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Reliever route draws scrutiny



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Left, local resident Isabel Miranda discusses the relief route with TxDOT Project Manager Jerry Conner during a public meeting on the matter Tuesday evening at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Also, TxDOT Abilene District Surveyor Wayne Ekdahl explains details of the route to local resident Cecilia Adams.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While the focus of Tuesday night's public meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation was to introduce improvements to the coming U.S. Highway 87 relief route, that didn't stop local residents from showing their concern for the possible economic impact the route could have on Big Spring.

According to Blair Haynie, director of transportation planning and development for TxDOT, the public meeting was necessary because changes were made to the future roadway's design.

"The purpose of this meeting is several-fold," Haynie told the audience gathered at the Dora Roberts Community Center. "What we wanted to bring to the public is a matter of access, which we are looking to change along the relief route.

"The administration that was in place when this route was designed felt the property owners living along

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Graumann to be honored at scout dinner

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Contributions to the community don't go ignored.

Friday at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Keith Graumann will be recognized for his contribution to the community at the Good Scout Award Dinner. Following the reception, dinner will be served and the program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

"A committee looks at several different people who have made contributions to the community and this year they selected Dr. Graumann," Brian Sweeney, district executive of Big Spring Boy Scouts of America, said. "He has gone over the top the whole time he has been in the community."



Graumann

Dr. Graumann was raised and educated in Big Spring. He was involved in Boy Scouts for many years and earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1968. This year, he celebrated his 10th season with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus as director and conductor. Through his career, he received his bachelor of music education, master of music theory and composition and doctorate of musical arts degrees.

"A good scout award recognizes an outstanding citizen within a local community who helps make a difference by demonstrating the ideals of scout oath and law," Sweeney said.

For those wanting to attend, tickets can be purchased for $50 per person and will include the meal. For more information, contact Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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CISD to reorganize board

Herald Staff Report

Reorganization of the board is among the business set before Coahoma Independent School District trustees Thursday.

The board convenes at 7 p.m. in the faculty dining room at Coahoma Elementary School.

Early on, trustees will canvass last Saturday's board election, which unofficially witnessed incumbents Brian Moore, Jody Reid and Alan Wright retain their seats, despite a chose challenge from Leslie Tindol, Gerald King and Paul Lewis.

Reid was the top vote-getter with 202 ballots (27.71 percent). Moore followed with 189 (25.93 percent) and Wright garnered 112 (15.36 percent). Tindol brought in 102 ballots — just 10 shy of tying Wright — while King received 73 and Lewis garnered 51 (7 percent).

Once the board approves election results, it will reorganize, electing a president, vice president and secretary.

Pending resignations, retirements and employments are on Thursday's agenda, as is a facilities update, enrollment report and budget update.

Student recognition and presentations will be held

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Obituaries

Pamela Ann Rakestraw



Pamela Ann Rakestraw nee Matthews, 48, of Big Spring, Texas, went to rest in heaven Monday, May 14, 2012. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Derrick Looney officiating.

She was born in Big Spring Dec. 31, 1963, to Joe B. and Shirley J. Matthews. Pamela graduated from Big Spring High School in 1982 and earned an associate's degree from American Commercial College in 1989. Pamela worked more than 12 years in the advertising industry at GSDM in Austin, Texas, before returning to Big Spring in 2008.

Pamela touched the lives of many people in her short time with us. She loved to laugh and enjoy life and valued her family and friends above all. Her heart went out to those in need and especially the elderly or ill for whom she would provide care during their last days. Pamela's beautiful smile will serve as a reminder to those who loved her and her memory will serve as an example to others of a remarkable, loving soul.

She is survived by her mother, Shirley Matthews of Big Spring; two brothers, Joe D. Matthews and Steven Matthews, both of Houston; and her sister, Jana Merrill of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe B. Matthews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Shamar 'Mar' Myles



Shamar "Mar" Myles, 26, of Big Spring died Friday, May 11, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Holston Banks officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 6, 1986, in Big Spring, Texas, to Kelly Michelle Myles and Bernard Johnny Williams. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School Class of 2005. He did on-line studies with the University of Colorado. He worked for TRAX and at Wendy's. He was a member of Shiloh House of Praise.

He is survived by his mother, Kelly Myles and fiancé Jeffery Johnson of Big Spring; his father, Bernard Williams of Amarillo; stepfather, Jonathan Dolphus of Nacogdoches; brothers, sisters and friends who were like brothers and sisters, De Zoifer Wylie, Isiah Williams, Mark Lozano, Demi Williams, Haley Williams, Donnetta Scott and Stephanie Mims; one uncle, Willie Myles of Shreveport, La.; eight nieces and nephews; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Jerline Myles; and grandfathers, Willie Lee Myles I and Eugene Wilson.

Pallbearers will be Tavence Clemons, Mark Lozano, Nick Rushin, Maurice De'Tiege, Wesley Smith, and J Rich. Honorary pallbearers will be Kameo Holloway, Dimitri Leos, Tyron Clemons, Terrence Clemons and Allen McGee.

A memorial fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

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

Paid obituary

Russell Chance Raymond



Russell Chance Raymond, of Odessa, was called unexpectedly Home to be with the Lord after a tragic car accident in West Odessa. He was born in Odessa on May 2, 1994, and had just celebrated his 18th birthday. He had been a student at Big Spring High School.

Chance was a very independent, strong-willed person who was meticulous about his appearance. He enjoyed working with his dad and began working on his own (mowing lawns) at a young age, earning his own money and buying his own clothes. Chance was a shoe fanatic and also loved his Dickie shorts and t-shirts. His favorite color was baby blue.

He was giving and caring and always put other's needs before his own. His greatest desire was to be with his mom and be a part of her life. Chance enjoyed being with his family, working and spending time with his friends. He loved music and loved to party. He bought a go cart that he thought was good when he bought it. He worked on it for years and finally gave up and sold it.

Those left to cherish his memory are his father, Russell Raymond Jr. and wife Rea Walton-Raymond of Big Spring; mother, Loraine Renee Chance Raymond and husband Michael Fitzgerald of Odessa; paternal grandmother, Barbara Bryant of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Mary Frances Chance of Odessa; two sisters, Ka Shell Raymond of Odessa and Shaylee Raymond of Big Spring; stepsister, Briana Walton; stepbrothers, Casey Brackett and Darrion Moore; nieces, Andrea Nicole Renee Raymond and Nevaeh Lynn Marie Raymond, both of Big Spring and Zia La Sha Raymond of Odessa; uncles, Richard Salgado, Jose Garcia and wife Lori, Doug Petree, Benjamin Salgado and Mike Garcia, all of Odessa and Henry Raymond of Big Spring; aunts, Darlene Poe and husband Rod and Dara Moore and Ester Garcia Hernandez, all of Odessa, Tina Raymond and husband Brandon Reed of Cleburne and Misty Twilligear of Big Spring; and cousins, Justin, Dustin and Paige Raymond, all of Big Spring.

His paternal grandfather, Russell Raymond, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012, officiated by Pastor Cliff DeArmond at Acres West Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be made online at acreswestfuneral.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• OSCAR MANUEL MADRID, 30, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JOE ERNEST VALENCIA, 28, of 1615 Canary, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• LARRY JONES HINOJOSA, 38, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 56, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for bail jumping – failure to appear.

• LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 39, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, expired driver's license, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.

• ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 34, of 715 Dealy, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.

• NATASHA DIANE RIVERA, 32, of 4405 Elder Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft – more than $500 and less than $1,500.

• AMANDA MORROW, 35, of 6113 Ratliff Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription – Schedule III/IV.

• ANTHONY RENE HILARIO, 28, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 202, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid

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Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

• NATASHA D. RIVERA DANCER, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of service – more than $500 and less than $1,500.

• JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 28, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• AMANDA MORROW, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription – Schedule III/IV.

• LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 39, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and municipal warrants for failure to appear and expired driver's license.

• LARRY JONES HINOJOSA, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.

• ANTHONY RENE HILARIO, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).

• ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 34, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft – more than $20 and less than $500.

• JUAN MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 49, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• The 50s youth group of Trinity Baptist Big Spring, will have a reunion at the church May 18-20. Meeting is Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning for worship services. The group has met periodically since 1980. Thanks to Trinity for their hospitality.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

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

• Dr. Clipper Strickland will be the guest speaker at the next Visual Awareness Support Group set for 5:30 p.m. May 24, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St. Dr. Strickland will speak on the topic of diabetic retinopathy. VASG is a support group to provide assistance to individuals who have poor or deteriorating vision. It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people who have vision problems and help them, their care givers, families and friends cope with vision loss. Call 263-2501 for more information or email us at: eyeassocone@crcom.net

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

ROUTE

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the right-of-way should have no access. However, since that time we've had a change in administrations, so we went to them and asked them to look at this again. That's when plans were developed to change the design from a controlled access highway to an uncontrolled access highway, similar to what you see on the northern and southern parts of Highway 87 now."

Haynie said a controlled access highway allows entry to and exit from the relief route only at designated points along the roadway, while open access will give property owners better access to the route.

Currently, the route is to run south on U.S Highway 87 to FM 700 and loop to the west, picking up Highway 87 again at FM 33, south of the city. The project will require acquisition of new right-of-way, varying in width from 250 feet to 360 feet and be 14 miles long.

Haynie was joined by TxDOT Big Spring Area Engineer Jesse Mendoza, as well as Right-of-Way Program Specialist Tommy Jones, Abilene District Surveyor Wayne Ekdahl, Environmental Coordinator Bill Leach and Project Manager Jerry Conner during the meeting to discuss a number of issues and how they will effect local residents.

Former Howard County commissioner Bill Crooker — who has been involved with the project and its parent project, the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor — was also on hand for the meeting.

"I'm very glad to see the financial aspect of the project in place," Crooker said. "There is a need for a truck bypass in Big Spring, and that need grows with each passing day."

Not everyone sees the reliever route as a boon, however.

Conley Powell sees the construction of the relief route west of Big Spring as paving over precious resources.

"My family has owned mineral rights in Howard County for many years," Powell said. "Deep drilling of 10,000-plus feet has been productive in that area. The width of the route is about 250 to 240 feet. With this type of deep drilling, each unit takes between 20 to 40 acres. This route will cause wells not to be drilled, which will ultimately effect mineral values. That means it will effect Howard County and Big Spring Independent School District."

Jones assured the audience TxDOT is working with oil companies to lessen the impact and, in some cases, even relocate oil wells, when necessary.

Local businessman Shane Ward said he fears what kind of impact diverting traffic around the city — and its main corridor of commerce, Gregg Street — will do to local businesses.

"All you have to do is look at Third Street and Fourth Street," Ward said. "That's the effect the Interstate Highway 20 bypass had on that thoroughfare."

Haynie said the economic impact of a reliever route was studied by TxDOT, as well as a local focus group that was formed early on in the project.

"I think one of the concerns non-truck traffic is going to have when they come this way is distance," Haynie said. "The relief route is a longer distance, and for the most part, motorists will find it quicker to go through Big Spring. Only the truck traffic is being diverted."

Haynie didn't go into further detail, however, as he reminded those in attendance the economic impact of the relief route was a matter that had been handled in public meetings in years past.

One local resident was less concerned with the impact to citywide economics and more concerned with what the route — and its placement — will do to property values.

"I bought a house in 2008, and that property will be 400 feet from this relief route," local resident Joe Womack said. "What is this going to do to my property values? I don't want a four-lane highway 400 feet from my property."

Again, Haynie declined to comment, saying he couldn't speculate on the effect the route will have on values.

"If you look around this room, half the people are saying it's going to lower your property value and the other half is saying it will raise it," Haynie said. "There's no way I can speculate on property values in this situation."

Local resident Cindy Casper said she isn't comfortable with the idea of what the trucks on the relief route may be carrying, and what kind of impact it could have in the case of an accident.

"They could be carrying nuclear waste through this area (where many of these properties) are family-owned," Casper said.

Haynie said one of the main reasons the project was developed — at the behest of local officials — is because of concerns regarding hazardous materials.

"It's definitely a safety issue," Haynie said. "Especially when you have trucks traveling through town with hazardous cargo. That was one of the things that was looked at in the development of this project. There are several hills and other things that present safety hazards in town. The relief route allows us to move those trucks away from those busy streets and intersections."

Haynie said written comments regarding the route will be accepted by TxDOT for 10 days following the meeting. Comments should be mailed to: Texas Department of Transportation Attn. Blair Haynie, P.E., 4250 N. Clack, Abilene TX 79601-9241.

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along with routine business.

Big Spring ISD

Big Spring ISD trustees will canvass votes from the May 12 election at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room.

In the race for District 2, incumbent Maria Padilla received 39 percent of the vote (38 ballots) and Pat Deanda received 37 percent (36 votes) — forcing a runoff election which has yet to be set.

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Roy A. Collins, 88, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Shamar Myles, 26, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Noe Sanchez, 22, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's play yet another round

Calling all golfers in the Crossroads area.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored golf tournament — Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic — is back for another round this year.

The golf classic is set for May 18-20 at the Big Spring Country Club Golf Course. The first 100 paid teams will be able to take part in the two-man scramble.

Even though the classic is held as a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce, the registration fees are not something the chamber benefits from. Money is raised from the sponsorships gathered.

The registration fees are something the players profit from.

According to Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director, 90 percent of the registration fees go back to the players in prizes. Winners have the option of receiving 100 percent of the prize in pro shop merchandise or 70 percent cash winnings.

All applicable announced tournament rules are final except by committee approval.

For teams who are wanting to play, registration is $200 per team and must be paid in advance. With the entry fee, teams will receive food, beverages and entry into the Friday afternoon shootout and more.

Each year the chamber brings the event back in order to provide a way for the community to get involved in helping the chamber and as a way for residents to have something to do.

Too often it is heard there is nothing to do in Big Spring and the chamber is aiming their events at diminishing that way of thinking.

By participating in the golf classic, residents are helping to support the chamber, which in turn supports the community. Funds raised this weekend will go toward the general fund and be used for projects throughout the year.

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In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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by K. Rae Anderson

May we change our tune, Lord, and start singing Your love.

Amen

Pardon attorney says just say 'No'

In 1993, a jury convicted Clarence Aaron for his role in two planned cocaine deals. Aaron was a 23-year-old college student. It was his first offense. Unlike his co-defendants, Aaron was not a career drug dealer. He didn't know enough to plead guilty and testify against others to win a reduced sentence. He perjured himself in court. A federal judge sentenced Aaron to three terms of life without parole for a first-time nonviolent drug offense.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Aaron's only hope of not dying behind bars is a presidential commutation. President George W. Bush might have granted him a pardon. But he didn't, The Washington Post and ProPublica reported Sunday, after Department of Justice pardon attorney Ronald Rodgers withheld information as he recommended that Bush deny Aaron's petition.

Rodgers remains the pardon attorney under the Obama administration.

For more than a decade, I've urged whoever was president to commute Aaron's sentence. It's been an uphill battle. Bush rejected 7,500 applications and commuted 11 sentences. Barack Obama has rejected nearly 3,800 requests and commuted only one sentence.

During the Bush years, I heard rumors that the administration had seriously considered Aaron's petition. In 2004, a previous pardon attorney recommended against clemency. In search of more favorable recommendations, the Washington Post story confirms, the Bush administration asked the Justice Department to reconsider Aaron's petition.

When officials consider a pardon, two people can swing a request in an applicant's favor: the sentencing judge and the U.S. attorney. If either one opposes a commutation, it isn't likely to happen. During Bush's first term, sentencing judge Charles Butler would not take a position on Aaron's petition. In 2008, however, Butler told the White House he did not think it would be unfair to release Aaron immediately, a weak sign of approval.

Whereas her predecessor opposed a pardon, U.S. Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes recommended that the White House commute Aaron's sentence. Because Aaron did not "accept responsibility" for his actions, however, she favored resentencing Aaron to a 25-year term, which would result in his release in 2014.

Instead, Rodgers resent the 2004 recommendation for denial to the White House. Wrongly, he claimed that Rhodes believed that Aaron's commutation request was "about 10 years premature."

Samuel Morison, a former lawyer in the pardon attorney's office, told me he believes that Bush would have commuted the sentence if Rodgers accurately had conveyed case facts.

I never have argued that Aaron did not deserve prison time. He broke the law, for which there are consequences. Those consequences, however, tend to fall disproportionately on black men.

Obama has a decision to make. The president has the power to pardon when the criminal justice system overreaches. The court put away a first-time nonviolent offender for life, with no chance of parole, but because the feds do not want to admit they made a mistake, Rodgers and his ilk have been willing to let a young man rot in prison for the rest of his life.

The only question is: Will the president let him get away with it?

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Finding humor in the phrase "News and Entertainment"

The phrase "News and Entertainment" amuses me. There is an inherent avidity in everyone to know what is happening in the world, whether that world is their neighborhood or the entire globe and even though I would generally fall into the previous categorization of news seekers, I am interested in news and events happening in other parts of the world and therefore often allow the talking heads of news networks access to my living room and the brain that occupies it.



EDDY PRINCE

But it is becoming more and more challenging to discern news from entertainment and that is troublesome to me because it is critically important to know the difference.

I remember back in 1980 thinking what a silly idea it was to launch a 24-hour news channel. The concept that a network could survive and be popular airing nothing but news around the clock was unimaginable. Surely nobody has such a boring life that they would want to just sit and watch nothing but news. Yet, since that historic afternoon, June 1, 1980, when the husband and wife team of David Walker and Lois Hart anchored the first CNN newscast, the world of news has never been the same.

Now, 32 years later, anyone in any part of the world can find out just about anything they could ever want to know from the plethora of seemingly interminable newscasts and networks that flood our screens. When you throw in the World Wide Web for good measure the term news and entertainment takes on an engrossing identity of its own and we find ourselves insatiable gluttons for information and amusement.

There are a few problems with the system of perpetually broadcasting news.

For obvious time-consuming reasons there is repetition of the same stories again and again, commentators take 10 minutes to say what could have been said in three, panels of commentators expound and speculate into details beyond reason and many of the stories are just plain silly and nonsensical.

When the pressure is on to provide breaking news, or more intriguing and compelling news stories than your competitors, it opens the door for a bloodhound mentality and the end result of that is oftentimes inaccuracy or a misrepresentation of the facts, or even worse, a story aimed at destroying someone.

This past week the Washington Post printed a 5,500 word small novel about Mitt Romney that has been analyzed and commented on ad nauseam. In case you somehow missed it, the story was essentially about some pranks he was involved in when he was in high school.

I don't want to be misunderstood. I am not a political commentator or campaigner for anyone or anything except truth, justice and morality. What rubs me the wrong way about this particular story is it is an obvious attempt to discredit someone for something done many years ago and it makes me conscious of some important issues.

First of all, as we head into the heart of this presidential election season there will be endless attacks upon all the candidates and their respective parties and there's nothing new or surprising about that. I don't want to get on any politician's hate list but, while I know there are honest men and women in politics that have morals and integrity, I have always believed for anyone to reach that level in the political theater there is a good chance they have been involved in questionable deals and backroom handshakes somewhere along the way.

By definition that's what some political dealings are based upon: a. "to engage in political intrigue, take advantage of a political situation or issue, resort to partisan politics, etc.; exploit a political system or political relationships. b. to deal with people in an opportunistic, manipulative, or devious way, as for job advancement." (dictionary.com)

Secondly, when any politician has spent a long time in public life, his past performance in office, campaign rhetoric, the company he keeps, his morality, and advisers are the best guides to how he'll behave if elected.

Trying to divine secrets about his character, positive or negative, from long-ago anecdotes concerning his teen years is a fool's errand. Can you accurately recall events that happened decades ago?

How many men in their 60s embody the best or worst of their high-school selves?

Anybody will say they are thankful for second chances. I won't indict anyone but myself on this issue, but I am personally thankful for many more chances than that.

I wouldn't want to be judged on the things I did when I was in high school, or even beyond. If not for grace where would any of us be?

Finally, I am bracing for a tumultuous season of brutal campaigning between now and November. The news channels are ablaze already with endless stories of the candidate's habits, social activities, religious views, voting records, past speeches, hobbies, business backgrounds and anything else they believe might be newsworthy.

While I admit a casual affection for certain news outlets and networks, I am determined news channels and their proposed pundits will not make my decisions for me. I am going to be realistic in my evaluation of the facts and base my choices upon honesty, integrity and truth and vote accordingly.

I am not nearly as concerned about what someone did 30 years ago as I am in what he has done recently. What have they shown in their lifestyle, policies and decisions about supporting the principles of America's Christian foundation and her constitution? We would all be wise to pray for wisdom to be able to discern fact from fiction as we are fed a steady diet of political rhetoric over the next few months.

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

Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Big Spring. He can be reached at pastorprince@msn.com.

Deputies: Fla. mom killed 4 kids, then herself

PORT ST. JOHN, Fla. (AP) — In the middle of the night, Tonya Thomas' neighbors awoke to the sound of a gunshot and moments later heard a knock on their door.

Three of Thomas' four children were outside, including one who appeared to have been shot. Before the neighbors could offer help, Thomas came out of her house and called the children back home.

They complied. The neighbors dialed 911 after hearing more gunshots.

Brevard County Sheriff's deputies found Thomas, 33, dead of an apparent self-inflicted wound and three of her children — Jaxs Johnson, 15; Jazzlyn Johnson, 13; and Joel Johnson, 12 — were fatally shot inside the house. A fourth child, Pebbles Johnson, 17, was found shot to death in the front yard of a neighbor's house.

Investigators said they didn't know a motive for the shooting and weren't sure why the children followed their mother's orders to return to the house.

"From what the neighbors said, she was very calm. She walked out and called them back. They turned around and walked back to the house," said sheriff's spokesman Lt. Tod Goodyear.

Another neighbor told deputies Thomas sent a text message in the middle of the night saying she wanted to be cremated with her children.

"He didn't see the text until he woke up this morning," Goodyear said.

The shooting happened in Port St. John, about 15 miles west of Cape Canaveral in an area known as the "Space Coast" because it is the home of NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the location of numerous shuttle launches.

Authorities went to Thomas' house on three successive days last month, according to dispatch records released Tuesday.

In the first visit, on Easter Sunday, Thomas reported that her son had thrown a bicycle through a window at the house. The next day, she called to report that her son had kicked and punched her when she tried to wake him up for school.

The following day, child welfare investigators visited the house to look into allegations of inadequate supervision of the children.

The Department of Children and Families was following up on a report on a Johnson child who had been released from a detention facility and hadn't been picked up by a caretaker, DCF spokeswoman Carrie Hoeppner said in an email.

Records showed Thomas was arrested in 2002 on a misdemeanor battery charge for striking Joe Johnson, the father of her children. The charge was later dropped. Two years earlier, she filed a domestic violence complaint against Joe Johnson, but that was dismissed after a hearing.

Jamie Hudson, whose mother lives two doors down from the family, said the boys in the family were known to shoot BBs at a home across the street and had threatened to set it on fire.

"It has been an ongoing problem on our street with them," Hudson said.

Goodyear said Jaxs Johnson had recently been arrested on a domestic violence charge. He said he didn't know if the boy had been accused of hitting his mother or causing damage at the house.

Austin Lewis, a 16-year-old classmate of Pebbles Johnson, said the family "had problems like everybody else but nothing that drastic."

He described Pebbles Johnson as "very loving and caring."

"Always with a smile," Lewis said. "Didn't let anything affect her. She was always in a good mood."

A pastor at the church the family attended described it as "normal stuff."

"I think he was punching some walls or something," said Jarvis Wash, pastor of the Real Church in Rockledge, Fla.

Wash said the family attended services last Sunday but had been absent for a few weeks before that.

"I don't know what could have happened in the past couple of days," Wash said. "It's a tragedy to the church and the community."

North Dakota becomes nation's second-leading in oil producing

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota has passed Alaska to become the second-leading oil-producing state in the nation, trailing only Texas, state officials said Tuesday.

North Dakota oil drillers pumped 17.8 million barrels in March, with a daily average of 575,490 barrels, Assistant State Mineral Resources Director Bruce Hicks said. That compares with 17.5 million barrels in Alaska, though still far behind Texas.

The state's oil patch is drilling at record levels and shows little sign of slowing down. The 152.9 million barrels of crude oil produced in 2011 set a record, surpassing the previous year's mark by nearly 40 million barrels, according to the state Industrial Commission. The number of wells in the state jumped from 6,726 in February to a record 6,921 in March, Hicks said.

North Dakota owes its rapid rise from No. 9 in just six years to improved horizontal drilling techniques in the rich Bakken shale and Three Forks formations in the western part of the state.

"No. 2, who would have thought?" said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, which represents several hundred companies working in the state's oil patch. "In 1999, we had zero rigs working and people left this industry for dead in North Dakota. Technology, geology, price and the business climate changed that."

Ness and Hicks said the achievement is bittersweet, as North Dakota continues to surpass states that have seen a decrease in oil production, including California and Louisiana.

"It's unfortunate the way we overtook them," Hicks said. "We need to get domestic production up so we can wean ourselves from foreign oil."

North Dakota's oil boom also has pushed the state's population to record levels and its unemployment rate the lowest in the nation.

"This is more than oil — it's opportunity," Ness said. "We want these other states moving in the right direction, too. This nation needs to look at energy development. Federal regulatory policies have an impact."

Alaska, which pumped 17.5 million barrels in March, has seen its oil production slip by about 15 million barrels a year since 2008, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation statistician Steve McMains said. The state expects to tally fewer than 200 million barrels this year. Alaska produced a record 738.5 million barrels in 1988.

North Dakota and Alaska each contributed to about 9 percent of the 178.1 million barrels of U.S. production in February, according to the Energy Department's information administration. Those states in February — along with No. 1 Texas and No. 4 California — contributed to about 45.7 percent of total U.S. production, excluding offshore drilling, records show.

North Dakota crude was fetching about $93.30 a barrel on Tuesday, about $3 less than a year ago. Records show 210 rigs were drilling on Tuesday in the state.

To shake Texas from the top spot, North Dakota would have to nearly double its production. The most recent production numbers from Texas show it produced 1.1 million barrels daily in February and 32.9 million barrels for the whole month. And Texas' oil production has increased more than 8.2 million barrels from February 2011 to February 2012, records show.

"It's going to be tough to catch someone who also is inclining," Hicks said. "There are people out there who say we (North Dakota) could hit a million barrels a day, but it's way too early to say."

Natural gas, a byproduct of oil production in North Dakota, also was pegged at a record 620.8 million cubic feet in March, but about a third of it is being flared because the state lacks collecting systems and pipelines needed to move it to market. Less than 1 percent of natural gas is flared from oil fields nationwide, according to the Energy Information Administration in Washington, D.C.

Officials say about $3 billion in infrastructure improvements are planned in the state to process natural gas and move it to market.

Neil Sedaka turns his calendar girl into dino pet

NEW YORK (AP) — Where has Neil Sedaka been all these years? Wiggling his way into the hearts of a new generation, for one, through picture books accompanied by mini-albums offering playful takes on some of his hits.

At 73, the singer-songwriter enlisted the aid of his twin granddaughters as kiddie backup singers on the three-song CD tucked into "Dinosaur Pet," released this month by Imagine Publishing and inspired by his 1960 song "Calendar Girl."

It's Sedaka's second picture book using child-tailored lyrics, a popular marketing hook for other performers looking to bring their oldies music to children. Two years ago it was an alligator character for "Waking Up Is Hard to Do," based on Sedaka's "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do."

"My grandchildren love Papa Neil's old rock 'n' roll songs. I used to sing them at their piano," he said in a recent interview.

He still works plenty hard entertaining grown-ups at gigs around the world. The classically trained pianist, who loves Maroon 5 and Adele, recently finished his first symphony and a piano concerto, "Manhattan Intermezzo," that he'll debut at London's Royal Albert Hall .on Oct. 17.

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Manhunt under way for groom of slain bride in Ill.

CHICAGO (AP) — A groom whose bride had sought to keep their impending wedding secret from most of her family is wanted on a murder charge after his new wife was found stabbed to death in a bathtub in her suburban Chicago home just hours after the ceremony, still dressed in silver sequins.

A manhunt is under way for 30-year-old Arnoldo Jimenez, who is accused of first-degree murder in the slaying of Estrella Carrera, 26, shortly after they celebrated their marriage on Friday with friends, said police in the Chicago suburb of Burbank.

"It was a very brutal killing," Capt. Joseph Ford of the Burbank Police Department told The Associated Press Tuesday. "We do our jobs every day, of course. But something like this really motivates you to work even harder."

Carrera's body was found in a bathtub in a silver sequin cocktail dress that she wore at the wedding reception. Ford said it was possible she was also wed in the short shimmering dress.

After the Friday afternoon marriage at Chicago's City Hall, the couple had dinner with friends at a restaurant, then headed to a nightclub in a party limousine. They were last seen at 4 a.m. Saturday, and Carrera's body was found in her Burbank apartment Sunday.

The 6-foot, 220-pound Jimenez was last known to be driving a 2006 black Maserati. Since the killing likely took place just hours after the couple went to her Burbank apartment, the suspect had a day to flee the metropolitan area or even the state, Ford said.

Carrera, the mother of a 2-year-old boy and a 9-year-old daughter, told nearly no one in advance about her plans to marry, inviting a few friends out Friday without saying what she was celebrating, her relatives said. Her body was found after family members became worried they had not heard from her and called police.

Some of those familiar with the couple said there had been incidents of violence during their two years dating, Ford said. But he added that authorities hadn't found any records indicating Carrera ever filed a complaint against Jimenez.

"And we have no indications the two were arguing at any time during the (Friday and early Saturday) celebration," Ford said.

Carrera's family and acquaintances were struggling to comprehend how such a tragedy could happen during what should have been a time of celebration.

"You see this sort of thing in the movies. You never expect it to happen next door," one of her neighbors, David Raska, said before police named Jimenez as a suspect.

Carrera's cousins also were shocked.

"We never thought this would happen," said 27-year-old Jaime Lopez. "Reality still hasn't hit me."

Carerra called another cousin, Sandy Lopez, inviting her to the party but said nothing about a wedding.

"She didn't want to tell me she had gotten married," she said. "She didn't tell anybody besides her father the day before." She told NBC 5 Chicago news that Carrera and her new husband had an on-again, off-again relationship.

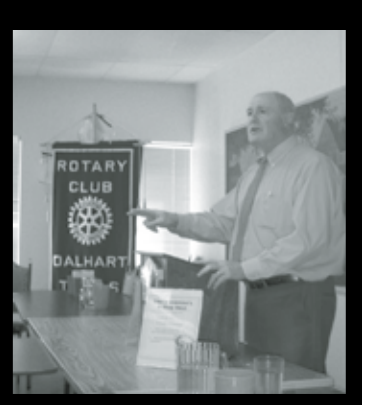
The cousins, neither of whom could make it to the Friday party, said Carrera worked as a Spanish-language translator, and they described her as a fiercely independent woman who adored her kids.

"She was a beautiful mother, person, sister," Sandy Lopez said.

Relatives became concerned when Carrera didn't pick up her children on Saturday at her father's, who had been watching his grandchildren while his daughter was celebrating. Police found her body Sunday afternoon during a well-being check.

Another neighbor in Burbank, Jason Tokarczyk, said Carrera had lived in her apartment for the past several months and would greet him but otherwise said little.

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Texas Briefs

Assault suspect surrenders peacefully

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Local authorities were able to coax an assault suspect to surrender without incident following a brief standoff Monday night in Huntsville.

Clayton Odenn Jenkins, 45, was taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault at a residence in the 100 block of Renfro Valley Drive around 10:30 p.m. Officers arrived at the home to question Jenkins about an earlier incident in which a woman suffered a laceration on her forearm and had to be treated at Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

Jenkins did not answer the door when Huntsville police arrived and was hiding in a closet in the residence. HPD officer Joe Thornton was able to convince Jenkins to come out and surrender.

"When no one came to the door we thought we were going to have to call SWAT," Lieutenant Jim Barnes with HPD said. "Officer Thornton was able to talk Jenkins into surrendering peacefully and we were fortunate nothing happened."

Officers were originally dispatched to HMH in reference to a female victim who had suffered a large cut to her forearm Monday night. When law enforcement arrived, the woman told them she was in a dating relationship with the suspect, whom she identified as Jenkins, and the two had gotten into an argument.

The victim, who received several stitches to treat her wound, told police that Jenkins allegedly threatened to take his own life by putting a knife to his throat before cutting her.

Jenkins, who had a few superficial wounds on his neck when he was taken into custody, is being held in the Walker County Jail on a $100,000 bond.

Houston rapper sought in killing of another

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a murder warrant has been issued for one rapper accused of killing another in an apparent jealous rage.

Police have announced the charge against 19-year-old Jordan Quentin Wilson, who remains at large.

Investigators say 20-year-old Toyurean Young was fatally shot May 4 in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant.

Court documents Tuesday indicated Wilson and Young were in a rap group together, then Wilson went out on his own. A witness told police that Wilson grew increasingly jealous as Young's success grew.

Wilson allegedly had been using social media to threaten and challenge Young. Police say the victim said the name "Jordan" to emergency personnel after being shot. Young later died at a hospital.

State to offer permits for gun silencers Sept. 1

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — The state will begin offering permits for game hunters to use silencers on their guns, effective Sept. 1.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted rules in March that permit the use of silencers for the hunting of alligators, game animals or game birds. Such devices already were legal for the hunting of exotic animals, including feral hogs.

However, hunters will still have to apply for state permits to have and use silencers.

Longview gun dealer Bob Godell tells the Longview News-Journal (http://bit.ly/JulcsH) the change is "long overdue." Longview hunter Earl Ates, a lifelong National Rifle Association member, says he doubts the benefits of silent hunting, though, and worries about its use for poaching and other illegal activities.

He says silencers "can also go against making a humane kill."

Accident kills famed West Texas farmer S.M. True

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Prominent West Texas farmer S.M. True, who served as Texas Farm Bureau president for 11 years in the 1980s and early '90s, has died in a tractor accident on his South Plains farm. He was 88.

A Farm Bureau statement says True died Tuesday. Hale County sheriff's Deputy John Phillips tells the Plainview Herald that True was working on the tractor at his farm "when a large part of the tractor fell on him, striking him around his neck."

Phillips says True was alone and died outright. His brother, Riley True, found his body early Tuesday afternoon.

Teen sues over school Holocaust role-playing

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A teen who says he was injured at his Texas Panhandle high school in a Holocaust role-playing exercise has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the school district.

Andrew Yara alleges he was seriously hurt in a fall when he was jumped while carrying a classmate on his back two years ago.

The suit says the annual two-day exercise at Perryton High School teaches students about the Holocaust.

Students who play Jews are required to obey demands by classmates playing Nazis — and will get a failing grade if they don't.

The suit was filed Monday in Amarillo against the Perryton school district, 100 miles to the northeast. Yara, who's now 19, seeks unspecified damages and attorneys' fees.

School district officials didn't return calls for comment Tuesday.

New Dallas super requires some to reapply

DALLAS (AP) — The incoming leader of Dallas schools has announced an overhaul that means dozens of staffers must reapply for a chance to keep their jobs.

Mike Miles takes over as superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District on July 1, but is a paid adviser until then.

Officials say 68 DISD employees are affected in the restructuring, including about two dozen top-level administrators. Officials say 36 positions will be available. Details on the jobs are being posted Wednesday, with interviews to start Monday.

Eleven vacant jobs are being eliminated.

DISD has more than 157,000 students and a staff topping 20,000.

Miles is wrapping up as superintendent of the Harrison School District No. 2, which includes some suburbs of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Texas officials investigate death of 11-foot gator

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The body of an 11-foot alligator has been found in North Texas and state game officials will help investigate the death.

Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman Tom Harvey says the carcass was discovered last week in the Trinity River between Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake. The area is near the Fort Worth Nature Center.

The animal appears to have suffered some type of tail damage.

Harvey on Tuesday declined to discuss possible circumstances of the reptile's death. The estimated age of the gator was not released.

Texas allows alligator hunting April through June on private property.

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A $500 check was recently presented to the Jake and Misty Sims family.

Misty writes, "I am Misty Sims, formally from Big Spring. My mother is Angela Baker of Big Spring.

"I married Jake Sims in the summer of 2008. We have five children — Jaden, Jarrett, Kyleigh, Kahlan and Khaleesi — ranging from 9 years to 9 months.

"Jake has been in the Army for 10 years and is currently stationed in the 172 infantry unit. He did five tours — four in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He recently returned from Patika providence in Afghanistan in February.

"He is in the process of training with the German army. We are stationed in Grafenwoehr, Germany and loving it. Moving is always hard, but we get to see most things people only dream of. The army has been a big learning experience and we hope to make a career out of it. We are proud to call ourselves vets and proud of our military and proud to learn different customs.

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Pictured above are E4 Jake Sims and daughter Kahlan. Shown at the top of the page are Misty, Khalessi, Kahian and Kyleigh in Germany. The couple's boys, Jayden and Jarrett, are not pictured.

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Stripling sizzling on mound for Aggies

By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

COLLEGE STATION — If one were to list all of the accolades that Texas A&M senior Ross Stripling has garnered during his career as a Division One college pitcher, it would take a lot of ink and probably one full newspaper page.

Stripling attended Southlake Carroll High School — where he racked up 14 wins and zero losses in his senior year and pitched his way to a staggering 1.60 ERA — but his roots run deep in Big Spring.

Stripling's grandfather, Hayes Stripling II, has resided here for 86 years now and his late grandmother Dorothy, who passed away in 2011 was also a longtime Big Spring resident. Stripling's father, Hayes Stripling III grew up here and attended Big Spring High School before leaving the area upon graduation.

Attending A&M is a family tradition for the Striplings. All of the aforementioned Stripling men attended the school. Hayes Stripling II was a Aggie Yell Leader, and his brother Hayes Stripling IV is currently enrolled at the institution and working toward his doctorate in nuclear engineering.

Some of Stripling's many achievements include being named to the NCAA Men's Divison I All-America team and the Capital One Academic All-America team in 2011.

Stripling recorded a 14-2 overall record and an ERA of 2.29. He helped guide the Aggies to the College World Series in 2011 as a junior. He was drafted in the 9th round of the 2011 Major League Baseball draft by the Colorado Rockies, but decided to return to A&M for his senior year.

A business finance major, the 6'3'', 190 pound right hander is currently a finalist for Lowe's Senior CLASS (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School) Award. To qualify, one must exhibit excellence on and off the field and in the classroom.

So far, his senior year has been as productive on the mound as his junior year. He leads the Big XII in innings pitched and complete games and most recently, he pitched a no-hitter — just the 11th in Aggie history — against San Diego State University last Saturday. Stripling struck out seven SDSU batters and allowed only one walk during the outing.

Named the Big XII pitcher of the week three times this year, Stripling seems to have the future in as firm of a grip as his feared curveball while in the stretch.

According to Hayes Stripling II, his grandson is not only long on athletic talent, but also has character to spare.

"It's funny," Stripling II said. "Last season, he was going to take the mound against Cal State Fullerton. When they were lined up for the National Anthem, Coach (Rob) Childress asked 'Where is my starting pitcher?' As it turned out, Ross had about 50 kids around him doing magic tricks for them."

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Courtesy photo

Ross Stripling, a Texas A&M senior with Big Spring ties, pitched a no-hitter against San Diego State University on Saturday.



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Howard College's Hector Lorenzana belts a homerun during Tuesday's Region 5 tournament rematch against Cisco. The Hawks — who were defeated by Cisco earlier in the tourney — won the game 16-7 and will face CJC for a third time today at 1 p.m. to decide the regional championship. If the Hawks win, they will advance to the JUCO National Championship tournament in Grand Junction, Colo.

Rangers bats quieted again by Kansas City

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Colby Lewis was already having a disappointing May before facing Kansas City. A pair of throwing errors that led to five unearned runs for the Royals made this month a bit worse for the right-hander.

Mike Moustakas homered, Billy Butler and Brayan Pena each drove in a pair of runs and the Royals kept Texas' potent offense in check for a second straight game in a 7-4 win over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Kansas City scored four unearned runs in the first inning after Lewis' errant throw on a comebacker to the mound sailed over the head of first baseman Mitch Moreland, putting runners on second and third with no outs.

Another error in the second led to a fifth run.

"I checked the runner (at second) and forced him back," Lewis said. "I just told myself to make a nice, easy throw and I threw it too high."

Lewis' struggles continued his May swoon — he has three losses in as many starts this month with a 6.52 ERA.

The Royals, losers of 12 straight last month, have now won five of six games.

"To come in here and win two games is big for us," said Royals manager Ned Yost. "Our pitching has been pretty good. That shows you how good."

Vin Mazzaro, making the start in place of lefty Danny Duffy, who is out for the season with a torn elbow ligament, pitched five innings and gave up three runs on seven hits. He had two strikeouts.

"It's a tough situation," Mazzaro said of the in

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Spurs down Clippers in Game 1 of semis

PAUL J. WEBER
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs had just taken Game 1, and Manu Ginobili didn't want to hear another word about winning 15 in a row or not losing in more than a month.

"I don't even want to know about that," Ginobili said.

On the other side of the AT&T Center, Clippers' All-Star Chris Paul needed no reminder that his wretched performance contributed to the Spurs' 108-92 victory over Los Angeles in the opener of the Western Conference semifinals on Tuesday night.

He just needed to deliver the message to his kid.

"Good game, Daddy," Paul's young son told this father in the locker room.

"No, bad game," Paul answered. "Daddy had a bad game. Daddy couldn't make a shot."

The Clippers — once again — won't have much time to get better.

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 10 rebounds following an eight-day layoff for the top-seeded Spurs, who wore down Los Angeles in what was the sixth game in 11 day for the Clippers. Game 2 on Thursday night will make it seven in fewer than two weeks.

"It's hard to tell if they were tired or not. If we were rusty or not," Ginobili said. "The game just developed that way it did."

By that, he meant the latest Spurs blowout.

The Spurs have won 15 in a row, haven't lost since April 11 and are winning by an average margin of nearly 17 points during that span. It's the longest winning streak in the NBA playoffs since the 2004

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Cuban: Carlisle will stay with Mavs

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The coach who led the Dallas Mavericks to their only NBA championship is staying put.

Rick Carlisle has signed a new contract with the Mavericks, a year after winning the title. While terms of the deal weren't released, owner Mark Cuban indicated in a statement Tuesday that it was for at least as long as the coach's initial four-year contract.

"We are excited that Rick will be back with the Mavericks for at least the next four years," Cuban said. "He is a proven winner, a great teacher and a coach that will help the Mavericks improve as a team and as an organization."

Carlisle just completed the final season of the four-year contract he got when he replaced Avery Johnson in 2008. Dallas made it to the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season, but was swept in the first round by Oklahoma City.

Carlisle has a 198-114 regular season record in Dallas, and is 479-325 overall (.596 winning percentage) as a head coach. Before joining the Mavericks, Carlisle led Detroit and Indiana to the Eastern Conference finals.

Cuban and Carlisle both repeatedly refused over the last several weeks of the season to discuss the coach's future.

"These things, they take time and it's a very big commitment both ways and we had a lot of

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Astros edged by Philadelphia in 10th

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brett Myers expected the ball to plop onto the grass or into the glove of his left fielder.

The former Phillies pitcher should know as well anyone that flyballs have a way of carrying into the seats at Citizens Bank Park.

Hunter Pence atoned for a ninth-inning misplay by hitting his second home run of the game, a solo shot in the 10th that lifted Philadelphia over the Houston Astros 4-3 Tuesday.

Pence connected off Myers (0-1) with one out to give the Phillies their first three-game winning streak of the season. He was mobbed at the plate in celebration by his easily forgiving teammates while his fielding gaffe was filed to the blooper reel.

"I didn't think he hit it good at all. It didn't sound good off the bat," Myers said. "Shoot, when he hit it, I thought I got it out there enough. I don't know. He's a strong guy, though."

Pence's error in right field while trying to make a throw home allowed Houston to tie it with two outs in the ninth.

"I felt horrible that it happened," Pence said. "The team really picked me up."

The NL East champions ended a dubious

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great conversations during the season and after the season," Carlisle said during an interview on ESPN Radio in Dallas, the team's flagship station. "I'm very happy to have the opportunity to return."

Carlisle wouldn't elaborate on any details of his new contract during the extended interview.

On the day after the season-ending Game 4 loss to the Thunder earlier this month, Carlisle would only say that Dallas "has been a great opportunity for me and my family and we love it here." When he attended a Texas Rangers game Sunday, he smiled without saying anything when asked about a new contract.

Now that Carlisle is set to return, the Mavericks have plenty of decisions to make about players to surround 11-time All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki, who will be 34 next season.

"It's a lot of work going forward because there's going to be a lot of big decisions that have to be made," Carlisle said during his radio interview. "We've got younger guys, we've got to continue to get better and there are some unknowns which to me make it exciting, and I want to be here. So I'm glad it worked out."

Jason Kidd, their 39-year-old point guard whose 1,315 career regular-season games are more than any other active player, and guards Jason Terry and Delonte West are among six Dallas players who can become free agents. The Mavs have team options on four other players, including Vince Carter.

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drought when Pence, a former Astros star, hit his ninth homer of the season. This was the longest stretch of games (37) into a season without a three-game win streak for the Phillies since 1971, when they needed 51 games.

Astros manager Brad Mills gambled bringing in Myers for the 10th in a tie game.

"Coming into a tie ballgame on the road, I was prepared but, it just baffled me a little bit," Myers said. "I can just go out there and do my job. That's all I can do when called upon."

Mills said Myers was warmed up and wanted to pitch.

Chad Qualls failed to hold a 3-1 lead in the ninth and kept Cliff Lee winless in five starts this season.

Lee allowed one run and struck out 10 over eight strong innings. Jake Diekman tossed 1 1-3 scoreless innings to win his major league debut.

Phillies closer Jonathan Papelbon was shut down for a day after pitching in back-to-back games. That opened the door for a Houston rally against a scuffling bullpen.

Carlos Lee hit an RBI single off Qualls to cut it to 3-2.

Pinch runner Brian Bogusevic kept the rally going when he stole second. J.D Martinez hit a liner to right and got the hold sign at third. Pence let the ball slip out of his hand as he was preparing to throw and Bogusevic sprinted home for the tying run.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Vanishing Trick

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K 9 7 5 2
♥Q 6 2
♦Q 8 5 3
♣A

WEST
♠Q 10 6
♥J 10 9 7 3
♦A
♣Q J 6 4

EAST
♠J 8 4
♥K 8 5
♦K 4
♣9 8 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠A 3
♥A 4
♦J 10 9 7 6 2
♣K 10 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♦			

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

There are many ways of arranging for a losing trick to disappear, but some of these are far less obvious than others.

Take this case where West leads a heart against five diamonds. Declarer plays dummy's queen, hoping West has led from the king, but when East covers the queen with the king, what could have been an easy assignment now appears to be an impossible one. It now seems he must lose two trumps and a heart and go down one.

But if South gives the matter serious thought, he should conclude that there is still a legitimate chance to make the contract. So he wins the heart with the ace, cashes the A-K of spades and ruffs a spade.

When the spades turn out to be divided 3-3, declarer's chances rise considerably. He next leads a club to the ace and returns the nine of spades.

With the opposing trumps situated as they are, there is nothing the defenders can do to stop the contract. If East discards, South pitches his heart loser, and West can do no better than ruff with the ace. East later scores a trump trick, but South takes the rest.

If East ruffs the nine of spades with the four, South discards his heart loser all the same. East wins the trick cheaply enough, but when he returns a heart, declarer ruffs and leads a trump. The A-K of trumps then come tumbling down together, and again the contract is home.

Tomorrow: Clues and conclusions.

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SPURS

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Spurs carried 17 straight wins into the second round that season.

That Spurs team, however, wound up dropping four straight to the Lakers and lost that series.

The Clippers have a lot of work to do if they're going to stage a similar stunner, and a good start would be getting healthy.

Blake Griffin scored 15 points in 28 minutes a day after estimating his sprained left knee had him feeling "80 percent" at best. The All-Star said he became tired quicker than usual, and also turned his left ankle early in the game.

"But I'll get back in the training room, get treatment and hope to be better the next game," Griffin said.

The marquee matchup of the series — All-Star point guards Tony Parker and Chris Paul — began with a fizzle.

Paul, who ended the first round with an aching hip, scored just six points and didn't make a single basket in the second half. Parker was barely any better, putting together seven points and 11 assists, and didn't talk to reporters after the game.

"I felt I got all the shots that I wanted. I just didn't make them," Paul said. "That's the most frustrating part. Getting to where I wanted to and not seeing them go down. Can't do that in the playoffs."

The beat-up and banged-up Clippers now have one full day of rest — which is all the time they've had to recover between games for the past week and a half.

Los Angeles couldn't even fly home after knocking out the Grizzlies on Sunday in Game 7 of a grueling series that had the Clippers hobbling next to Texas.

Rookie Kawhi Leonard added 16 points, hitting all three of his 3s, and Danny Green added 15 points for the Spurs.

Caron Butler scored 15 points and Nick Young had 13 for the Clippers. Los Angeles cut the deficit to single digits in the fourth quarter before San Antonio ran away with its 11th double-digit victory during this dominating winning streak.

The Clippers didn't even need San Antonio's help getting more bumps and bruises.

Mo Williams, already playing with his sore right fingers taped, took a lump on the head when teammate Reggie Evans inadvertently kicked him after Williams fell on his back in the lane.

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jury to Duffy. "But any situation you get thrown in you have to give it your best. You never know when you'll get another one. I just went out there and stayed focused on every pitch."

Moustakas, who reached base for a 22nd consecutive game, homered in the third.

Major league home run leader Josh Hamilton, who is only the fourth player in 40 years to lead the majors' triple crown categories 35 games into a season, according to information provided by the Rangers from the Elias Sports Bureau, extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a single and added a sacrifice fly.

Reliever Tim Collins struck out five of the six batters he faced in the sixth and seventh innings for the Royals, who swept the two-game series.

"Collins was dynamite tonight," said Yost. "The bullpen has been doing it all year long."

Lewis' throwing error on the comebacker put Eric Hosmer and Jarrod Dyson on second and third with no outs. Dyson scored on Butler's fielder's choice and Lewis retired Alex Gordon on a flyout to left field before Jeff Francoeur doubled and Moustakas was hit by a pitch. Pena followed with a two-run single to put the Royals up 3-0.

Moustakas came around to score on Chris Getz's run-scoring base hit.

Kansas City sent nine hitters to the plate in the inning.

"The only thing we can look back at is that Colby should have made that play," said Texas manager Ron Washington. "If he makes that play, it's a zero on the scoreboard.

"They swung the bat, but those at-bats wouldn't have happened if we execute some plays."

Dyson led off the second with a single and advanced to second when Lewis bounced a pickoff attempt short and wide of the bag. Butler hit a double to score Dyson and put Kansas City ahead 5-0.

The run support was plenty for Mazzaro and the bullpen, which held the majors' top-scoring team to one run in four innings. Mazzaro had made six starts with Triple-A Omaha this season, going 1-0 with a 4.37 ERA. Before his promotion May 8, Mazzaro had allowed just two runs on eight hits in 13 innings in his last two starts.

David Murphy and Mitch Moreland had RBIs for the Rangers and Brandon Snyder homered in the ninth.

Dyson reached base three times for Kansas City, including a double to lead off the game.

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The Two-State Illusion

Would it solve the Middle East problem?

There seems to be almost universal consensus that in order to bring peace to the Middle East the creation of a Palestinian state is unavoidable. What is more, such a "solution" is the policy of the United States.

What are the facts?

The lesson of Gaza. In previous *hasbarah* (educating and clarifying) messages we made clear that a Palestinian state would be impossible for Israel to accept. It would lead inevitably to Israel's destruction. The reason is primarily the lesson learned from the Gaza experiment. Under pressure from most of the world, Israel evacuated Gaza, displacing hundreds of families who had lived there for generations and who had built substantial communities and extensive agricultural installations. Instead of making even the least gesture of acknowledgment and gratitude, the Palestinians, almost from the very first day of their "liberation" from the hated Jews, began to lob rockets into Israel. Ultimately, Israel was forced to defend itself against those attacks and invaded Gaza in force. There was much damage and many casualties. As could be expected, "world opinion" condemned Israel's defensive action and called it "disproportionate."

"...the ultimate goal is not... a Palestinian state... but the destruction of Israel."

If Israel were foolish enough to yield to the unrelenting pressure and were to turn Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") over to the Palestinians, it would find itself surrounded by enemies, whose ultimate goal is not the creation of a Palestinian state but the destruction of Israel – to use the common rhetoric, to wipe Israel off the map and push the Jews into the sea.

Statehood opportunities rejected. The reality is that the Palestinians are not really interested in their own independent state. Such a state never existed and the concept of a "Palestinian" people is a fairly new one. If the Palestinians were really interested in their own state, if that were their aspiration, they could have had such a state side-by-side with Israel, for a very long time. The first partition of Palestine – all of which, by the Balfour Declaration and by the mandate of the League of Nations was to be the Jewish home – occurred in 1921. Winston Churchill, who was then the Colonial Secretary, split the mandated territory, allocating the great bulk to the Arabs for the creation of what is now the Kingdom of Jordan. But, of course, that did not satisfy the Arabs. After much bloody fighting over the decades, other efforts were made to create an additional state for the Arabs (who by then called themselves "Palestinians"). There was the Peel Partition Plan of 1937, and, most importantly perhaps, the United Nations Partition Plan of 1947. Under the UN plan, the territory west of the Jordan River was to be split, with the major portion to be allocated to the Arabs and the smaller, disconnected, portion going to the Jews. Jerusalem, a bone of contention, was to be "internationalized" – it would not belong to either. The Jews, anxious to form their state, accepted this plan under which they were granted only a small fraction of the "Palestine" that they had been promised to be their homeland by the Balfour Declaration and by the mandate of the League of Nations. But the Arabs rejected the partition out of hand. Almost the same day that Israel declared its statehood and its independence, six Arab armies invaded Israel from north, east and south. In what could be called a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might.

Following the Six-Day War of 1967, in which Israeli forces defeated the combined invasion forces of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, Israel offered generous terms for the formation of a Palestinian state. But it was not accepted. Instead, the Arabs convened in Khartoum (Sudan) and pronounced their famous Three No's: No peace with Israel, No negotiations with Israel, No recognition of Israel. Other offers of statehood were made over the course of the years. Ehud Barak, then prime minister of Israel, and U.S. President Bill Clinton offered the Palestinians almost total withdrawal to the 1967 armistice lines. The Palestinians rejected the offer, presumably because it did not include Israel's willingness to accept hundreds of thousands of Palestinian "refugees," who would with one stroke accomplish what the Arabs had not accomplished in their wars: the destruction of Israel. The creation of a Palestinian state could have been accomplished many times. But it is the unalterable goal of the Palestinians, indeed of most Arabs and most Muslims, to destroy the Jewish state and never to recognize and legitimize Israel in whatever shape and size as a Jewish state.

It is important to understand that the creation of a Palestinian state is not the true ultimate goal of the Arabs. It is, at best, meant to be a stepping stone toward the ultimate goal: the destruction, the disappearance of Israel and of the hated Jews from any portion of what they consider "holy Muslim soil." The Arabs are not interested in putting an end to the suffering of the Palestinian people. That could have been accomplished long ago. On the contrary, to be martyrs is a source of pride and assurance of victory to the Arabs. They compare their willingness to sacrifice hundreds of thousands of their own with the Zionist enemy, who is concerned about combat losses or even the fate of one single abducted soldier.

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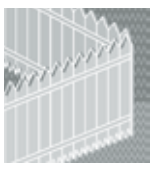
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's only fun to take tests when you think you know the answers. With this in mind, you're careful not to challenge others in a way that will make them feel bad or annoyed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're trying to make people's lives better. Sometimes they cooperate; other times they don't. You won't take it personally either way. Being in the right makes it easier for you to keep your ego out of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll do quite a lot on your own, but not everything. Before you ask for help, be sure you really need it. Others will find it most satisfying to help you when that is the case.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your positive thoughts are transmitted to the universe. You'll see evidence that your transmission has been received in the beautiful, effortless unfolding of your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a miniscule part of the cosmic whole -- not according to the trillions of microorganisms living within you, and not to the ones who love you. You'll get a sense of your vital importance today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You made a deal with destiny, and that deal is more negotiable than you might think. Sit down and have a talk with her in your mind. Sure, she can be tough, but she's not unreasonable. Besides, destiny likes you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you feel as though no one is listening to you. That will be remedied today, as the influence you hold will be obvious. Your suggestions will be taken; your orders, followed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't need a phone to connect with the one you love. Even when this person is at a great distance, satellites and wires are unnecessary because you're telepathically connected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your habits change because your environment has changed. It's a natural result of having to adapt to the way things currently are. You'll like where the new habits lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your thought process is like television. You can't control the programming, but you can choose what you'll watch. And if you choose wrong, you can always change the channel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Emotions trigger your mind to release chemicals in your body, and every cell that is you takes a bath in those chemicals. This is yet another reason why you should do what makes you happy.

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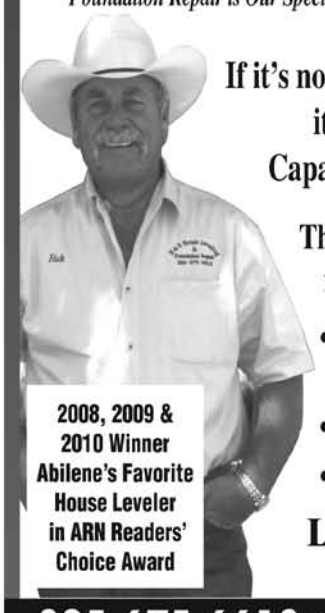


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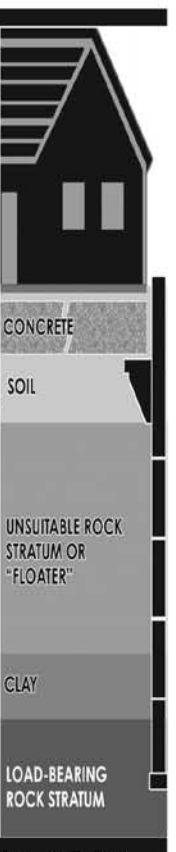


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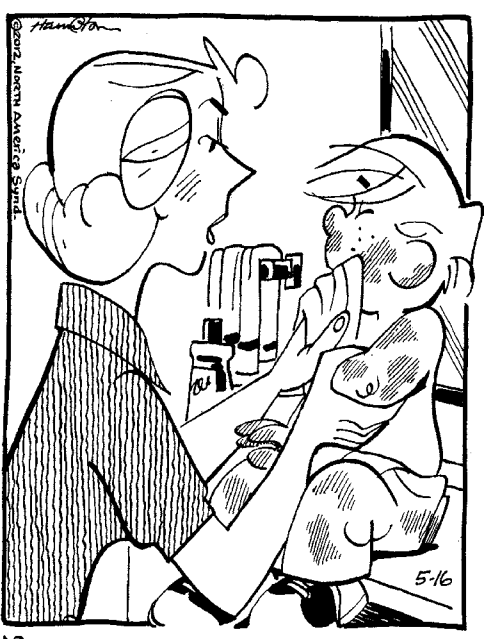
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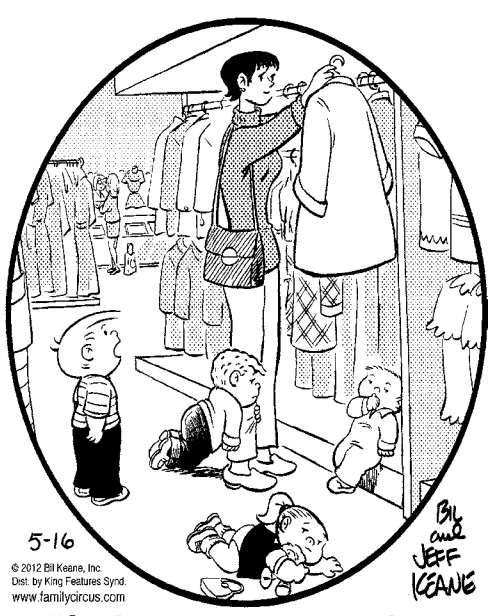
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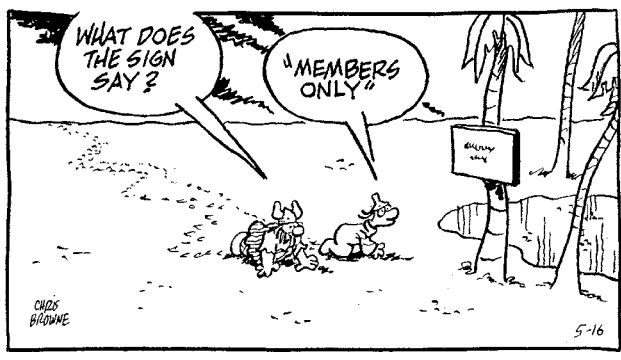
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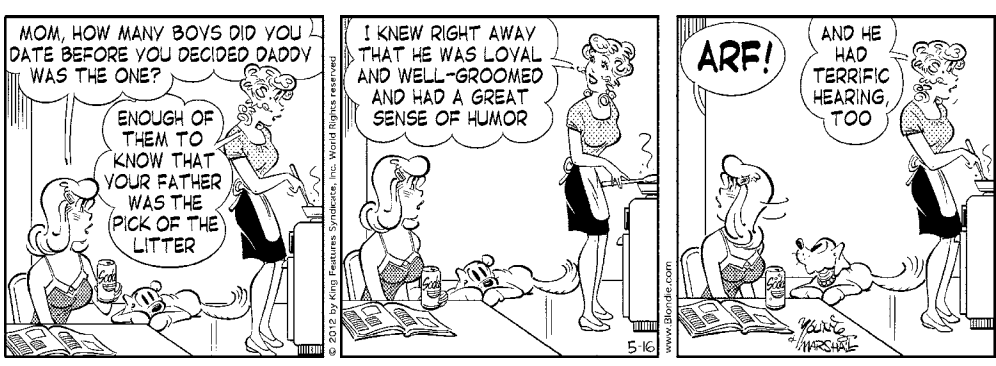
"Can't we go to a store where they have TOYS?"

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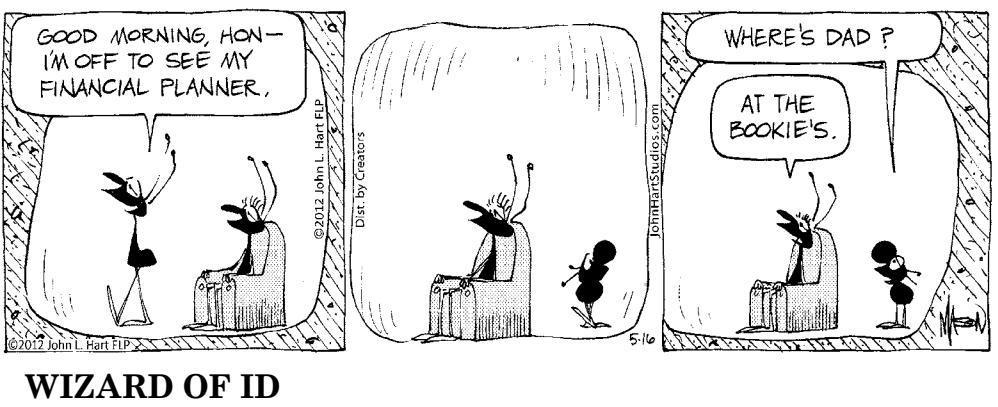




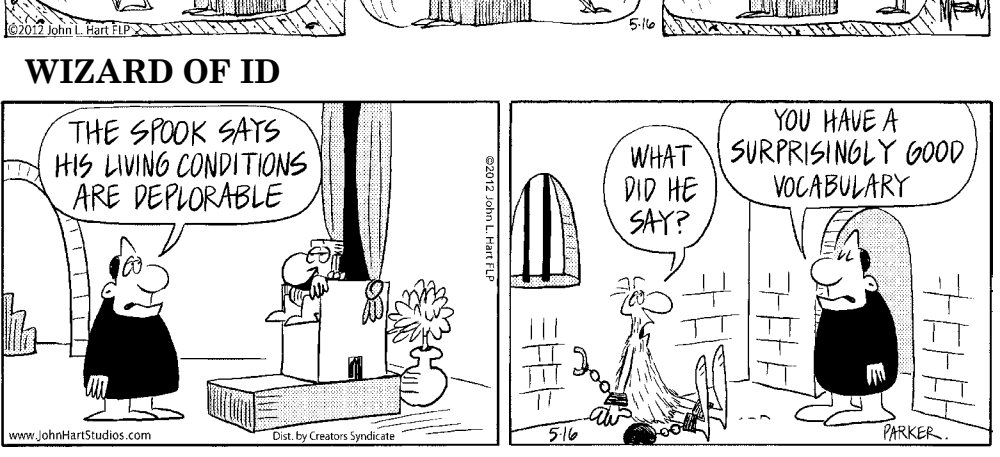
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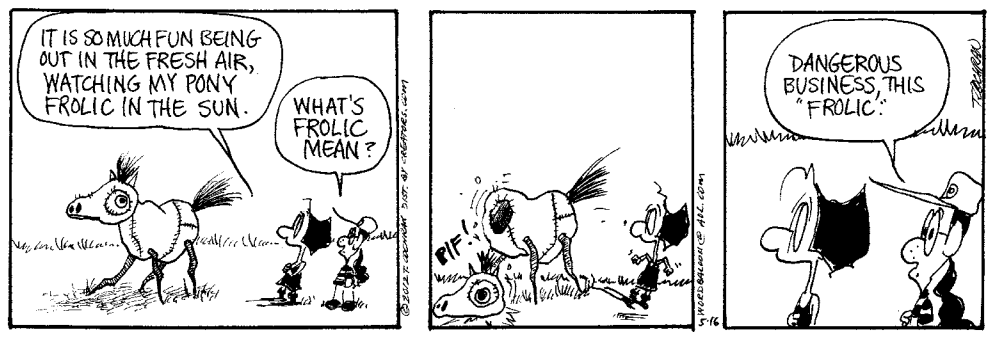
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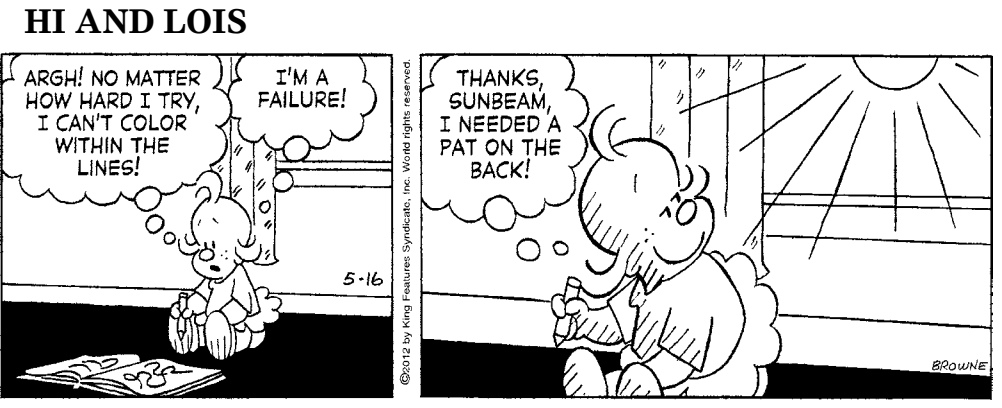
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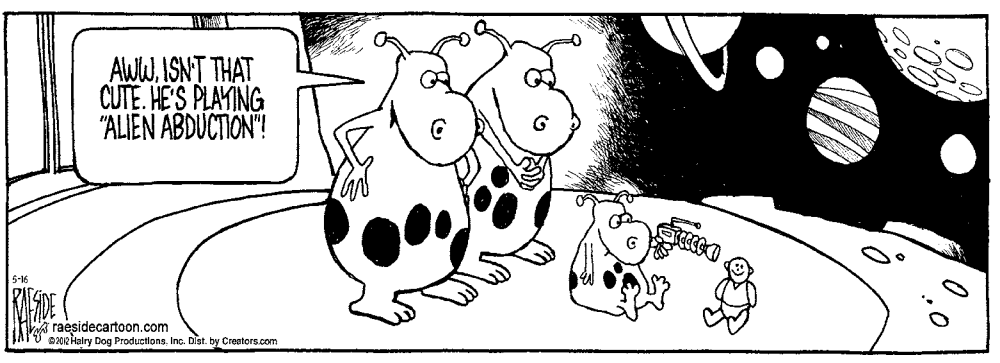
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 16, the 137th day of 2012. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

On this date:

In 1763, the English lexicographer, author and wit Samuel Johnson first met his future biographer, James Boswell.

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the first five-cent piece, also known as the "Shield nickel."

In 1910, the U.S Bureau of Mines was established. (It ceased operations in 1996, its functions having been transferred to other agencies.)

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings (YAHN'-ings) and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1939, the government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1948, CBS News correspondent George Polk, who'd been covering the Greek civil war between Communist and nationalist forces, was found slain in Solonica Harbor.

In 1955, American author and critic James Agee died in New York at age 45.

In 1961, Park Chung-hee seized power in South Korea in a military coup.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour completed its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Gaynes is 95. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 91. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 68. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 65. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 59. Actress Debra Winger is 57. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 57. Actress Mare Winningham is 53. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 48. Rock musician Krist Novoselic (noh-voh-SEL'-ik) is 47. Singer Janet Jackson is 46. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 46. Actor Brian (BREE'-un) F. O'Byrne is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 44. Actor David Boreanaz is 43. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 43. Actress Tracey Gold is 43. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 42. Country singer Rick Trevino is 41. Musician Simon Katz is 41. Actress Tori Spelling is 39. Actress Lynn Collins is 35.

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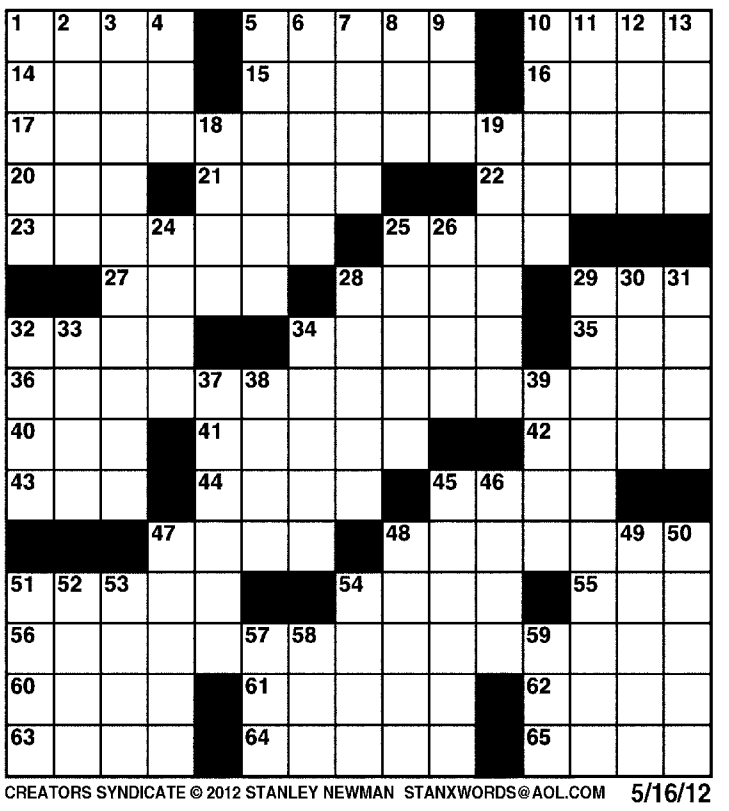
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ACROSS
1 Gallon fraction
5 Rio dance
10 Well qualified
14 Former shahdom
15 Best possible
16 Stated
17 Verb tense in "I was working."
20 Greek vowel
21 Morning TV host
22 Oscar actress Mirren
23 Standing-room-only show
25 Jogger's gait
27 Wood cutters
28 Fortune teller
29 Noncombat area: Abbr.
32 Kin of contra-
34 Dieter of rhyme Jack
35 Feel bad about
36 Flight board listings
40 Slugger's stat
41 Tennis pro Sharapova
42 "__ the idea"
43 Clairvoyant's claim
44 Aware of
45 Nile queen, informally
47 Break sharply
48 Sautéed
51 Green sauce
54 Hot drinks
55 Winter bug
56 Element of some football trades
60 Seafood serving
61 Scholarship
62 Pennsylvania port
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64 "Let Me Entertain You" musical
65 Brit's alphabet enders

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1 Church organ features
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48 Next to nothing, so to speak
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