captain Shepard's House is owned by the Gage Hotel, located in Marathon near Big Bend National Park. The house was originally built in 1899 by Captain Albion Shepard, who founded the town of Marathon, and has recently been renovated as a home-turned-hotel. It is now available for overnight stays, weddings, parties and other events.

Friday's grand re-opening will feature a "Permian Basin signature dinner" prepared by Texas "Cowboy Cook" Tom Perini, said Peterson, general manager of the Gage Hotel. The menu includes mesquite smoked peppered beef tenderloin, southern fried catfish, three leaf salad, green chile hominy, sourdough bread, bread pudding and wines from Becker Vineyards, all served in the yard of Captain Shepard's House.

Attendees will be able to tour the two-story seven-room property, which includes a main house and carriage house. Both houses are fully furnished and surrounded by lush gardens and a traditional adobe wall, Peterson said. Each room has its own bathroom. The house also has a screened-in porch, study, dining room, living room and catering kitchen.

Man charged after wife, brother slain

WALL — A West Texas man has been arrested after his estranged wife and her brother were fatally shot and his sister-in-law was wounded.

Tom Green County Sheriff David Jones says Brian Jones Berry of Wall was being held on a murder charge with bond set at \$500,000.

Berry was arrested late Sunday during a traffic stop in Andrews, about 170 miles away, with his 7-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son. An Amber Alert was issued for the youngsters, who were unharmed.

Jones says deputies Sunday night responded to a domestic disturbance at Berry's former home. Jones says 36-year-old Keri Berry of Wall, who lives at the residence, and 31-year-old Brandon Block of San Angelo were fatally shot.

• Spring Creek Fellowship will hold a fundraiser, "We Sent Our Harts to Zambia," Saturday at Big Spring State Park. Pre-registration will guarantee a commemorative T-shirt. Registration and sign in will be at 8 a.m. on top of Scenic Mountain. Entry fee is \$30. Race will begin at 9 a.m. Awards for all participants. Medals for the top three finishers. For more information, contact Shawn Hart at 432-238-0642 or Lauren Hart at 432-213-0790. Proceeds will be used to send the Harts to Zambia.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104.

• Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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Raymond McKee, 81, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

A. G. Martinez, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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FIRE

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unit tanker and heavy equipment from the city utility department.

The home was a "total loss," Condray said, but no other property was damaged.

The fire appeared to be accidental in nature, but an investigation is ongoing.

"From what the resi-

dents told us, the cause of the fire appears to be electrical in nature," Condray said.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Irregardless of what you're thinking...

Have you ever thought about how fantastic it is that we humans possess the ability to have an understanding and appreciation of life in a dimension no other creature, with the possible exception of "Mr. Ed," can?

Self-awareness, intelligence, higher functioning frontal lobe, technology, advanced civilization, the ability to ask questions and many more characteristics scientifically establish the fact that we are a superior species.

The primary reason is the human brain, an amazing and complex organ whose capacities are totally unique to humans. It, along with the spinal cord, is responsible for coordinating and controlling the body's activities, interpreting information from the environment, and is the center of thought and emotion. Yet, the world of knowledge and wisdom the human brain is capable of producing would be relatively useless if we did not have a highly developed system of communicating with each other. We call it talking and it is based largely upon the use of something we define as "words."

Human language is among the most complex of all human behaviors. Its structure is rivaled in complexity only by the intricate precision of the vertebrate eye or by the powerful and masterful design of an eagle's wing.

It has been said to be the one "uniquely human" trait that separates us from all other forms of life within the animal kingdom. Other than the spiritual aspect of the human soul and spirit, I would have to agree with that assessment since many creatures are vastly stronger than a man, and some even show better judgment sometimes when it comes to things like protecting their young, caring for one another, and things of that nature. And yet, man remains at the top of the food chain and maintains an undebatable position of superiority over all other creatures and much of the credit goes to

our possession and use of a verbal language.

I knew a woman years ago who was having major relationship problems with her adult children. Her heart was troubled because they didn't seem to want her advice. As she shared with me the details of how she tried to tell them what they should do, I soon discerned the foundational issue that I felt might be creating the breakdown. She constantly used the phrase they weren't "municating." See, our ability to have successful interpersonal relationships is not predicated upon our ability to "municate," but rather to "co-municate," or communicate as it is properly spelled. As Marvin Gaye would say, it takes two, baby, it takes two.

Communication takes place when multiple creatures speak the same language. From what I understand, that takes place to some degree in most, if not all, animals and creatures either orally or physically. This is where it gets interesting for us homo sapiens. Sure, we can still use body language to let our feelings show, but it's the human language that is under assault from people who, for whatever reason, feel compelled to use words they don't understand, thus effectively ending "co-munication."

Irregardless of what you are thinking, the enormity of this subject bemuses me so much that I must deal with the plethora of terrific and ironic misuses of the language. Oh my, that needs some interpretation, don't you think? Let's take a few of the commonly used words in that sentence and see where it takes us.

First of all, irregardless does not mean what people who use it think it means. Actually, it has no meaning at all because it isn't a real word. "Regardless" already means something isn't worth regard (that's why the "less" is there) so adding the "ir" to it means... it's worth regarding again?

It's one of those words used almost exclusively by people trying to sound smarter than they are. Remind them that when using fake words to at least try to use ones that have some kind of meaning.



EDDY PRINCE

White House briefings:

A former Obama White House press aide is calling for an end to the White House's daily press briefings. "The daily briefing has become a worthless chore for reporters, an embarrassing nuisance to administration staff, and a source of added friction between the two camps," Reid Cherlin wrote in New Republic. "It's time to do the humane, obvious thing and get rid of it altogether."

Amen to that. My complaints about the briefings are different from Cherlin's. I don't think there's enough friction between the camps. As I watched Monday's briefing on streaming video, I spied a number of journalists looking at or typing on their phones. The press corps and White House spokesman seem like an old married couple; one knows what the other is going to say before the other says it.

The press corps doesn't come off well in many exchanges. President Barack Obama met for lunch with Hillary Clinton. America wants to know: What was on the menu? Spokesman Josh Earnest was ready with an answer: grilled chicken, pasta jambalaya and salad.

There's this awful trend in journalism that, in the rush not

to be late, produces

stories that preview what is going to happen. Then when, say, a speech is over, it's already old news, so no one covers it.

So at the briefings, reporters ask: What will the president say?

Then there's the inevitable answer: "I don't want to get ahead of the president's speech tomorrow."

Your average American would want to know why an administration does what it does, yet your average journalist wants to know when. In its first interview with the president since 2010, The New York Times asked the president when he would announce his decision on the Keystone pipeline and when he would name a successor to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

When reporters stray from the usual routine, it doesn't do much good.

On Monday, CBS News correspondent Major Garrett tried to get a yes or no answer as to whether the administration thinks the Egyptian military is responsible for the violence that has left so many dead.

Garrett's tactic enabled Earnest to engage in a typical press secretary dodge — referring to other officials' cryptic statements. Another handy tool: telling reporters to talk to another press secretary in a different department.

Wondering about enormity? People think it means enormous, but what it actually means is "outrageous or heinous on a grand scale." This is one of those words you really don't need to be using anyway, unless you're giving a speech at the U.N. So, in further clarification, war crimes and ethnic genocide are enormities, not a 10,000 square foot house.

Bemused? You may be thinking that means "mildly amused." It actually means "bewildered or confused."

Interestingly, "plethora" once meant "an over-abundance of bodily fluids" so if you heard your doctor say this back in the 1700s, it meant they were about to stick a bunch of leeches on you. Today people use it to mean, "a lot of something" even though its true meaning is an "overabundance or excess; too much of something".

The word "terrific" is used frequently today and it is almost exclusively used in its evolved meaning, which is "wonderful or extremely good". It actually meant "causing terror" back in the day, hence the resulting off-spring words, "terrifying" and "terrible".

Finally, you may think it is ironic that I am addressing the misuse of words in a published article. You'll have to figure that out for yourself based on the true meaning of the word, which is, "An outcome that is the opposite of what you'd expect; using words to convey a meaning that is the opposite of its literal meaning."

Now, I'm guessing you're probably aggravated at yourself for reading this far. But, if you will peruse this matter a little deeper, you won't castigate yourself too much for being anxious and wanting to be recognized as someone who knows how to use a good word when the opportunity presents itself. But then again, maybe you could care less.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Where's the news?

It cannot be good for reporters to just sit there as press secretaries spin and drill the same old talking points without saying anything revealing. As Cherlin wrote, if there were a Hippocratic oath for press secretaries at daily briefings, it would begin "First, make no news."

No problem there; the beat reporters know the rules, including what not to ask. After George Zimmerman and his family received death threats, Gabe Finger, a high-school intern at The Daily Caller, asked press secretary Jay Carney whether the president planned on taking any action to protect the Zimmermans or they were "on their own."

Carney answered that he was not aware of any threats — another favorite dodge in this White House. Then he hit the intern for making a "ridiculous statement." You see, Finger asked a question that a conservative might ask. And to this White House, with this press corps, that is utterly ridiculous.

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Pet Talk: Bringing home babe



When most people think of their ideal pet a certain breed of dog or cat instantly comes to mind. However, for those that love more exotic pets and are willing to put in a little more time and effort a pot-bellied pig can be an ideal choice.

"Pot-bellied pigs, including mini and micro pigs, can make good indoor and outdoor pets," said Philippa Sprake, Clinical Assistant Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM). "Pigs are social animals and each has their own personality." While pigs are unbelievably intelligent and undeniably adorable, as seen here, there are a few things pet-owners should know before bringing little Wilbur home to stay.

The first thing future owners should do is check with their local homeowners association as well as their home's zoning regulations to ensure that pigs can be kept on the property. Pigs can be extremely noisy, especially when adapting to a new environment and the last thing any new pet owner

wants is an angry neighbor or landlord trying to have the pet removed.

"When it comes to deciding on a piglet, it is very important to choose one that is at least 8 weeks old, weaned, and comes from a reputable breeder to ensure that it is healthy," said Sprake. "Also, even though they are called miniature, micro pigs can still grow to around 40 pounds and full size or traditional pot belly pigs can reach 100 pounds or more so it is important to see the parents of the pig you are planning on taking home to evaluate your piglet's potential adult size."

When it comes to training your new pot-bellied pig it is important to remember that pigs can be as intensive a pet as dogs, and as such they need exercise and social interaction or they may develop health and behavioral problems. Pigs can be trained very similarly to dogs using positive reinforcement techniques such as clicker training. They are also highly food motivated so it is important to make sure that their treats are low in calories, such as fresh fruits or vegetables, in order to prevent obesity.

"When it comes to feed, young pigs should be fed a youth

mini-pig feed until they reach around two years of age," said Sprake. "After this they can be fed adult or senior foods which are high in fiber and relatively low calorie to help curb obesity. Pigs should also have access to fresh water at all times, and should never be fed human food as the high salt content can cause salt toxicity."

When it comes to deciding where to place your pig's bedding, the first thing a pet-owner must decide is if they want to keep their new pet inside or out. Regardless, all pigs need access to the outside so they can root, which is an instinctive behavior where the pig digs in the ground with their snout searching for food and obtaining iron from the soil, which is vital to prevent anemia.

"Pigs are sensitive to both hot and cold temperature extremes," said Sprake. "Therefore they need shelter from the sun, wind and rain. If kept outside in Texas, for example, they will need fans to compensate for the hot summer months as well as a kiddie pool or shallow pond to wallow in and cool off. Pigs can also be kept inside as they are easily housetrained or litter-box trained."

Pet pigs, like their livestock counterparts, should be checked regularly by a veterinarian to ensure that they are healthy as possible.

"Pet pigs initially need to be vaccinated to avoid several dis-

ters to prevent behavioral issues, unwanted litters, and other health problems," said Sprake. "Pigs should also be wormed several times a year and need their feet trimmed regularly. The biggest problems veterinarians see in pet pigs usually comes from owners providing an inappropriate diet."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pettalk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu



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Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

There are hands where you'd swear declarer must have peeked at the defenders' cards to have played as well as he did. But in most such cases, declarer's plays are found to be based on nothing more than plain common sense.

Consider this deal where South played in a way that might seem abnormal, but made the contract as a result. He took East's jack of diamonds with the king, led a club to the queen — on which West produced the ten — and returned a club toward his hand. When East followed with the six, declarer finessed the eight and, after it held, quickly collected 10 tricks.

Had South played the clubs less efficiently — that is, had he simply cashed two high clubs in the expectation of a normal 3-2 division in the suit — he would have scored at most eight tricks.

Declarer had good reason to play the clubs as he did. He recognized that he needed only four club tricks to make the contract. This meant he could afford to lose a club trick to West — who could do him no harm if the finesse lost — in order to guard against East's holding four clubs.

South did not really expect the eight of clubs to win the trick — the odds were distinctly against that — but he realized that, win or lose, the deep finesse assured the contract.

Tomorrow: The trump echo.
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Pigs smart as dogs? Activists pose the question

NEW YORK (AP) — There's extensive evidence that pigs are as smart and sociable as dogs. Yet one species is afforded affection and respect; the other faces mass slaughter en route to becoming bacon, ham and pork chops.

Seeking to capitalize on that discrepancy, animal-welfare advocates are launching a campaign called The Someone Project that aims to highlight research depicting pigs, chickens, cows and other farm animals as more intelligent and emotionally complex than commonly believed. The hope is that more people might view these animals with the same empathy that they view dogs, cats, elephants, great apes and dolphins.

"When you ask people

why they eat chickens but not cats, the only thing they can come up with is that they sense cats and dogs are more cognitively sophisticated than then species we eat — and we know this isn't true," said Bruce Friedrich of Farm Sanctuary, the animal-protection and vegan-advocacy organization that is coordinating the new project.

"What it boils down to is people don't know farm animals the way they know dogs or cats," Friedrich said. "We're a nation of animal lovers, and yet the animals we encounter most frequently are the animals we pay people to kill so we can eat them."

The lead scientist for the project is Lori Marino, a lecturer in

psychology at Emory University who has conducted extensive research on the intelligence of whales, dolphins and primates. She plans to review existing scientific literature on farm animals' intelligence, identify areas warranting new research, and prepare reports on her findings that would be circulated worldwide via social media, videos and her personal attendance at scientific conferences.

"I want to make sure this is all taken seriously," Marino said in an interview. "The point is not to rank these animals but to re-educate people about who they are. They are very sophisticated animals."

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Why not check this out ... at the county library

The buzz from the Summer Reading Program has

died down and Donna has slowed down from a dead run to a slow walk! All of our participants walked away with various prizes of backpacks, coupons from What-a-Burger and books, and the first

place winners in the Dig Into Reading group received a MP3/video player.

First place winners in the Dig Into Reading (the kids who read their books) are Keilah Gill with 2,117 minutes and Owen Richardson with 985 minutes of reading. Between the two of them, they read a grand total of nearly 69 hours! Other reading champs are David Summers (422), Raeann Rutledge (420), Olivia Arguello (195) and Trinity Robertson (115).

The second group is

the Read to Me's; these are the little ones who are read to or perhaps are able to read the simpler books. First place winner is Clara Bruer with 2,070 minutes and Ryleigh Pirraglia with 1,370 minutes with a combined total of nearly 58 hours of being read to! Other winners are Jasiah Flores (1,245), Noah Gill (1,180), Jared Garza (1,105), Hailey Gonzales (918), Kanissa Gonzales (918), Nathaniel Flores (830), Alyssa Youngbauer (800), Julianna Summers (518), Ethan Buske (480), Anthony Gonzales (276) and Chelsea Robertson (135). Congratulations to all who participated. We are already planning for next year. In fact, on Monday I received a call about a science bus with hands-on activities that will be stopping in Big Spring and surrounding areas in June and July that we will participate in.

"Always Watching" (F STE C) is pretty chilling. Dr. Nadine Lavoie has tools and desire to help people and she does so in the lockdown ward of a psychiatric hospital. Healing broken families is what she lives for. However, the

saying "physician, heal thyself" applies to Nadine in spades. Her own past has vast chunks of memory missing; and it takes all of her willpower to overcome her claustrophobia and the fact that her daughter Lisa is a runaway and has been on the streets for seven years. When a distraught woman is brought in and disturbing parallels emerge that match Nadine's life, Nadine is forced to confront her traumatic childhood and some terrible events begin to unfold.

I usually don't review our lease books, but this one caught my eye: "Massacre Pond" (RN DOI P) by Paul Doiron is taken from an incident that occurred in Maine in 1999. Nine moose and two deer were wantonly slaughtered in an unorganized township northwest of Moosehead Lake. Called the Soldier-town shootings, it was the worst recorded wildlife crime in Maine's history. For years, game wardens chased countless leads and ID'ed countless suspects, all of whom were exonerated. It remains unsolved today. "Massacre Pond" is that story and is based

very closely upon the actual case file. The author writes that "fiction can reveal deeper truths than reportage, but history demands a corrected record." The story goes like this: Game warden Mike Bowditch is called to a bizarre crime: 10 moose have been bizarrely killed on the estate of Elizabeth Morse, a wealthy animal-rights activist who is buying up large tracts of timberland to create a new national park. What seems like senseless slaughter becomes a murder investigation when a murder is discovered and Mike's investigation becomes a hunt to find the killer.

Here are some new Westerns: From Joseph A. West — it a Ralph Compton novel — comes "Down on Gila River" (LP W WES J). At 10 years of age, cattle driver Sam Sawyer think he can final dust off and retire, maybe open a little eating house. But when he is ambushed by the Apaches and left for dead in Gila River country, he barely makes it to Hannah Stewart's remote ranch. Hannah is in desperate straits. She's been left alone by her husband and victimized by the corrupt sheriff of Lost Mine, Vic Mosely. It seems that Sam might be the answer. Or not.

Bill Brooks' latest western is "The Horses" (LP W BRO B). Jim Glass finds six of his corralled horses with their throats slit. The dusty town of Domingo is being terrorized by a pair of blood-crazed brothers and their

Texas cohorts with ill-will on their minds. Jim Glass isn't going to take it. In "Outlaw Brand" (LP W VAN W) by Williams Vance, the trail-herding town of Haymes knows him as Logan Marlowe and trusts him as the town constable. Other people know him as a member of the Wild Bunch, "just like the couple of owl hooters that was robbing the bank" when he came to Haymes with the intention of going straight. Marlowe foiled the bank robbery and found himself a hero. But it wouldn't be much of a western without gunplay, pretty girls and skullduggery going on.

A gritty city mystery (say that 10 times real fast) is a debut thriller from Stephen Talty, "Black Irish" (M TAL S). A brilliant homicide detective comes home to confront a city's dark demons and her own past while pursuing a brutal serial killer. Abbie Kearney grew up as an outsider both in her family and her hometown of South Buffalo. Struggling to earn the respect and trust of the citizens she's sworn to protect, it is a hard road to travel. When a mangled corpse is found in a local church basement, shockwaves reverberate through the city. A rigid wall of silence is in place against Abbie, until a loosened tongue at the local pub wags. Gossip begins to flow and secrets spill, spilling even into Abbie's family's past. It sounds like a good read.

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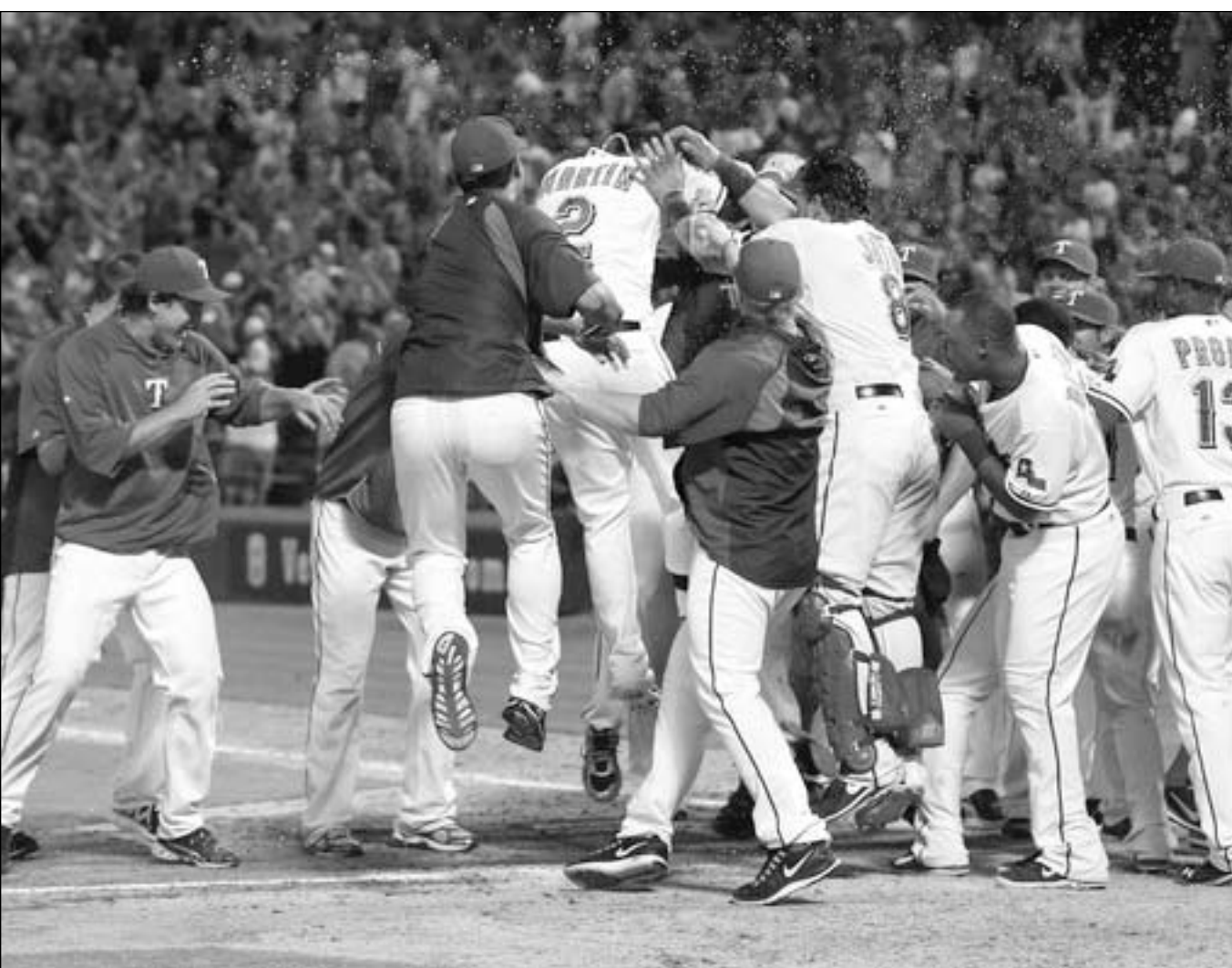
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Rangers walk-off again, top Angels in 10



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Texas' Leonys Martin is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run, walk-off homer in the 10th inning of Tuesday's 14-11 win over the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers leadoff hitter Leonys Martin was just trying to hit a ball over the five players knotted in the infield.

Martin instead knocked it over the wall for a game-ending three-run homer in the 10th inning as Texas, after trailing four times, pulled out a 14-11 victory over the Los Angeles Angels that took nearly five hours Tuesday night.

"This the biggest moment in my whole career so far," said Martin, the former Cuban defector who signed with Texas two years ago. "Last night, I had a dream like that."

His dreamy thoughts came after the Rangers had opened the series against the Angels with another game-ending homer.

Daniel Stange (0-1), making his Angels debut and his first major league appearance since 2010, and his first Mired and Geovany Soto to start the 10th. David Murphy then reached on a fielder's choice before Los Angeles put five players in the infield with only two outfielders.

That alignment didn't matter when Martin sent his sixth homer of the season to the opposite field, barely clearing the 14-foot wall and just inside the left-field foul pole. It was the seventh at-bat in the game for the Texas leadoff hitter, who got more than just a ball to the outfield that would have won the game on the 434th pitch thrown by a combined 14 pitchers.

"He's shown that he can do that. He's hit some doubles down that left field line," manager Ron Washington said. "But the most important thing is he got a pitch up in the zone and he stayed on it."

Closer Joe Nathan (2-1), the sixth Rangers

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Local briefs

Youth Football Association registration open

Crossroads Youth Football Association is holding sign-ups for players and cheer squads at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Flag football (5-7 years), will be \$85 per child; Tackle (8-9 and 10-12 years), will cost \$160; and cheer (K-12 years) will be \$125.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa/

BSHS season tickets on sale now

Steer football fans can now pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center. The books — which can be purchased Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., until Aug. 23 — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Country Club to host low ball tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-person, low ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. The \$100 entry fee (plus cart costs, private carts welcome), includes registration for tourney, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday.

Field will be pre-flighted with handicaps required at entry. Number of flights determined by number of participants.

For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Comanche Trail holding City Championship tourney

Howard County residents holding a membership to the Big Spring Country Club or Comanche Trail Golf Course are invited to play in the 36-hole individual play City Championship tournament Aug. Saturday and Sunday. There will be three divisions: Mens, Senior Mens and Women. Tee Times can be made for Saturday at player convenience, while Sunday will be flighted according to Saturday's scores.

Entry fee is \$40 per person. For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-2366.

Sports physicals due by Monday

If your son or daughter is in grade 7, 9 or 11 and plans to participate in a fall sport, completed physical examination records must be turned in by Monday. The fifth also marks the start of two-a-day practices for most fall sports in the area. Big Spring parents can contact Jim Campbell at 264-3627 for more information.

Over 80 Scramble to be held at C.C.

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting the Over 80 Scramble — meaning the combined age of each two-person team must add up to 80 or more.

A shotgun start will be held each day, with the field flighted by first round score.

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Romo working his way back in practice

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tony Romo didn't look like somebody taking the day off.

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback was going through regular work Tuesday after coach Jason Garrett said he would practice "very lightly" at most on the 10th day of training camp.

Romo hasn't shown any signs of trouble in camp after having a cyst removed from his back in April.

But the procedure led to a mostly idle offseason for his arm and legs, and some intriguing issues the first week of camp.

Garrett hasn't told reporters whether Romo will play in the preseason opener after suggesting to the team's flagship radio station that he would rest. And there are questions about how far behind he was physically

when he came to California.

"I think more than anything just getting back into it, getting the body to start, stop, go, quit, that football entails," Romo said Monday. "It's different from the conditioning aspect of it. So it's been a great week."

Romo was waiting for the Cowboys in California, having gone through a self-described boot camp in the mountains while trying to cram a full offseason of conditioning into about a month and a half.

He said he worked as hard as he could to get ready, and practicing Tuesday when Garrett said it might be a day off was another sign he feels good enough to keep going.

"Football is hard to duplicate an 11-on-11 experience with the exact same tempo and feeling,"

Romo said. "But there are people around you and it's something you need to do. I feel very comfortable right now."

Quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson said Romo decided to practice since it was mostly short-yardage work that wouldn't require as much throwing.

"It wasn't anything that was going to tax him and he just felt like he wanted to get that work," Wilson said. "You like for him to take care of his body, but you like that aggressive mentality with the team of, 'Hey, if they're going to be out there, I want to be out there as well.'"

The 33-year-old downplayed the procedure to remove the cyst even in the report that broke the news, saying he was sitting

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Crash kills Texas A&M lineman, Utah recruit, teen

(AP) — Damontre Moore helped recruit Polo Manukainiu to Texas A&M and remembered the day the two met.

Manukainiu was still in high school, even then a fearsome figure at 6-foot-5 and some 275 pounds. Beneath that mammoth frame, though, was a young man with sweet and caring personality, a huge smile and kind words for everyone fortunate enough to know him.

"He was this huge kid," Moore told The Associated Press in a phone interview from New York Giants training camp. "I'd been in college already for like two years and he was this huge monster who had at least two inches over me and he was so intimidating. And when he talked he was the kindest person in the world. He was like the gentle giant."

Texas A&M said Tuesday that Manukainiu, a 19-year-old redshirt freshman for the Aggies, was among three people killed in a single-car rollover crash in the high desert of northern New Mexico, stunning both schools just days before fall practices begin. Also killed where 18-year-old Utah recruit Gaius "Keio" Vaenuku and 13-year-old Andrew "Lolo" Uhatafe.

The wreck happened Monday evening on U.S. 550 near

Cuba, N.M., about 85 miles north of Albuquerque, as the group of five was returning from Salt Lake City to suburban Dallas, where three of them had ties to prep football power Trinity High School in Eules.

The southbound 2002 Toyota Sequoia drifted off the sagebrush-lined highway, New Mexico State Police spokesman Emmanuel T. Gutierrez said. The driver, 18-year-old Siao Si Salesi Uhatafe Jr. of Eules, over-corrected, causing the vehicle to lose control and roll several times. Alcohol wasn't involved and it appeared the driver was the only one wearing a seatbelt, investigators said.

Manukainiu and Andrew Uhatafe died at the scene after they were ejected from the vehicle, Gutierrez said. Vaenuku was pronounced dead in an ambulance that responded to the accident.

The driver and his father, Salesi Uhatafe, were taken to the San Juan Medical Center in Farmington, N.M., and suffered only minor injuries, authorities said. Siao Si Uhatafe was a stepbrother of Manukainiu and, like Vaenuku, also is a Utah recruit.

Manukainiu played football at Trinity High and was part of the Aggies' 2012 signing class. He was a parks and tourism science major.

Angry responses flood Ohio State after remarks

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Outraged priests. Furious alumni. Offended Roman Catholics.

All were among dozens of people who wrote angry letters and emails to Ohio State University earlier this year over remarks former President Gordon Gee made jabbing Catholics, Notre Dame and Southeastern Conference schools, records show.

Many demanded his resignation or immediate resignation, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press through an open records request.

"The Board should be asking, what would they have done if any other employee of the university made similar remarks about Jews, gays, impaired persons, obese persons, same sex couples or a racially insensitive remark?" Dennis Lyons wrote in a May 31 email. He told the AP in a follow-up email he was satisfied with Gee's retirement.

In Dec. 5 comments to the university Athletic Council, Gee criticized the negotiating tactics of Notre Dame administrators during discussions about joining the Big Ten, saying they weren't good partners. He jokingly said the school's priests were "holy on Sunday and they're holy hell on the rest of the week," and said, to laughter, "you just can't trust those damn Catholics."

On March 11, before the remarks became public, university trustees ordered Gee to begin apologizing for the comments.

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Mars and the 'Easy Way Out'

The arrangement of Mars and Uranus suggests that you to stop searching for the easy way out — it's a myth. The route that looks like the easy way is actually the grubby way that steals your soul or a procrastinator's alley that keeps you too mesmerized to know that you're nowhere close to being "out" and in fact you're deeper "in" than ever.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The 10 minutes you usually spend prioritizing your tasks may not be enough today because you have so many tasks of similar importance to you. Take 30 minutes instead and organize the next three days all at once.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The mean machine of procrastination actively looks for a distraction to keep its cogs whirring. What's really going on is that there's something unknown about your important task that you're afraid of. Get started and fear disappears.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being interesting isn't a problem for you because you are so interested in life, and you follow your curiosity, so you always have something to contribute. You'll lean on this trait today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Did you hear about the teacher who wore the same outfit for his yearbook photo for 40 years in a row? Similarly, you'll be sticking to a formula that works and finding success, as well as notoriety in that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To improve the way things are in your neighborhood, you first have to improve the people who live there, starting with you. Today is the golden moment for this — whatever you do will catch on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have to bring your best self to the tasks of the day — there is no other choice — the challenge of the task demands it. Tonight, you'll need your peace and rest, so arrange for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll wonder if your heartstrings got tied up in your purse strings. Someone yanks on the former and the latter come flying open. Where the need is sincere, you are happy to give.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you think twice, you will either come up with something better to say, or something worse, which could also be better, depending on the context of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't be too proud about which work you take on today. Consider

what your sign mate Margaret Cho said: "The incognito of lower class employment is an effective cloak for any dagger one might wish to hide."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find the task in front of you is worth doing well. If you have a long list and a short amount of time. Speed through each item with a "good enough" attitude. The cumulative effect will be impressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). According to the old Jewish proverb, sweet people get eaten up and bitter ones get spat out. You prefer to stay in between and no one can guess your recipe for success these days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to be in school to learn. You'll be processing recently gathered facts and connecting them to understand how the world works. Extra credit: You'll dream about how it (SET ITAL) should (END ITAL) work, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). You'll take relaxation to the "art form" level and your style brings all the right kind of attention. Bonus: You'll feel young and carefree. Of course, it's the hard work in between that makes it possible. August, December and May are moneymaking times. Family bonds are strengthened in September and November. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 29, 5, 25 and 19.

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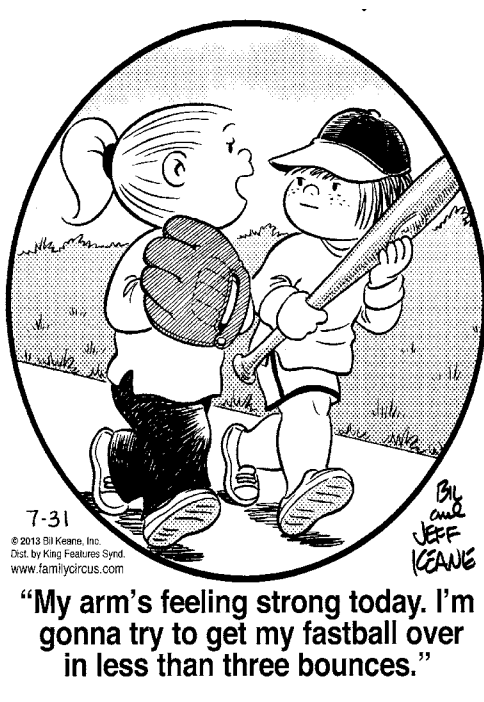
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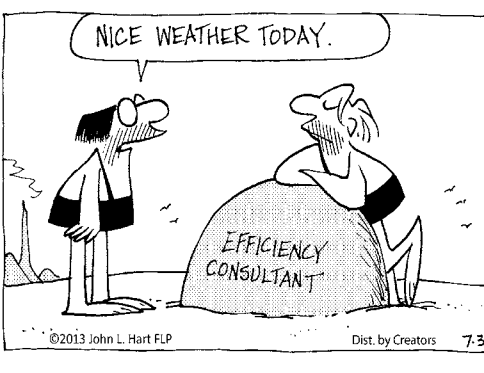
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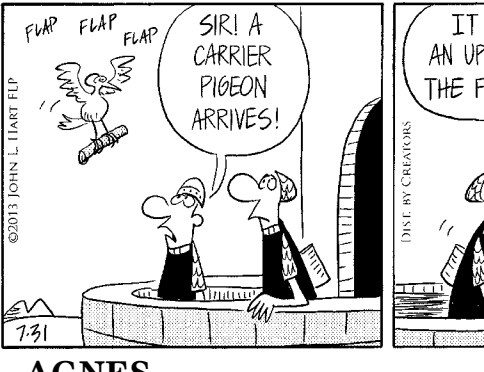
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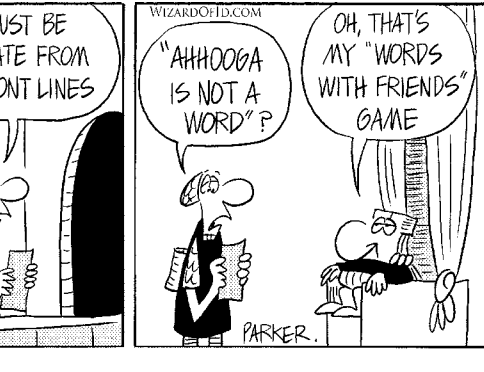
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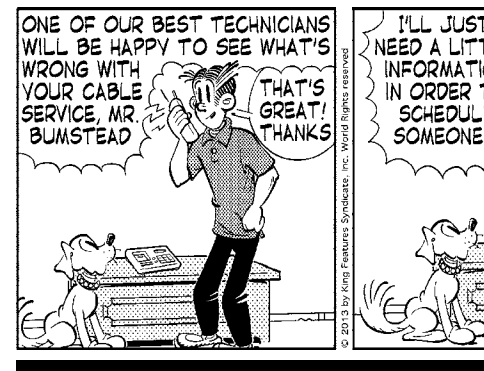
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 31, the 212th day of 2013. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date:

In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, died in Rome.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar (VY'-mahr) Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1930, the radio character "The Shadow" made his debut as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio.

In 1933, the radio series "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," made its debut on CBS radio station WBBM in

Chicago.

In 1942, Oxfam International had its beginnings as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief was founded in England.

In 1953, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, known as "Mr. Republican," died in New York at age 63.

In 1971, Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1973, Delta Air Lines Flight 723, a DC-9, crashed while trying to land at Boston's Logan International Airport, killing all 89 people on board.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

YOU'VE GOT MAIL by Fred Jackson III

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Many Food Network hosts
 - 6 Done laps in the pool
 - 10 Moving-day item
 - 13 Add spice to
 - 14 One of the Three Bears
 - 15 Levelheaded
 - 16 One way to submit your 1040
 - 17 Kids' guessing game
 - 18 Commands respect from
 - 19 Was just fine
 - 22 "Rules __ rules"
 - 23 Conclude one's case
 - 24 Big section in a dictionary
 - 27 Schedule position
 - 30 Tijuana toast
 - 33 Maestro's meter
 - 35 Own
 - 37 Composer Copland
 - 39 Stuff beyond salary
 - 42 Instrument of India
 - 43 Flow slow
 - 44 Shade trees
 - 45 Appointed
 - 47 College session
 - 49 Took a load off
 - 50 Heart of the matter
 - 52 Part of TGIF
 - 54 College sports award
- DOWN**
- 60 Sharp blow
 - 62 "You're a riot!"
 - 63 Swap
 - 64 Make less severe
 - 65 __ go brag
 - 66 Microwaved, slangily
 - 67 Lots at some auctions
 - 68 Social station
 - 69 Solemn assents
 - 7 Barbecue rod
 - 7 Get ready to dine
 - 8 Bunk-bed option
 - 9 Possibilities
 - 10 Weep and wail
 - 11 Valedictorian's rank
 - 12 Crosses off
 - 15 Utah claim to fame
 - 20 New __, India
 - 21 Author Asimov
 - 24 Dwindles
 - 25 Greet and seat
 - 26 Annual wish-list recipient
 - 28 Stable staple
 - 29 Motel room amenity
 - 31 Europe/Asia boundary
 - 32 Church doctrine
 - 34 Person on your side
 - 36 Dueling sword
 - 38 Home on a branch
 - 40 Less restricted
 - 41 Earth Day month
 - 46 Flying reindeer
 - 48 Ital. volcano
 - 51 Wonder Woman topper
 - 53 Brush strings
 - 54 Widespread
 - 55 Water down
 - 56 Pull hard
 - 57 Commandeer
 - 58 Blissful place
 - 59 Cherry and ruby
 - 60 "Blue" water
 - 61 All-out conflict



RANGERS

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pitcher, worked around a leadoff walk in the 10th for a scoreless inning.

It was the second night in a row the Rangers had a game-ending homer — the first time they've done that since 1981.

Before this series, the Rangers were swept in three games at Cleveland and had been shut out in three of four games. Washington held a 40-minute closed-door meeting after the finale against the Indians, and said afterward that his team seemed like it was sleepwalking.

Now, they're walking on air.

"It wasn't a meeting where I went up there

and chewed butt. It was a meeting where I had to get them to understand what our purpose is, and what their purpose is, and what they're capable of doing. And how to go about doing it. And everybody had a part in it," Washington said. "They committed themselves to each other to try to finish as strong as we possibly can. We have two games that were very exciting."

Texas has consecutive victories for the first time in three weeks after scoring in each of the last four innings. The Rangers also gained ground on AL West-leading Oakland for the first time since June 27 — a span of 33 days. The Athletics lost 5-0 at home against Toronto, a West Coast game that ended before this one did

after 4 hours, 46 minutes and just before midnight.

Texas, which won the series opener Monday when A.J. Pierzynski and Geovany Soto homered in the ninth off Angels closer Ernesto Frieri, forced extra innings Tuesday after Ian Kinsler drew a two-out walk in the ninth against Frieri. Kinsler then stole second base and scored on Adrian Beltre's single to make it 11-all.

The Angels had their biggest lead, 11-7, after a four-run eighth when Erick Aybar's grounder easily scored pinch-runner Kole Calhoun for an 8-7 lead.

J.B. Shuck stopped in the middle of the baseline to avoid being tagged by second baseman Ian Kinsler, and then got out

of a rundown when the fifth relay throw wasn't caught by pitcher Tanner Scheppers, an error that allowed him to get back to first. Howie Kendrick then added a two-run single, his 1,000th career hit, before Hamilton's RBI single.

Soto got the Rangers within 11-10 with his three-run homer in the eighth, that ball landing not far from where he hit his game-ending homer Monday night.

Every Texas starter had a hit off C.J. Wilson, who allowed six runs and a season-high 11 hits while throwing 109 pitches in four innings against his former team. Los Angeles trailed 6-3 after the left-hander threw his last pitch. He struck out six and walked three.

ROMO

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out offseason workouts mostly for precautionary reasons and not ruling out a return for the June minicamp.

He was cleared for full activity only about a week before the minicamp, and Garrett acknowledged last week that Romo "wasn't quite himself" at the start of camp. But Garrett did say he was progressing.

"I think his feet are much better now," Garrett said Tuesday. "I think he's moving more naturally and instinctively each and every day. And,

again, that happens with everybody when you start playing football again each year. But it was noticeable to me that he was improving each and every day."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones doesn't sound worried four months after giving Romo the richest contract in franchise history — a six-year, \$108 million contract with \$55 million guaranteed, or \$3 million more than Super Bowl winner Joe Flacco got from Baltimore.

"I'm not seeing any differences," Jones said. "I see him playing into shape, he looks a little more comfortable."

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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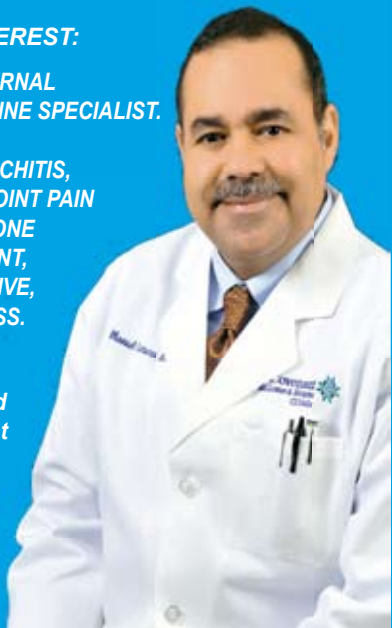
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