

Organizers expect 30K+ for Funtastic Fourth

By AMANDA ELSTON Managing Editor

For those looking to kick off the July 4 holiday a bit early, the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association (DRA) has quite the party planned this weekend. With the official schedules and lineups in place, the Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth will kick off Friday evening

and will go into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

With after parties planned for Friday and Saturday night, along with crowds expecting to exceed 30,000, the 2016 run of the event promises to be the biggest yet.

"We have been planning all year and we are just so proud

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A salute to Vietnam vets



L-L-S ceremony honors those who served in SE Asia

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring VAMC presented special 50th anniversary Vietnam War commemorative lapel pins to residents of Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Nursing Home who were veterans of that conflict Wednesday morning.

"This is such a special recognition," said Kalautie S. JangDhari, interim director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, to the group of residents gathered in the dinning room of the nursing home. "You didn't get that rightful welcome back, and we want to make sure that every time and every chance we can, we want to give you that from now on."

The pins are part of a national initiative by the Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize the men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War

era, Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

The nursing home staff held a small parade for the residents before the official ceremony. Officials visited Vietnam veteran residents, who were unable to attend the official ceremony, in their rooms to present them their pins.

In May, the Big Spring VAMC held a community wide Welcome Back ceremony to honor Vietnam veterans and present them with the lapel pins at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Since then, JangDhari said Big Spring VAMC official have held several similar pin label presentation events.

American troop involvement in the Vietnam War began slowly in the early 1950s with a group of military advisors in what was then known as French Indochina. By July 1965, regular U.S. combat units were deployed to fight what the U.S. government considered was a communist takeover of South Vietnam. The war continued through the mid-70s. The war became unpopular and many veterans said they felt the brunt after returning home.

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Democrats stage sit-in over guns

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A drainedand dwindling group of Democrats, some draped in blankets and toting pillows, carried their remarkable House floor sit-in past daybreak Thursday, disrupting the business of Congress in the wake of the Orlando shooting rampage with demands for gun-control votes in an extraordinary scene of protest broadcast live to the world. Unyielding Republicans who control the chamber branded the move a publicity stunt and summarily adjourned the chamber at around 3:15 a.m.

EDT until after the Fourth of July. By 7:30 a.m. Thursday - 20 hours after the protest commenced - around a dozen Democrats remained, including Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, giving speeches that mixed victory declarations with vows to

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Obituaries

Roger Lamar Goertz



Roger Lamar Goertz of San Angelo passed away June 17, 2016, at Shannon Hospital.

Roger was born to Albert Friezon Goertz and Dorothy Nell Martin on April 24, 1938, in Freer, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean Humphrey Goertz, and sisters Gigette Newbrough Gilles and Tina Hall. He is survived by sisters-in-law Jane Booth and Dana Rickett, numerous nieces and nephews,

and several cousins.

Roger was born severely club-footed, and at birth his doctor recommended amputation of both of his feet. Thankfully, his parents sought a second opinion at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. They opted to attempt to surgically correct his feet. Roger underwent numerous operations, and, although he didn't have "perfect" feet, through his will, determination and positive attitude, his feet were able to take him places that many people thought were impossible!

Roger was raised in Texon, Texas, and in high school he was voted Class Favorite, and was the kicker for the football team. In the summers, he served as a lifeguard and worked in the oilfield. He graduated from Reagan County High School in 1957. He attended San Angelo College his first year, and transferred to Southwest Texas State, graduating with a B.A. in history and sociology. He later attended Sul Ross State University, and received his master's degree in education and attained a Professional Counselor certificate.

He began his teaching and coaching career in Knippa, Texas. From there he moved to Sanderson, and then to Big Spring, where he was able to coach under "Spike" Dykes. Roger said he truly learned what it meant to be a coach under Coach Dykes. After seven years in Big Spring, he moved to Plainview, where he worked as a Special Education Counselor. After leaving Plainview, Roger worked at the Region 15 Service Center in San Angelo to implement a pilot program that offered vocational counseling to small rural schools. Later Roger served as a vocational counselor for Concho County Schools, and then returned to Big Spring to serve as vocational counselor until his retirement.

While living in San Angelo, Roger met his wife Jean. Roger always said she was one of the best things that ever happened to him. They were married in 1980 and enjoyed 24 years of marriage until her death in 2004. During their marriage they traveled extensively and made many friends.

Roger was known for his love of history, especially of west Texas forts, Texon, and Reagan County football. He was always researching information on all of these topics. He was a member of the Permian Basin Historical Society, and his presentation on Texon won "Best Presentation" in 2007. Tumbleweed Smith even wrote an article about Roger's Texon presentation.

Roger was the eternal optimist. In fact, he served as president of Big Spring's Optimist Club for five years. Everyone that met or knew Roger described him as "one of the nicest people that they have ever met". His former classmates at San Angelo College wrote a resolution to him in 2007 that expressed their love, respect, and esteem for him that he treasured until his death. He also had a book bound by his friends that Roger wrote about his life, and had numerous letters included by his friends. Roger was never at a loss for friends. From his childhood to his death he was surrounded by an army of devoted friends that truly thought he was the best!

Many thanks go out to his friends, family, and a special insurance agent that helped him these last few years. Gary Booth, John Webb, and Jane Booth were always there for him. Roger had so many amazing friends that they were too numerous to mention, but the one that Roger always spoke of like a brother and admired so much was James Whitehead. Thank the Lord for special friends like him!

We will all miss Roger, but the one thing we can all remember about him and hopefully apply to our own life is that "being nice matters!" Thank you Roger, for being such a caring and thoughtful son, brother, uncle husband and friend to all of the people in your life.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Sierra Vista Methodist Church.

Family and friends can sign the online register book for Roger at wwww.harper-funeralhome.com Paid obituary

could possibly be. He was proud of all of his grand-

Joseph "Joe" Edward Wirsching



Joseph "Joe" Edward Wirsching passed away at the age of 89 in his home in Portland, Texas.

Joe was born in Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 15, 1926, to Joseph John and Dana Wirsching.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years. Ruth Wirsching, and his oldest daughter Patricia Kreher.

He is survived by his son. Joe John Wirsching of Snyder Texas: daughter. Sarah O'Brien and hus-

band Paul of Corpus Christi, Texas; daughter, Jane Wirsching of Portland, Texas; grandchildren, Charles and Jenna Kreher of New Orleans La., Elizabeth and Greg Wagner of Hillsborough, N.J., David Kreher of Snyder, Texas, Shelby and Kaley O'Brien of Corpus Christi, and Avery and Allie Wirsching of Portland Texas; great-grandchildren, Abigail and Emily Wagner of Hillsborough, N.J., and Alys Kreher of Snyder, Texas (mom Priscilla and brother Ayden). Joe's father passed away when he was eight years old, leaving him as the man of the family for his mother and seven-year-old sister. He began taking care of others at that time, and continued to do so until his death. He put himself through Texas A&M University, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in 1948. He was a great husband and father, and the best grandfather there

children, supporting every activity they engaged in, including wrestling, football, field hockey, volleyball, softball, basketball, powerlifting, golf, dance, cheerleading, band, science fairs, and anything else his precious grandkids got into. He served on the school board in New Orleans, and was president of many oilfield-related groups. He retired from Exxon (Humble Oil) after 32 years, and started a second career with HNG, bringing him to Portland Texas.

He was a proud member and avid supporter of First Christian Church in Corpus Christi and he loved cheering on the Hooks baseball team. His never-ending dry sense of humor and mischievous grin will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers donations are requested to the

Earlane Williams



Earlane Williams, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family will receive friends at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Pastor Calvary Callender of First Church of the Nazarene offi-

ciating.

She was born July 15, 1935, in Cisco, Texas. She married Charles Williams Nov. 12, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death, May 18, 2011.

Earlane was a homemaker, but worked with her husband for Williams Vending Company and Auto Supermarket, and they owned the Wagon Wheel Drive-In. She later worked for Big Spring ISD for 21 years in special education at Moss Elementary.

Earlane is survived by two daughters, Cathy Williams, and Debra Kuykendall and husband Tom, all of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband of 59 years, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Prater; two sons, Charles Dean Williams and Bobby Williams; one grandson; her mother, Lora "Toots" Stoudt; and her father, Harold "Whitey" Stoudt.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Ava Nell Turner Cheek

Ava Nell Turner Cheek of Covington, La., formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Covington.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1924, in Lamesa, Texas, to the late Austin Leslie Turner Sr. and Virginia Rose Moffat Turner.

Ava is survived by her beloved husband, Clyde S Cheek; and their two children, Karen C. Landers of Mandeville, La, and Terry T. Cheek of Colleyville, Texas; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins

She was preceded in death by her brother, Austin L. Turner Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be sent to: "Goin' Band Scholarship", Texas Tech University School of Music, P.O. Box 42033, Lubbock, Texas 79409-2033, 806-742-2011.

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

ed on a warrant from another agency and theft of property, less than \$100.. JACKIE LYNN STEEN, 43, of 1405 Dixie Avenue was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, less than \$100. • JESSIE HILARIO JR. FIERRO, 46, of 1802 State St. was arrested on a warrant from another agencv

First Christian Church Permanent Endowment Fund in Joe's honor, care of First Christian Church, 3401 Santa Fe, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78411

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016, at the Limbaugh Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2016, at the First Christian Church, 3401 Santa Fe, Corpus Christi, Texas. He will be laid to rest next to his wife Ruth and his daughter, Patricia, at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

Arrangements are entrusted to Limbaugh Funeral Home, 500 Wildcat Dr., Portland, Texas 78374 (361) 643-6564 www.limbaughfuneralhome.com

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Kase Carl Henry



Our beloved baby Kase passed away on Monday, June 20, in San Angelo, Texas.

Kase was born on April 18, 2016, to Jason and Morgan Henry. He was baptized as a child of God on June 11, 2016. Although Kase blessed our lives for a short nine weeks, his memory will live forever within our hearts.

He is survived by his parents and sister McKinley of Wall; paternal grandparents Neal and

Paula Henry of Coahoma; maternal grandparents Michael and Betty Hoelscher of Wall; and maternal great-grandmother LaVerne Hoelscher of Wall.

He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Tessa and Dr. Jody Reid of Big Spring, Trisha and Heath Hobler of Huffman, Texas, and Tiffany Hoelscher of Wall; cousins Reagan, Ryan, and Riley Reid, and Braelyn, Jolee and Heidi Hobler; as well as numerous great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins.

Kase joins his great-grandparents, Arvil and Ollie Mae Henry, Jo Watkins, Carl Ford, Calvin Hoelscher, and Robert and Ora Mae Latzel; along with great-aunt SueAnn Watkins; and cousins Julie and Kristin Watkins.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 24 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are by Harper Funeral Home, (325) 340-1850.

Pallbearers will be Cole Mikulik and Brian Woner. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Jody Reid, Heath Hobler, and Wyatt Woner.

Memorials can be made to the Wall Education Foundation, St. Ambrose Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

> "No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why." Unknown Author Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• MIA JIMELA JURADO, 27, of 2505 Barksdale Drive was arrested on warrants for unsafe speed (too fast for conditions); three counts of fail to appear; failed to maintain financial responsibility; and driving while license invalid.

ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ, 23, of 1408 Oriole was arrested on a charge of fail to identify-fugitive giving false information.

KAMARIA MARISHA

Ave., San Bernardino, Calif, was arrested on warrants from another agency and abandon/endangering child with intent to return.

BRADLEE LEEANN **CASITLLO**, 18, of 1425 E. 6th St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, less than \$100.

 THOMAS ALLEN YOUNG, WILLIAMS, 22, of 6149 N. Walnut 21, of 3403 Airport St. was arrest-

• STEVEN LEE RIOS, 37, of 1000 E. 20th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency and failure to identify-fugitive give false information.

 ANGELIC JOYCE ERVIN, 26, of 2506 25th St., Synder was arrested on warrant for credit card or debit card abuse and theft of property, more than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.

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never back down in their drive to curb firearm violence.

"While the Americans don't always expect us to win, they do expect us to fight," said Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, as dawn broke and the few remaining lawmakers sat in a paper-cluttered chamber beneath empty visitor galleries. "We demonstrated to the American why we can't get votes on common sense safety measures."

When Republicans streamed to the exits hours earlier, Democrats remained on the House floor, shouting "No bill no break!" and waving papers with the names of gun victims written in black. Rep. Maxine Waters of California said she was ready to stay "until Hell freezes over."

With a crowd cheering them on from outside the Capitol and many more following the theatrics on social media, Democrats declared success in dramatizing the argument for action to stem gun violence.

"Just because they cut and run in the dark of night, just because they have left doesn't mean we are taking no for an answer," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

Republicans fiercely resisted the Democratic pressure, saying their colleagues had accomplished nothing other than disrupting the business of the House to score political points. House Speaker Paul Ryan called it "a publicity stunt."

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who had participated in the civil rights sit-ins in the South in the 1960s, said Democrats had "crossed one bridge."

He added, "We have other bridges to cross." He said Democrats "made a down payment on ending gun violence" in America.

At one point overnight, the two sides nearly came to blows after Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas approached the Democrats and yelled, "Radical Islam!" Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., started yelling back. The two came within inches of each other, both yelling, and were separated by colleagues.

Pressure had been building on both sides of the Capitol in the wake of the shooting rampage at a Florida gay nightclub earlier this month that killed 49 people and injured 53 others. The assailant also died in the incident.

The mass shooting followed similar tragic incidents over the past years including the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

The agitation for action caused a Senate filibuster last week and led to the chaos on the House floor that lasted well into Thursday.

The spectacle captured the attention of a Washington gridlocked on guns despite the slaughter in Orlando. Senate Democrats undertook a

Sealy woman killed in Borden wreck

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

GAIL — An 82-year-old woman from Sealy, Texas, was killed in a one-vehicle accident in Borden County Tuesday morning.

According to a news release from the Texas Department of Transportation's Midland office, Alla Friday Kelley was pronounced dead at the scene by Borden County Justice of the Peace Jane Jones. The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. on Wicker Road, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Gail, Texas.

According to the DPS report, Sandra Kay Friday, 63, of Sealy was driv-

nearly 15-hour filibuster ocra last week in fighting for the same cause. action

House Republicans used their prerogatives as the majority party to muscle through a partisan bill funding the Zika crisis with no time for debate, overruling Democrat's objections and then moving to adjourn the House into next month as Democrats cried "Shame, Shame!"

Republicans shut off the cameras in the House gallery throughout most of the protest, but Dem-

ocrats used their cellphones to capture the action, and C-SPAN carried the feeds live in an unprecedented move.

Ryan, R-Wisc., said the bills pushed by Democrats, to expand background checks and keep people on the no-fly list from getting guns, would take away people's constitutional rights and deprive them of due process, and he noted similar legislation was already rejected in the Senate earlier

ties off at 9 a.m. with events and music going until midnight. For more information or if you are looking to volunteer, visit www.bigspringdra.com or visit the Hub at 3rd and Main this weekend.

in the week.

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ing a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup east on US 180 when the vehicle veered off the roadway and overturned. Friday was transported to the University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock with non-incapacitating injuries. A second passenger, 25-year-old Dylan Michael Kelley of Sealy, suffered non-incapacitating injuries and was treated and released at the scene of the accident.

Both Friday and Dylan Kelley were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, the report said. However, Alla Friday Kelley was not, the release stated.

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Vic Wrye, 74, died Saturday. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at the American Legion.

Earlane Williams, 80, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Ava Nell Cheek, 91 , died Tuesday. A graveside service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bessie Andrews, 96, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends Sunday at 3:00 PM thru 4:30 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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of our volunteers," said Ida Chavira, vice-president and treasurer of the DRA. "We all have such a passion for downtown Big Spring and we want to get people excited about their town."

The weekend gets underway with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday with performances and presentations by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard along with a special guest, Michael Webb, the Howard College High Kicking Hawks, and Cheer XPlosion.

The rest of the night boasts a 7-Eleven hot dog eating contest, as well as music from Jimmy and the Johnsons, Mark McKinney, headliner The Bellamy Brothers, and the Dickey's After Party starting at midnight. "On Friday, we have Mark McKinney and Jimmy and the Johnsons at The Courtyard (117 Main) performing at the after-party and then on Saturday we have Brandon Ray, the Loco Motives, and Jim Koerber with Scars Entertainment at the same place," said Chavira. Although entry to the after-party events at The Courtyard are \$20, the music up until midnight is free of charge. Of course, Big Spring residents will find plenty of reasons to open up their wallets this weekend — one reason being that Mayor Larry McLellan, along with

other members of the community, has agreed to sit in a dunk tank.

"We will be selling dunk tank tickets and the mayor has offered to be dunked this year," laughed Chavira. "Stop by the Hub and buy yourself three shots for \$5. We also have City Manager Todd Darden going in there."

The "Hub," located at Third and Main, will be the first place visitors want to head to. There, Funtastic-goers can learn some general information about the event, as well as purchase wristbands, beer tokens, ice, and meetand-greet passes for the headline musical acts.

"We will have a very limited amount of meetand-greet passes for the Bellamy Brothers on Friday night and Rodney Atkins and Jon Wolfe on Saturday night," explained Chavira. "They are \$200 and we've already sold a few. We are really excited about it." Along with meet-andgreet tickets, the DRA will have official Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth tank tops and T shirts for sale, as well as the popular Dickey's Kidzone wristbands. "It's \$20 for an all-day pass to ride the rides," said DRA member Allan Johnson. "We have 13 carnival type rides that kids, as well as adults and teenagers, will enjoy. It's very popular." With huge musical lineups rounding out Friday and Saturday night, as well as a gospel and worship performance Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon, the event has garnered a lot of attention from surrounding West Texas communities. NewsWest 9 (KWES TV) announced in April it would broadcast its summer program, Under West Texas Skies, live from the Big Spring event.

"Of course we will have Channel 9 broadcasting there live, and we will also have Channel 7 (KOSA TV) there with extensive coverage," said Johnson.

Both Johnson and Chavira encouraged attendees to bring their lawn chairs, but to leave their outside alcohol at home. Both also encouraged partygoers to clean up after themselves, as the workforce behind the event is fully volunteer-based.

"We just encourage everyone to be responsible and safe," said Chavira. "This is all done by volunteers, so please pick up after yourself." the Funtastic Fourth continues the growth of downtown to get back to where it used to be.

"Come out and have a good time," said Johnson. "This is not something you want to miss. Come visit in downtown Big Spring with friends, family, and neighbors, just like the old days."

The Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. and goes until midnight with after parties both Friday and Saturday night starting at midnight at The Courtyard. A gospel and praise and worship music event starts Saturday's activi-



The driving force behind the annual Funtastic Fourth is completely volunteer-based, and with good reason. Each member of the volunteer crew has a passion for downtown Big Spring.

"Fourteen years ago, downtown was a ghost town," said Johnson. "So we wanted to put this together and now downtown is growing. And I think that this event is a big reason why.

Johnson reminisced about growing up in downtown Big Spring and walking around the shops, particularly a certain soda parlor. He said he hopes that

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Richard Olivas was recently in a motorcycle accident. He has numerous broken bones & a head injury. He is going to have a very long road to recovery. We are sponsoring a Car Wash. Please help Rich& his family with medical & other expenses by bringing your car, truck, or SUV by 1901 West 16th Street (across the street from the Hillcrest Baptist Church) on this Saturday, June 25th, from 10am – 2pm.

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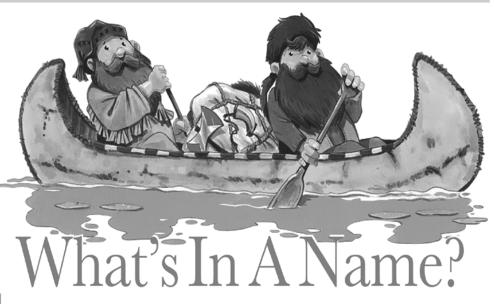
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Where in the World?

French-Canadians are originally from France in western Europe. Now they live mainly in Quebec but can be found across Canada.

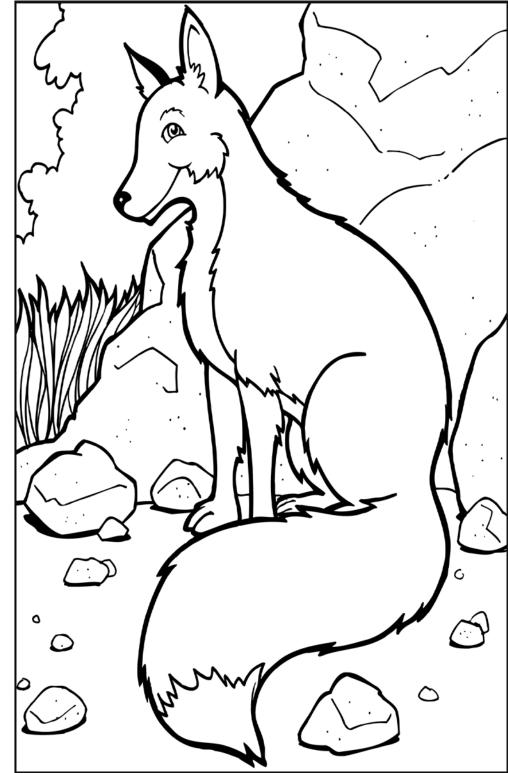




Not everyone is French-Canadian

As most people that know Canadian history can tell you, the French were the first people from Europe to come to Canada. Because of this, many people in Canada today have a French heritage. However, not everyone likes to be called French-Canadian.

In Quebec, for example, they do not consider themselves to be "French-Canadian" and like to be called *québécois*, which is French for "people of Quebec." Other areas have similar groups, including the Franco-Albertans



COLOR THE PICTURE The red fox is a small animal in the dog family. The most famous French fox is Reynard, a smart fox that plays tricks on other animals. Reynard has been in French stories for over 800 years.



(French-Canadians from Alberta) and Franco-Ontarians. New people that come over from France or French-speaking countries are often called Franco-Canadians to show that they are new to Canada.

All of the French-Canadian groups, though, have a common history in Canada's founding. The French came over the Atlantic in hopes of claiming new land. They found their new land in Canada, Louisiana and the Mississippi River valley. In what was to become Canada, they found many animals that they could trap for food and clothing, and worked together with many tribes of Native Americans to learn how to make the most of each animal.

In the Seven Years' War (or the French and Indian War), the Indians and the French allied against the British to try to defend the land. The French lost the war, and Canada became part of the British empire. Ever since then, the French-Canadian people have been trying to keep their heritage alive in Canada. In some places like Quebec, signs are posted in French and the residents speak both English and French. The French-Canadians are proud to declare their heritage.



Tour de Neighborhood—Cycling

In France, one of the most popular sports is cycling. You can set up your own race like the Tour de France, the biggest cycling race of the year, with your parents' help. Together, create a safe route around the neighborhood on sidewalks and driveways. Make sure you wear all your safety equipment like a helmet, pads and reflectors, and as you race down the course, be careful of other people. When racing, you can have your parents time you or test to see how well you avoid things in your way. Try different types of races like slowest time, fastest time and there and back. Most importantly, have fun!

Find these hidden items in the big picture.



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Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

A: Meet you at the corner

Sports

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Howard College coach, A.D. resigns

Long-time Hawks' head man Britt Smith to take a position in private sector

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

After 13 years with Howard College. athletic director and head baseball coach Britt Smith has stepped down.

Smith will turn a new page after taking a job with Perfect Game, a company devoted to furthering the development and career of talented amateur baseball player, according to the company's website. Smith will be the south regional coordinator with the company.

"It was an opportunity for me to spend a lot more time with my family, and I couldn't really turn it down," Smith said. "I wasn't ever really looking to leave for another coaching job.'

Smith said the demands that come with coaching at the junior college level factored into his decision.

"Junior college is a young man's game, and I'm not calling myself old by any means, but it's year-round, it's 12-15 hours a day every day. You might get Christmas off, but it's a grind and it takes a toll on you. You put in 60hour work weeks before you even get to the weekend and play a fourgame series. And people just don't understand that. They don't understand the demands of junior college, because every year, you're bringing in 20-25 more kids. It's not like a fouryear school where you may only need four kids in a certain year," he said. "You're constantly recruiting an entire team basically."

The Hawks finished their 2016 season with a Region V Tournament appearance and a 36-22 record, and finished the 2015 season as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Champions for the fifth time in the past eight seasons with a conference record of 28-8. In 2012, Howard became the first school in WJCAC history to be conference champions four years in a row, going 112-16 in the conference during that span.



Former Howard College head baseball coach Britt Smith gives signs during a game.

Smith and the Hawks gained national recognition during their 2009 national championship season, going 63-1 and setting the record for the longest undefeated regular season in college baseball history.

Their 57-game winning streak also broke the previous record of 55 games set by Seminole State College (Okla.) in 1987.

Smith's overall record at Howard is 552-202. He notched win number 500 in a 20-12 win over Midland College on April 6, 2015. In his 13 years with the program, Howard had 18 All-Americans, and two National Players of the Year in Tyler Collins (2011) and

Jordan Allen (2012). Current Howard coaching staff member Rob Martinez was an All-American in 2004 under Smith, and Smith hopes he is the front-runner for the open position.

"Ideally, I'd love to see Rob get the job. I think he's more than qualified and he's going to be the best candidate without a doubt," Smith said. "I strongly believe that. I've known Rob since he was in high school. I recruited him to come here, he played here, and he was an All-American here. And I brought him back to coach here twice. He's coached professionally, he's coached in college, and he's an excellent recruiter. That's the big deal."

Smith added that Martinez as the new head coach would provide the most important thing when building a baseball program: continuity.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

"The main thing with Rob is everything is going to stay just like it was. For the guys coming back, they're already familiar with him. And the guys coming in, they won't know any different," Smith said. "There's just been a lot of continuity, and the constant same message, over and over and over. And that's how you build programs."

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Big Spring 12-year-olds advance





Courtesy photo Pitcher Gabriel Baeza throws a pitch during the Big Spring All-Stars' 13-11 win over the Mid City All-Stars. See related story, Page 12.



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Nathan Schneider (21) and Garrett Wigington (32) of the Big Spring Steers participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic football game at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, Texas on June 11, 2016. Funds raised by the players, ticket and concession sales will go toward funding FCA chapter events around the "Big Country" high school football area.

Read, Thompson win two-man scramble

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic was held this past weekend, June 18-19, at the Big Spring Country Club. It was a two man scramble and the winners were:

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Heath Bailey and Dickie Bailey - 65-65-130

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Mike Ritchey and Matt Ritchey - 60-64-124

Second Place Net

Jerry Read and Rocky Hale - 62-63-125 **Courtesy photos**

Nick Read and Jackson Thompson (right) and Mike Ritchey and Matt Ritchey (far right) pose for pictures.



Holland, Lewis out, put on Rangers' DL

By STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Sports Writer

Struggling left-hander Derek Holland joined Yu Darvish on the disabled list Wednesday before the Texas Rangers said yet another starter, Colby Lewis, was headed there as well.

A day after Lewis (6-1, 3.21 ERA) had cramping in his right arm while pitching five innings in a loss to Cincinnati, an

MRI on Wednesday revealed he has a lat muscle strain that will keep him from throwing for at least four weeks. The 36-year-old right-hander will get a platelet-rich plasma injection Thursday.

"These kind of nagging soft-tissue issues, if you go too quick, they happen again," general manager Jon Daniels

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By Steve Becker

If declarer now plays the ace of clubs, hoping that East held the K-10 doubleton originally, he goes down one. But before settling for this uncertain line of play, South should seek further information. He already knows from the bidding and West's failure to lead a heart that East started with seven hearts. He also knows that East had only one spade.

In order to learn how many clubs East started with, declarer leads a diamond to the ace and ruffs a diamond. When East discards the heart jack on this trick, his original distribution -1-7-2-3 - is no longer a secret

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And there HOLIDAY are those MATHIS who can't eat what

they have. Today, feeding the world, the family, the self, is a challenge best faced buffet-style. The domestic Cancer sun and social Aquarius moon suggest putting the food (and the emotional sustenance that's even more important than it) out for the others to pick and choose at will.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're absorbing everything around you, moment to moment, as the day passes it's guaranteed that your mind will get cluttered. The balance of observation and ignorance is key to sanity, or at least peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're eager to get things moving so you can have some time off at the start of next month. Are they cooperating? Maybe not as well as you'd like, but your polite charms will go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Appropriateness will be a major asset if the agenda includes fitting, blending and being "in." That is more important than it seems right now, although it will certainly be more interesting to mix it up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Outgoing, generous, unafraid -- this is how others will experience you today. You'll be the one to talk to. You're approachable, friendly and full of usefulness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Perhaps you recognize a jealous glance, or there's another reason you'll react quickly to protect what's yours. What's truly yours cannot be stolen. It is intrinsically woven into your eternal soul

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This thing you've earned for your years and years of dutiful, cheerful, constant and

loyal service will look suspiciously like good luck. Or is it the other way around? It's confusing, this business of "deserving."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The wrong person can say the right thing, and you're in such a zone of awareness that you'll totally get it, act on it, make good and make a little money while you're at it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give your word, it means you'll stand behind it and defend and honor it. You'll do what it takes to see it all the way through. This is the integrity needed most in the world today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The rules of reciprocity do not state that the giving and receiving will happen in equal amounts and from the same people. Open it up and trust in the balance of the universe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you need to know in order to make an informed decision will land in your or gut feeling that simply cannot be ignored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This isn't a day for you to stretch into new zones or encourage anyone else to do so. Your talent is sorely needed. In fact, when everyone follows their natural talents, everyone will win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your lastditch effort will be the one that catches on. You won't know which one it is until that happens. So don't stop until your purpose has caught on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23). No one wins without a team. The sweetness and kindness of maternal figure will figure into your success next month. August will bring the end of a struggle and the beginning of a new adventure. At this turning point you've the chance to reinvent yourself. The financial picture brightens in November. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 13, 2, 39, 45 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS: "Should I** get my son a puppy? I'm one of the few people on earth who will admit that I don't like dogs. These days it seems like a sin against humanity not to appreciate the canine culture, but no matter how many cute YouTube videos I see, I cannot wrap my head around the smells, the shedding, the piercing sound of barking and the seemingly unending inconvenience of having to take care of a creature that was clearly meant for the wild. Did I mention that I don't like dogs? And my 9-year-old son wants one very badly. So what is a Leo to do?"

If you're like most Leos, you have a soft spot for children, and your heart is bigger than any amount of superficial resistance to what they want. Therefore, you're dog-bound. Your best move is to start getting to know the different breeds. A smaller dog

(i.e. domestic-cat sized) might melt your defenses as well as limit the amount of shedding and requisite scents that would come with a larger animal. Some breeds rarely bark; others barely shed. You might be surprised how the unconditional love of the right dog can reduce the level of stress in your household, giving your big Leo heart more to embrace.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: American Idol judge alumni, Grammy-winning producer, entrepreneur and all-around top "dawg" Randy Jackson was born under the soulful Cancer sun. Mercury and Venus in Gemini suggest easy charm and naturally superb social skills. Lucky Jupiter, exciting Uranus and deep Pluto all in Leo, the sign of entertainment, indicate an innate understanding of performance.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope world today in the form of a phone call, news feed

Dear Annie: How

do I tell my 91-year-old mother to stop posting political messages on my 16-year-old daughter's Facebook page, especially when Mom supports Donald Trump and knows that my daughter supports Bernie Sanders?

My daughter just turned 16, and is very shy and introverted. She's only just starting to find her voice online and has taken an interest in politics only recently. She is a big supporter of Sanders and advocates for the rights of the LGBTQ community on her Facebook page (along with cute dog

and cat videos). But my mother comments on her page with support for Trump. It has turned my daughter off so much that she is reluctant to visit Grandma. And when we do go, she keeps her distance.

Time is short. What do you advise to bring these two together again and to respectfully avoid discussing politics? --Neutral Observer

Dear Neutral: First of all, your daughter can block Grandma's posts on her Facebook page and we recommend doing that immediately. Then, consider this an excellent opportunity to teach your child that disagreeing with someone

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doesn't mean you cannot love and tolerate them -especially a 91-year-old grandparent. She doesn't need to talk about the election with Grandma, and if the subject comes up, she can say that she'd prefer to discuss more pleasant things. It's OK to agree to disagree, especially about politics, without becoming angry and disrespectful. Frankly, we wish more people would take this lesson to heart.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Can't Win in Tennessee," whose wife uses foul language and constantly berates him. I recognized some of my own qualities in his description, and I called

my husband to apologize to him.

Please let "Tennessee" know that his wife may be overwhelmed and depressed. While he is working outside the house, she is at home working with two small children. This can be very stressful. Does she ever get any adult interaction?

He mentions all of the things he does around the house, but does he help with the kids, so she has time for herself? He makes it sound as if there is an unfair division of labor and he is doing most of it, but if she is the children's caregiver 100 percent of the time, it will wear her down.

There are two sides to every story. -- Seeing Myself in Alabama

Dear Alabama: We appreciate your take on the situation, and more importantly, your willingness to reflect on your own behavior and recognize the negative aspects. Depressed people often take out their frustrations on their loved ones, who might see only the anger and not the unhappiness underneath. Apologizing to your husband is lovely. But it's also necessary to address your unhappiness and work on it. Staying home with little children can be both stressful and isolating, but there are ways to alleviate those

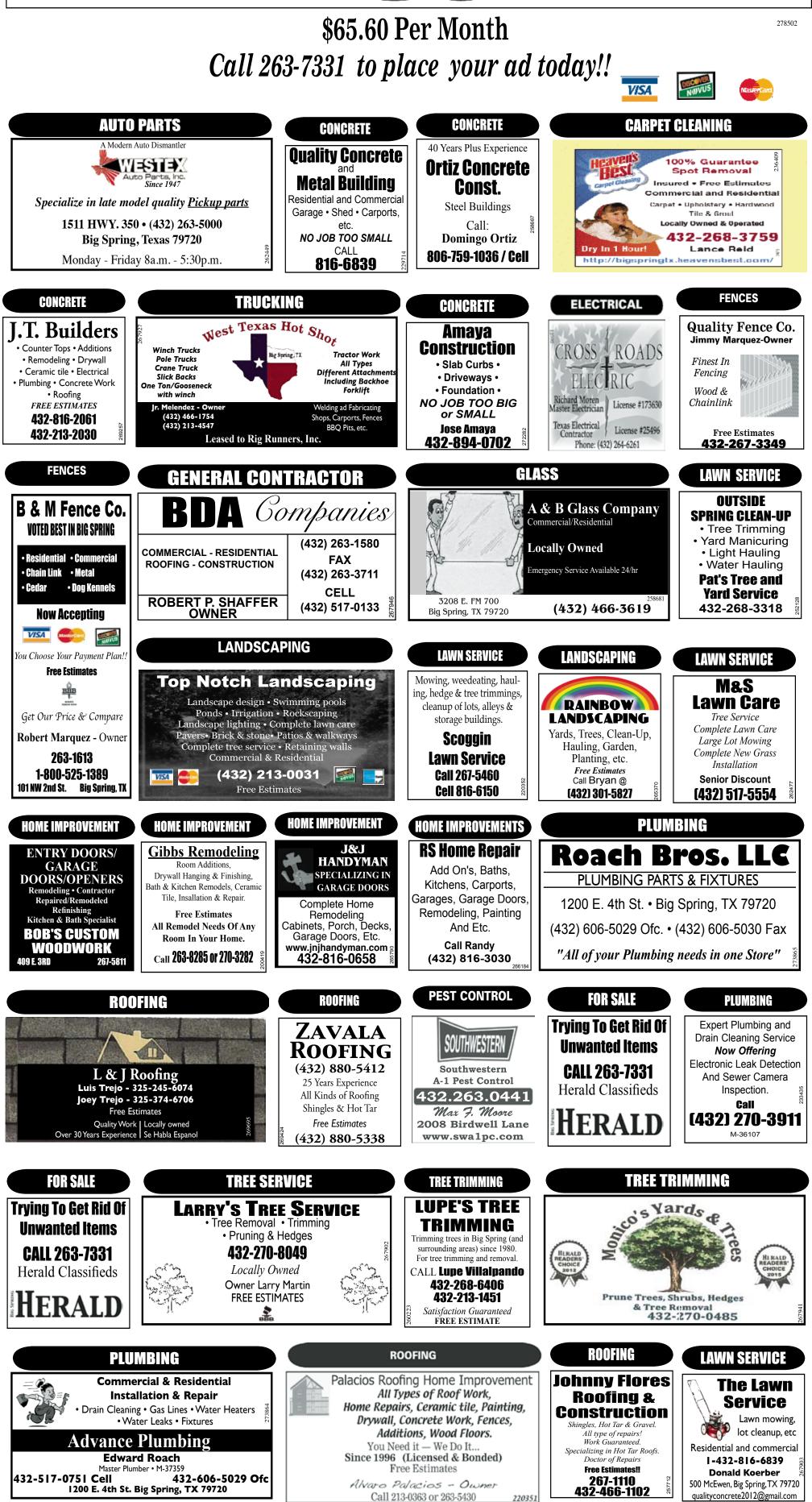
things and, if necessary, a doctor can treat depression. Remember that kids grow up, but the damage to your marriage may be permanent.

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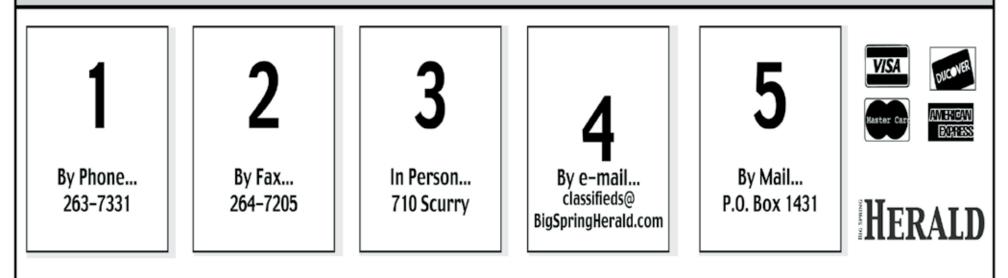
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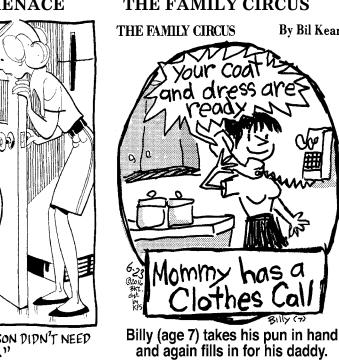
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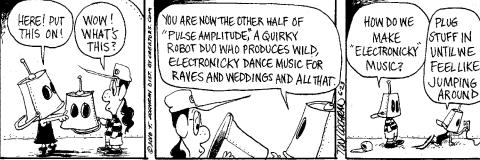
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 175th day of 2016. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On June 23, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration formally approved Enovid as the first oral contraceptive for sale

in the U.S. On this date:

In 1314, during the First War of Scottish Independence, the two-day Battle of Bannockburn, resulting in victory for the forces of Robert the Bruce over the army of King Edward II, began near Stirling.

In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1812, Britain, unaware that America had declared war against it five days earlier, rescinded its policy on neutral shipping, a major issue of contention between the two coun-

and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.) President Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial

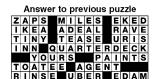
assistance." In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near

revelation of an anti-terrorism program that tapped into an immense international database of confidential financial records. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta announced he was leaving the Bush administration. Television producer Aaron Spelling died in Los Angeles at age 83.

Dick Cheney denounced the

Five years ago: Republicans pulled out of debt-reduction talks led by Vice President Joe Biden, blaming Democrats for demanding tax increases as part of a deal rather than accepting more than \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicare and other government programs. "Columbo" actor Peter Falk died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 83. Composer Fred Steiner, 88, perhaps best known for his "Perry Mason" TV theme, died in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

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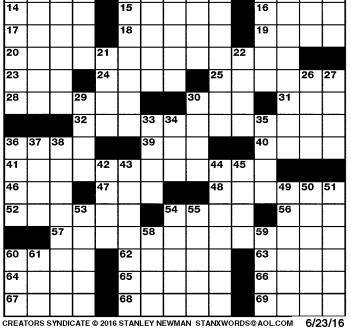
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Big Spring's 10s and 12s set to play tonight after big wins

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In 10-year-old All-Star action last night at Floyd Gwin Park in Odessa, the Big Spring All-Stars let their bats and the arm of Isaiah Diaz do the talking in a 19-3 victory over the North Ector All-Stars. In a game that was shortened to four innings due to the 10-run rule, Diaz was dominant with seven strikeouts on the mound. They were led at the plate by Eric Aguilar who went 3-for-4 and Austen Raines who had a double and triple. The 10-year-olds will be in action again tonight against Midland Mid City at 7 p.m. in Odessa. In 12-year-old All-Star

action at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, Big Spring's bats finally came to life as they defeated the Midland Mid City All-Stars 13-11. Brandon Valdez was dominant on the hill and at the plate for Big Spring, as he went 3-for-4 with the stick and kept Mid City off balance all night with his curveball and fastball by striking out five. Chris Martinez had two hits, while Kobe Cervantes and Joshua Miramontes each hit a double off the fence. Big Spring returns to action tonight at 7 p.m. at Roy Anderson against the Midland Tower All-Stars.

Cowboys' Bryant faces lawsuit over allegedly trashed house

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dez Bryant faces a lawsuit from his former landlord over allegations of more than \$60,000 in damages to a house that the Dallas Cowboys receiver leased.

The civil suit was filed last week by Texas state Sen. Royce West, an attorney who defended Bryant in a domestic violence case involving the 2014 All-Pro's mother. West seeks damages of between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

In the filing, West's attorneys say Bryant and his representatives refused to respond to requests for reimbursement, and that an attorney representing Bryant threatened West with a lawsuit if he continued to try to collect.

lawsuit the The says 6,400-square-foot home in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto needed extensive repairs and cleaning. West's lawsuit also said Bryant didn't show up for a walkthrough to detail the damages.

"The walk-through revealed irreparable damage to carpeting, flooring, window, shutters, and blinds; the presence of animal feces, trash, debris, and personal property inside the residence; and distinct and pervasive odors throughout," the lawsuit said.

Bryant's agent, Kim Miale, didn't respond to an email request for comment. West didn't respond to a message seeking further comment.

When Bryant was in and out of trouble off the field early in his career, West was one of the people trying to help him.

The longtime state senator worked a deal with Dallas County prosecutors that led to the dismissal of a misdemeanor family violence charge over Bryant allegedly hitting his mother, Angela Bryant, in the face with a ball cap. Bryant agreed to a year of anger management classes.

West also represented Bryant in 2011 when the young receiver, a year after getting drafted late in the first round, faced a pair of lawsuits seeking nearly \$1 million over unpaid jewelry bills.

Bryant has stayed out of legal trouble since the incident with his mom in 2012.

The seventh-year pro had his best season in 2014, with 1,320 vards receiving and an NFLleading 16 touchdowns to help the Cowboys win the NFC East and reach the divisional round of the playoffs before a loss to Green Bay that turned on his much-debated catch that was ruled incomplete.

SMITH

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With current freshman and redshirt freshman still largely unaware of the news, there could be more changes with the baseball program should anv of them wish to transfer out of Howard in the wake of their head coach leaving the program. Smith doesn't think that will be an issue.

"Once it's all released, we'll have an opportunity to let everyone know. From our standpoint, everyone that was leaving is pretty much committed to a school, signed up, and ready to go. All the kids coming in, Rob really recruited the team that's coming in this

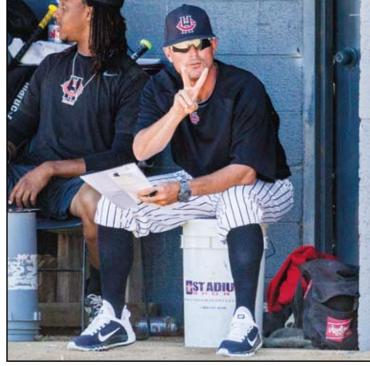
year. So I wouldn't expect to lose anybody over me not being here. I wouldn't expect that at all because their relationships were really with him," he said.

When asked about the open athletic director position, Smith said "I know there's people on campus that are interested in it, and I'll just leave it at that."

Smith's house is on the market, and if it can be sold in time to get his children enrolled in school before August, he'll be moving to East Texas in the coming months. If he has trouble selling, he'll be in Big Spring for one more year before moving closer to his position with Perfect Game. He said naming people thank for his time in Big Spring would inevitably lead to leaving people out.

"I've spent a third of my life here, so from that standpoint, you can't even begin to think about all the people that you would want to thank. There's just no way," he said. "And you hear that all the time when people retire, but it's true. There's so many, and when you start trying to list them you're going to leave somebody out. But the whole experience has been great. It's been great for me and my family, and we've had some really good times."

He continued, saying "Howard College is the people. It's not the buildings and the facilities and all that stuff. It's the people that have been so fantastic to me and my family. I just hope that we've done as much for the college as the college has done for us."



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it could have been. I'm

glad it's not something

major. That's definitely

the bright side after

what I've gone through,'

Holland said. "It's on my

shoulder, rotator cuff. ...

It's nowhere near that

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said. "You have to have 100 percent recovery. It's like a hamstring injury basically for a pitcher, you have to give it time.¹

After the initial four weeks, Lewis will have another MRI to determine if he is then ready to start throwing again. The Rangers didn't officially put him on the

but obviously I wasn't doing a good job.'

Darvish has been on the DL since after his last start June 8, which was only his third start for the Rangers since Tommy John surgery on his right elbow in March 2015. He returned to the DL with right shoulder discomfort.

The right-hander from Japan threw off flat ground Wednesday, and manager Jeff Banister said that went well. Darvish could throw again Thursday, and could throw a bullpen or side session by this weekend. Right-hander Luke Jackson was recalled from Triple-A Round Rock after Holland was put on the DL. Lewis was off to his

best start in his 12 major league seasons, his ninth in two stints with Texas. He flirted with a perfect game, and took a no-hitter into the ninth inning of his previous start, and had won his first six decisions before giving up a three-run homer in the first inning while experiencing discomfort Tuesday.

"It's disappointing. The big thing is take the lighter note of it, I don't have to be cut on," Lewis said after the Rangers² 6-4 win over the Reds on Wednesday night. "I was on a really good roll, helping, contributing, doing my part. ... Yeah, it stinks. Hopefully, whoever jumps in my spot in the rotation can kind of pick up where I left off and contribute

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the same way."

Lewis said he can continue doing everything but throwing, including riding his bike and some shoulder work to stay in shape.

This is the third season in a row that Holland has been on the disabled list. He missed most of the 2014 season rehabbing from left knee surgery, and had his 2015 season shortened because of a left shoulder strain. But he doesn't expect this to be a major setback.

"It's better than what



DL before Wednesday night's game against the Reds, and then have an off day Thursday.

Holland (5-5, 5.20 ERA) was put on the 15-day DL with left shoulder inflammation, two days after allowing 11 of 23 Baltimore batters he faced to reach base in 4 1-3 innings. The lefty has given up 13 runs over 13 1-3 innings his past three starts.

"It's been going on for a little bit and started bothering me a little bit more in the last start so we want to make sure everything is OK," Holland said. "I felt like I could play through it,

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